

National coordination of the health care response to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants: *Working document*



ROMANIA

READER'S GUIDE:

The SH-CAPAC consortium is conducting a mapping of the European Union Member States' health response to the refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants entering, transiting or staying in their territories.

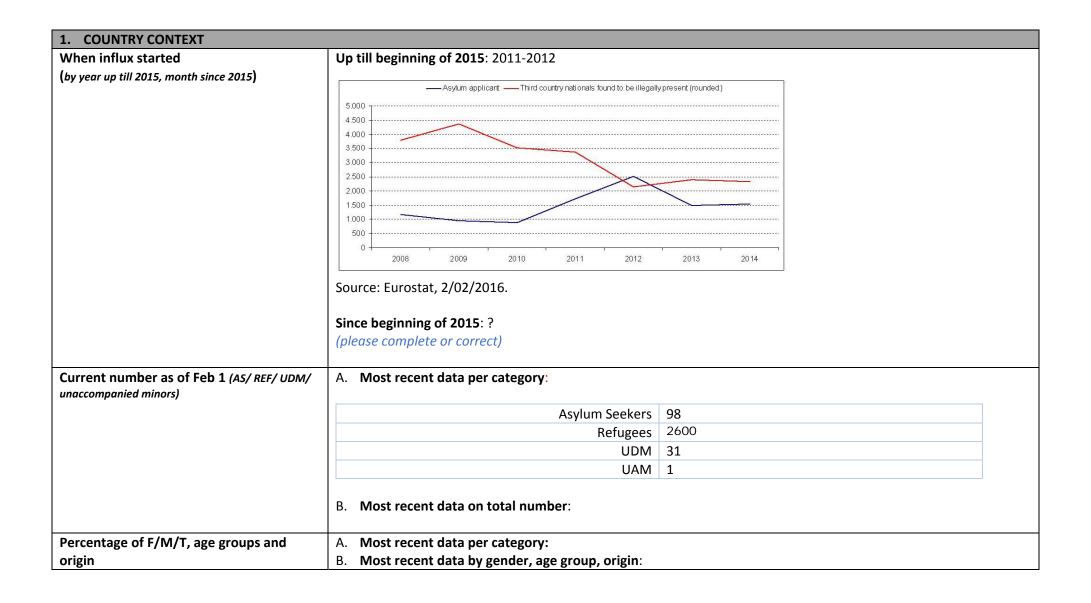
This working document summarizes the latest information on the influx of the different categories (see box 1 on Country Context) and on the coordination of the health care responses (see box 2) in Romania. It also maps the available information on the WHERE-WHAT-WHO of these health care responses (see box 3). This is done for different categories: (1) recent arrivals, (2) people in transit, (3) asylum seekers, (4) refugee status granted persons, (5) undocumented migrants, and where relevant, also for (6) unaccompanied minors. Lastly we would like to map the funding sources for which the Member State's input is appreciated (see box 4 on Funding of health care responses).

The information already completed below is based on different sources which were consulted online between January 20 and February 8 2016 and which is meant to give a first snapshot. We would like to ask you to verify the information, to correct and amend where necessary and to complete where possible. This mapping exercise will help the SH-CAPAC consortium to define a framework for effective health sector coordination for addressing the needs of the refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in the European Union. Please reply before February 16 2016 to ainhoa.ruiz.easp@juntadeandalucia.es with copy to birgit.kerstens@gmail.com and daniel.lopez.acuna.ext@juntadeandalucia.es. More information on the SH-CAPAC project can be found in the leaflet in attachment and on www.easp.es/sh-capac.

Sources consulted:

- http://www.iom.int/
- http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4a02d9346.html
- UNHCR. Refugees/Migrants Emergency Response http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/page?page=49e48df96&submit=GO
- http://gov.ro/en/news/decisions-on-the-nationwide-management-of-the-refugee-flow

Please provide us with any other sources that you deem appropriate for your country.



ASYLUM APPLICANT	2014	
Total	1.545	
Males	77,0%	
Females	23,0%	
Less than 18 years	24,3%	
18 - 64 years	74,8%	
65 years or over	1,0%	
Unaccompanied minors (Asylum applicant)	95	
Males	94,7%	
Females	5,3%	
IRREGULAR MIGRANT	2.335	
Males	77,5%	
Females	22,5%	
Less than 18 years	12,0%	
18 years or over	88,2%	

Source: Eurostat, 2/02/2016.

2. HEALTH CARE RESPONSES

Please correct or complete the information where possible.

Health care coordination at national/regional level

- A. Existence of a national coordination mechanism of the health response: YES/NO (Please complete)
- B. **Explanation**: (if yes, please describe how the mechanism works and who participates; if no, please describe why there is no coordination)

Emergency health care is provided to all migrants regardless of the form of protection they receive from the Romanian Government. The basic health care package is provided only to those migrants that have received a form of protection in Romania (refugee, subsidiary protection etc.)

Source: IOM

National coordination, not specifically for health care:

"Coalition for refugee integration": "Prime Minister Victor Ponta, accompanied by several ministers, representatives of state institutions and local authorities, had a meeting with representatives of civil society on one of the topics of interest for public opinion in Romania: nationwide management of the refugee flow that Europe is confronted with.

The meeting aimed at establishing a framework of cooperation between state authorities and non-governmental organizations working in the area of reception, support and integration of refugees. Prime Minister outlined that the Romanian society and the state are facing for the first time a challenge of this kind and, as they lack institutional experience in this regard, it is natural to initiate a dialogue of the central and local authorities with the NGOs. Civil society representatives with experience in the field have reported the main shortcomings of the refugees' integration process, and have advanced concrete proposals to overcome them. One of the conclusions of the meeting is that we do not deal with a crisis, but with an opportunity to create a functional system for the integration of refugees, both on short term and for the future.

At the proposal of Prime Minister Victor Ponta, there were adopted several decisions with practical effect. It was decided to institutionalize dialogue on refugees under the form of a series of monthly meetings as part of a "National Coalition for the integration of refugees", which aims at improving the institutional and legislative framework in the field. The coalition will put together state authorities and NGOs interested and willing to participate in efforts to integrate refugees. It was decided to create a secretariat of the Coalition and there were appointed officials in charge of the major directions of activity: primary logistics, healthcare, education, legislative adjustment, medium and long term integration, public information.

The first meeting of the "Coalition for refugee integration" with a well-defined agenda, will be held in the last week of October [2015]." Source: http://gov.ro/en/news/decisions-on-the-nationwide-management-of-the-refugee-flow

First entry assistance services

Refugees resettled to Romania as part of the internationally established quota are screened and provided a fit to travel health check before arrival. IOM in Romania provides subsequent non-emergency medical assistance until their protection status is confirmed by the Immigration Authorities.

Response to 'An Agenda for Action' as agreed during the High Level Meeting on Refugee and Migrant Health in Rome in November 2015:

Cross the appropriate 'Yes', 'No' or 'There is no information available' option in the blue boxes. Additional information or sources can be mentioned underneath the box.

Integration of the health care services for			
refugees, asylum seekers end migrants	X		
into the existing national health systems	Yes	No	There is no information available
Limit initial screening upon arrival to			
relevant risk assessment	Х		
	Yes	No	There is no information available
Non Communicable Diseases included in			
the provision of services	X		
	Yes	No	There is no information available
Active participation and empowerment of			
the refugees and migrants throughout all	X		
stages of health service provision,	Yes	No	There is no information available
including design and planning			
Training of health professionals involved			
in the provision of health care	YES (Note 1)		
	Yes	No	There is no information available

Note 1: The ICRC conducted a two-day training on RFL for staff and volunteers of the Romanian Red Cross, in Bucharest on 5-6 December 2015 (Source: Information bulletin IFRC Regional Office for Europe Migration response. IFRC. http://www.ifrc.org/docs/Appeals/16/IB6 Migration%20response Europe 010216.pdf)

3. WHERE-WHAT-WHO

Please correct or complete the information where possible.

Migrant group	WHERE are they receiving the health care?	WHAT type of health care provision are they receiving?	WHO is the actor/agency providing the health care?
(1) Recent arrivals	Emergency rooms	Emergency	Government
(2) People in transit	IOM provides health care services at the Emergency Transit Canter in Timisoara	Ambulatory	IOM
(3) Asylum seekers	Emergency rooms	Emergency	Government
(4) Refugee status granted	National health care system	Basic health package	Government
(5) Undocumented migrants	Emergency rooms	Emergency	Government
(6) Unaccompanied minors	National health care system	Basic health package	Government

4. FUNDING OF THE HEALTH CARE RESPONSES

Please provide us with any relevant information of funding made available by your country or other partners for health care responses:

- FUNDING SOURCES: where does the funding come from? e.g. Government, UN agency (UNHCR, IOM, WHO Euro,...), EU, NGO, civil society organisation, faith-based organisation, private organisation, international donor, (public/private) health insurance, other (please specify)
- FUNDING MECHANISM: how is the health care delivery being funded? e.g. envelope (for whole year/project), lump sum amount per asylum seeker/refugee, out-of-pocket expenses, third payer mechanism, emergency/contingency budget.
- FUNDING AMOUNT: Give the amount spent on health care responses, in Euros, per year/month; if available also provide the pledged amount.
- COMMENTS.

	Migrant group	Funding source	Funding mechanism	Funding amount	Comments
(1)	Recent arrivals	Government	State budget	Unavailable	Only for emergency services
(2)	People in transit	IOM	IOM	Undisclosed	IOM is providing medical health care and pre-departure health checks to all migrants transiting the Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara
(3)	Asylum seekers	Government	State budget	Unavailable	Only for emergency services
(4)	Refugee status granted	Government	State budget	Unavailable	Basic care package
(5)	Undocumented migrants	Government	State budget	Unavailable	Only for emergency services