Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

PSEA & AAP NETWORK

Protection Sector meeting
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Network ToRs and Action Plan: Terms of Reference

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Roles and Responsibilities:

- Key activities include mapping PSEA and AAP focal points, identifying gaps, conducting SEA risk assessment, and tracking a measurable Action Plan informed by community input, including from yearly needs assessments.

Community Engagement, Prevention, and Capacity Building:

- The Network ensures communication with affected populations is inclusive and accessible, promotes feedback mechanisms, and raises awareness of SEA, reporting obligations, and available victi assistance services, especially at border crossings and accommmodation facilities.
- It works to strengthen community-based complaint mechanisms, provides capacity-building resources and training for humanitarian actors, and supports integrating PSEA into broader Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) efforts, with a focus on vulnerable groups like women and children.

Collaboration and Monitoring:

- The Network collaborates with other sectors (e.g., Protection, GBV, Child Protection) to map complaint mechanisms, establish referral pathways, and address service gaps for SEA survivors, ensuring no parallel systems are created.
- It regularly analyzes feedback and impact trends, adjusting programs and documenting outcomes to improve PSEA efforts and ensure community needs are met.

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Key Points of the 2024-2025 Poland PSEA-AAP Network Action Plan

1. **Prevention and Awareness:**
   - All personnel involved in the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) in Poland are trained on UN standards to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). This includes ensuring **safe recruitment practices** and **SOPs for reporting SEA** in place.
   - Tailored **sensitization/training sessions** are provided to government stakeholders, and awareness materials on PSEA are disseminated to affected populations (e.g., Ukrainian women, Roma communities).
2. **Safe Reporting Mechanisms:**
   - **Child-sensitive reporting mechanisms** are established with multiple confidential channels. These mechanisms are based on inclusive consultations and are available in **high-risk areas**.
   - **Interagency SOPs** for community-based complaints are finalized and rolled out through training and awareness campaigns.

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3. **Victim Assistance:**
   - Victims of SEA receive **immediate and quality assistance**, including medical care, psychosocial support, and legal help, through GBV and child protection programs.
   - A **victim-centered approach** is emphasized, and members of the PSEA-AAP Network are trained to apply these standards.
4. **Accountability and Investigations:**
   - **Guidelines for safe, victim-centered investigations** are issued, and a pool of trained SEA investigators is established for Poland. Implementing partners must meet **PSEA capacity standards**, with assessments centralized at the country level.
5. **Coordination and Structure:**
   - The **PSEA-AAP Network** holds monthly meetings to coordinate efforts across UN agencies, NGOs, and government bodies, ensuring that PSEA is mainstreamed into all refugee response planning.
   - **Risk assessments** and **advocacy actions** are conducted regularly to ensure the PSEA action plan aligns with Poland's legal and operational context.

PSEA-AAP activities in Poland

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Key PSEA-AAP related activities that have been carried out in Poland in 2024:

- Production and testing of **PSEA awareness-raising animated videos** for **communities (women and children) in 5 languages** (English, Polish, Ukrainian, Romani, Russian)
- Activation of PSEA Investigators Pool of Poland **(8 organizations provided investigators, 16 organizations are beneficiaries of the Pool)**
- **Training law enforcement agencies** (Polish police, Border Guards, and Office for Foreigners) **on PSEA**, including a provision of the training-of-trainers to the officials
- Kicking off the **inter-agency risk assessment on SEA** (securing funding, commitment from partners, training data collectors) - to be carried out and continued throughout the first half of 2025
- **Communicating with Communities (CwC)** Mapping
- **Community-based Feedback and Complaints Mechanisms** Report
- **CwC Report** Findings dissemination

Way Forward