



## SECTOR: Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG)

Meeting Details	
Date	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Time	15:00
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introductions and review of last month's minutes</li><li>2. Introduction of Ministry of Labor and Social Protection focal point, Ms. Ina Scaticailov, and updates from MLSP</li><li>3. Temporary protection updates</li><li>4. Blue Dot operational updates</li><li>5. OHCHR presentation</li><li>6. Partner updates, including update from ADRA Moldova</li><li>7. Interagency updates</li><li>8. AOB</li></ol>	
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Participants	



1- Flore/UNICEF (Co-chair)	14- Fatima/UNFPA	27- Virgiliu/P4EC
2- Katie/UNHCR (Co-chair)	15- Denis/Peace Winds	28- Ina/ADRA
3- Ian/ MLSP	16- Valentina/LUMOS	29- Alina/ACMO
4- Carolina/UNHCR	17- Oxana/Keystone	30- Natalia/Dorcas Moldova
5- Valentina/UNICEF	18- Sachiko/ AAR Japan	31- Tatiana/Hope 4
6- Tatiana/UNICEF	19- Natalia/APSCF	32- Corneliu/IOM
7- Monica/UNHCR	20- Jelena /IRC	33- Marcel/LUMOS
8- Irina/ANAS	21- Natalia/DORCAS	34- Andrei/MLSP
9- Myriem/ICRC	22- Martha/CRS	35- Nata/IsraAid
10- Diana/ Chisnau Mun.	23- Cristina/Terre des Hommes	36- Veronika/IsraAid
11- Valentina/Lumos	24- Tatiana/ Terre des Hommes	37- Alberto/UNHCR
12- Cristina/People in Need	25- Livia/CCF Moldova	38- Traian/UNICEF
13- Iulia/CNPAC	26- Natalia/ CCF Moldova	39- Luminita/AVE Copiii

### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Introductions &amp; CP SWG planning</b>	The co-chair and newly arrived participants were introduced. The meeting's agenda was presented for approval. Participants were also requested to mark their attendance and the new participants introduced themselves.	
<b>Introduction of Ministry of Labor and Social Protection focal point, Ms. Ina Scaticailov, and updates from MLSP</b>	<b>The co-chair</b> introduced Ms. Ina Scaticailov as the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection focal point.  <b>Ms Scaticailov</b> noted that as of 28 January 2023, 525 unaccompanied children and 1235 children with “unauthorized companions” had entered Moldova since the beginning of the emergency. Additionally, 514 unaccompanied or separated children were issued with exit authorizations after an assessment by the Guardianship Authority.	



	<p><b>The co-chair</b> asked if the shared statistics are cumulative statistics from the beginning of the crisis. <b>Ms Scaticalov</b> confirmed that the statistics are cumulative.</p> <p><b>The co-chair</b> asked for additional clarification on the draft Governmental decision on UASC.</p> <p><b>Ms Scaticalov</b> clarified that as result of discussions between MIA and its subordinated structures, and the fact that in practice many situations were identified that should be regulated through a more efficient mechanism, it was decided to split this draft into two different drafts that will cover temporary protection and other measures that will be in MLSP competencies and will cover all children in similar risk situations. Other details will be provided later.</p> <p><b>Livia Margineanu, CCF - Moldova</b> – What is the situation regarding the development of the Quality standards for RACs?</p> <p><b>Ms Scaticalov</b> stated that she does not have this information now.</p> <p><b>Co-chair</b> noted that colleagues from Accommodation sector mentioned that NASA (ANAS) is working on this. Update and more details will be shared.</p> <p><b>Iulia Gheorghies, CNPAC</b> asked what the procedure will be for the new draft Government decision, how will be divided, and if there will be a new round of consultations.</p> <p><b>Ms Scaticalov</b> explained that a new round of consultations will be organized for the new draft.</p>	
<b>Temporary protection updates</b>	<p><b>Monica Vazquez (UNHCR)</b> noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Information campaign will be launched by the Government next week and information materials will be circulated in Romanian, Russian, English, Ukrainian and Romani.</li><li>- Jointly with GIM, UNHCR will provide information sessions for frontliners on Temporary Protection.</li><li>- The registration for temporary protection will be open on March 1.</li></ul> <p>Additional details about temporary protection can be found in the presentation and FAQs shared by Monica.</p>	



The information will be updated accordingly as soon as the Ministries will make public the rules, how it will work, etc.

**Co-chairs** (Katie) pointed key points:

- March 1 is the opening of the TP registration, NOT the deadline
- A lot of resources will be available – information campaign, legal aid will be provided.

**Question:** What will people do who do not have a Moldovan phone number and are instead using a Ukrainian number? Will people residing in the Transnistrian region will be able to use a Moldovan number?

**Monica Vazquez (UNHCR)** noted that it is mandatory to have a Moldovan phone number. Once you enter the system it will require a phone number and will send you a 4 digits number that will allow to proceed with the registration form. A couple of NGOs have programs and are giving Moldovan SIM cards free of charge. People can approach them – IOM and ACTED can also support to reach the organization that can provide a sim card.

**Co-chair (Flore)** asked to clarify if the process will be the same for Transnistria region.

**Monica Vazquez (UNHCR)** confirmed that for Transnistria region the process is the same.

**Co-chair (Katie)** mentioned that there will be several registration centers within the country, including several near the Transnistria region. People including living in Transnistria will have to come to one of these registration centers.

**Iulia, CNFACEM** asked about the proof of residence and if for people living in RACs and if it will be an issue to obtain documents proving their residence. Additionally, she asked what people should do who are staying in accommodations without any contract.

**Monica Vazquez (UNHCR)** mentioned that this has been discussed, and we are waiting for the Government to provide the list of documents that will be accepted for proof of residence. She stated that she will share updates as soon as they are available.



	<p><b>Co-chair (Flore)</b> asked to mention what we know for the moment regarding the registration of UASC for temporary protection.</p> <p><b>Co-chair (Katie)</b> mentioned that they still are trying to double check but the information we have received so far from GIM is that separated children will need a power of attorney document proving their relationship with their caregiver. For unaccompanied children who are in the care of guardianship authorities, the social assistant will register children under their care. It was discussed with GIM potential cases in which it could be impossible/difficult to obtain a power of attorney for a separated child and whether other documents be accepted e.g. evaluation done by the guardianship authority. As soon as an answer is received it will be shared.</p> <p><b>Luminita (AVE Copiii)</b> asked about the monitoring of the 45 days of being on the territory of Moldova and how it will work?</p> <p><b>Monica Vazquez (UNHCR)</b> – The 45 days starts counting when the person will receive TP. The TP system is linked with the border police system. It is an automatic system; each person is responsible for counting their own absences from Moldova.</p>	<p>The information on TP for UASC will be shared with all the CP partners, as soon as it will be available.</p> <p>Check with families and care givers to verify if they have all the documents, if not try to figure for the rights solutions for each case. Legal assistance is available through CDA if needed.</p> <p>Members of CPSWG are encouraged to send question on TPs. Q&amp;A document on TP will be continuously updated and shared.</p>
<p><b>Blue Dot operational updates</b></p>	<p><b>Co-chair (Katie)</b> mentioned that regular updates from Blue Dots from the border crossing point will be made during CPSW meetings - what they have been seeing, trends, situation of UASC and challenges for CP.</p> <p><b>Virgiliu (P4EC)</b> noted that P4EC is running 4 BDs including the one in the airport. Analyzing the figures, it could be observed a decreasing trend from May 2022 until October 2022 – beginning in November 2022 it stabilized at the level of 220 children and 118 -119 adults per month per each BD (# of people receiving all types of services with BD and distribution of food and nonfood items). The number of UASC followed the same trend decreasing until November 2022. Now there are around</p>	



<p>45 separated children identified by Palanca BD and 5 separated children in Leuseni and Sculeni BD per month. The number of unaccompanied children went down from 25-27 children per month in April to 4 in November 2022 in Palanca and even less in Leuseni and Sculeni.</p> <p>The BD in the airport started operating on 6 of December 2022 – 13 separated children and 2 unaccompanied children were identify in December and 2 separated and 4 unaccompanied children in January. Identified UASC are placed in family type services if possible (11 foster families were trained in 3 districts (Donduseni, Orhei, Causeni) to accommodate refugee children) or in RACs when someone from their family will pick them up shortly.</p> <p>Winterization items like winter clothing and shoes are distributed though 3 BS and one BD mobile team.</p> <p>It would be good to build awareness with Ukrainians about the Moldovan legal framework before children are coming to Moldova, to avoid having UASC.</p> <p><b>Co-chair (Katie)</b> mentioned that discussions with UNHCR Ukraine have taken place regarding the different procedures for 16 and 17 year olds to exit Ukraine vs to enter Moldova. Information materials have been developed, but it will be further shared.</p> <p><b>Natalia (CCF)</b> noted that in Otaci the trend is the same. A small increase was noticed in July – August 2022, including in the number of UASC. In September the number decreased, and December 2022 – January 2023 the situation is stable, including UASC. In January 2023, 9 UASC were identified at Otaci border crossing point of which 5 were unaccompanied children and 4 were separated children. All 9 children were 17 years old. It was mentioned also that not all refugees crossing the border stop at the Blue Dot. Also, the train Kiev – Chisinau is operating daily and many refugees are using it.</p> <p><b>Co-chair, Katie</b> noted that at the Chisinau train station UNFPA has an Orange Safe Space and CDA is providing legal aid, but also should be checked if there are any child protection services.</p> <p><b>Fatima, UNFPA</b> noted that the Orange Safe Space is open for everyone who needs assistance and raised the same issue on movement of the children/adolescents over 16 years.</p>	<p>Guidance on requirements for 16 and 17 year olds will be shared</p>
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	<p><b>Co-chair, Flore</b> mentioned UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA is finalizing the SOP on Orange Safe Space and Blue Dot coordination in provision of services.</p>	
<b>OHCHR presentation</b>	<p><b>Postponed because of technical problems</b></p>	
<b>Partner updates, including update from ADRA Moldova</b>	<p><b>Ina RUSU, ADRA</b> presented ADRA Humanitarian Response in 2022. ADRA – global humanitarian organization who delivers relief and development to individuals in more than 118 countries, through health, education, livelihoods, and emergency response efforts. ADRA assisted refugees from the first days of the emergency with snacks, SIM cards, transportation, hygiene kits and accommodation.</p> <p>Plans for 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue to assist vulnerable children and adults with MPCA, food, hygienic and mobility kits, legal counselling and MHPSS, including in Transnistrian region,</li><li>- Continue with social integration activities for children and adults</li><li>- Continue supporting NGO/ center for children with disabilities</li><li>- New GBV prevention and protection focused project</li></ul>	
<b>Interagency updates</b>	<p><b>Co-chair, Katie</b> shared the information about the Inter - Agency retreat. One of the big highlights was the need for increased collaboration among sectors. In this context, a joint meeting will be organized between GBV and Child Protection sectors in the coming months.</p> <p>It was reiterated the request to share the information regarding CP trainings and if possible to integrate several topics in one training.</p> <p>The IA team will share updates on Activity Info.</p> <p><b>Co-chair Flore</b> reiterated the request for the members to coordinate if any assessments are planned in order avoid overlapping; the same for the child protection activities.</p>	<p>When a training is to be organized, the members are encouraged to inform co-chairs in order to ensure smooth coordination.</p> <p>The final version of Workplan and ToR of CPSG will be shared at the next meeting.</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Myram, ICRC</b>, asked for support for a case of a mother with cancer. <b>Constanta</b>, Concordia, asked to be included in the e-mail list.</p>	



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**Co-chair, Flore**, noted that the first meeting on case management will be set up and an invitation message will be sent.

The day of the next meeting will be set, and members informed accordingly.