Regional Refugee Response Plan
For the Ukraine Situation

GBV sub-WG meeting - Romania
19.09.2024, 14.00 -15.30 (online)

Participants: Sensiblu Foundation, ANES, Plan International, ANAIS, HIAS, UNFPA, UNHCR & Daniela Draghici – ESD Instructor

Key Discussion Points:

RRP GBV Services Prioritization:

- **Consensus**: Prioritize GBV services for individuals at risk and survivors, focusing on case management (CM), including mental health and psychosocial support and specialized services (legal support and health). Continue awareness on services and support groups. Find ways to support with translation to access services.
- **MHPSS**: Should remain a crosscutting priority in all GBV interventions within the RRP.
- **Capacity Building**: Focus on the implementation of the CM SOP as the endorsed tool by GBV actors in Romania, including a no-harm approach.
- **GBV Mainstreaming**: The GBVSWG to work with inter-agency sectors in developing plans to mainstream GBV in their respective areas of work.
- **Prevention Programs**: Long-term initiatives focusing on GBV awareness curricula.
- **SOP Validation**: Engage relevant stakeholders and integrate SOPs into the national systems. Professional credits may be offered to participants.
- Expand interventions to **include non**-Ukrainians in the prioritization.

National GBV Case Management SOPs – UNFPA & ANES:

- GBV CM SOPs were finalized and endorsed by partners on July 2nd.
- **Validation Workshop**: Led by ANES with the first group of trained case workers (CW Pool).
- **SOP Printing**: SOPs will be printed in Romanian after validation.
- **Cascade Trainings**: CW Pool will facilitate trainings across Romania.
- **GBV Case Management Trainings (UNHCR, UNFPA, ANES):** Two sessions planned for Q3 and Q4 to expand on the initial GBV CM ToT training. A dedicated session will focus on integrating the SOPs. Dates and locations of the sessions to be decided.

SAFE You App - Safety Solutions for GBV Survivors & Risks Identified for Refugees:

- **Update from Sensiblu Foundation**: The SAFE You app connects users to various services and avoids direct links to the police due to potential risks. Instead, the app provides an emergency contact option.
- **GBV Risks Identified for refugees from Ukraine**:
    - **Violence at School**: Students at New Generation School are carrying knives and acting aggressively.
    - **Attack on Ukrainian Teenager**: A Ukrainian teen was attacked in a park by others armed with knives and a ball gun.
    - **Hate Crimes**: Verbal violence, involving both boys and girls, has been reported in public transport and on the streets.
    - **Family Pressure**: Women face pressure from relatives in Ukraine to send money, creating financial strains on marriages.

- **NGO Employee Attitudes**: Complaints in Suceava about NGO workers judging women's appearances.
- **Workforce Anxiety**: Some women are hesitant to enter the workforce due to lack of prior experience.
- **Social Isolation**: Many women have lost friends who moved to Europe or returned to Ukraine.

Follow-up Plans:

- **SOP Implementation**: Complete by the end of next year.
- **Next GBV CM Task Force Meeting**: Scheduled for October 1st. Invitations will be sent, and other GBV CM partners are encouraged to join.
- **WHO Medical Translation Services**: Information will be shared.
- **GBV CM Training**: Partners planning GBV CM trainings should coordinate to ensure alignment with GBV CM SOPs.
- **16 Days of Activism Campaign**: Key messaging to be determined. ANES will organize an event in November and share details.