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First meeting of the Steering Committee

PDP1 “Strengthening the National Network of Primary Health Care Providers to Improve the Health Status of population, children and adults (including vulnerable population)” December, 9th 2020

The meeting was opened by Dr. Alexandra Cucu, project coordinator, with a tour-de table introducing each member of the Steering Committee: from the Project Promoter (PP), from each of 3 Project Partners, Ministry of Health:

- PP - National Institute of Public Health Romania (Simona Pârvu simona.parvu@insp.gov.ro, Alexandra Cucu alexandra.cucu@insp.gov.ro, Adriana Galan adriana.galan@insp.gov.ro)
- P2 - National Institute of Public Health Norway (Karine Nordstrand Karine.Nordstrand@fhi.no)
- P3 – Health Directorate Norway (Janne Strandrud Janne.Strandrud@helsedir.no)
- P4 - WHO (Cassandra Butu butuc@who.int)
- Ministry of Health Romania - MoH (Daniela Cîrlan daniela.cirlan@ms.ro, Mihaela Dumitrescu mihaela.dumitrescu@ms.ro)
- Invited person: Lidia Onofrei lidia.onofrei@ms.ro (Ministry of Health)

Dr. Cucu presented afterwards the meeting Agenda, having the following structure:

1. *Short Project Description (Dr. Alexandra Cucu, Project Manager)*
2. *Discussions / Questions*
3. *Agreement on the selection criteria for the 84 localities to be included in the project (presenting the list of localities proposed to the District Public Health Directorates)*
4. *Discuss the modules to be further developed by the project for the existing IT platform AMCMSR.GOV.RO*
5. *Problems / Challenges / Possible solutions*

Discussions:

a. Short Project Description (Dr. Alexandra Cucu, Project Manager)

- During the brief presentation of the project, the mission of the Steering Committee was introduced:
 - General supervision of the project implementation
 - Avoid the possible overlaps with other running projects also funded with international funds (e.g. the project implemented by the MoH with the ministry of Labor and Ministry of Education on “Creation and implementation of integrated community services to combat the poverty and social exclusion” funded with EC funds)
 - Ensuring the project sustainability

b. Sensitive issues were further discussed:

- Lidia Onofrei, representative of MoH informed on the fact that community care practice guidelines will be also developed under the project above-mentioned. In order to avoid the duplication of efforts and double-financing, it was decided that project PDP1 will focus on prevention and health promotion, while Lidia Onofrei will inform the project management about the deliverables achieved in the other project. The same for the development of protocols at local level.
- The same problem of complementarity of projects while avoiding the overlaps was related to the further development of the IT platform of the MoH for monitoring the activity of the community workers. Lidia Onofrei will inform the project management about the activities that are going to be implemented in this respect by the other project of the MoH. The activities will be complementary and not overlapping.

c. Agreement on the selection criteria for the 84 localities to be included in the project (presenting the list of localities proposed to the District Public Health Directorates)

- An initial list of the 84 localities to be included in the project was presented, but underlining that the list will be further discussed with the 7 Public Health Directorates selected in the project (Botosani, Calarasi, Dolj, Giurgiu, Gorj, Neamt and Suceava).
- A set of selection criteria was discussed for the inclusion of the 84 localities:
 - They were working in the previous project implemented by the PP, RO 19.03 "Strengthening the national network of Roma health mediators for the improvement of the health status of Roma population", project that worked in 6 districts (same districts as in PDP1 except Suceava) and operationalised 45 community health centres.
 - Not being included in the other project implemented by MoH
 - An existing community health team (community nurse and Roma health mediator)
 - Having the support of the District Public Health Directorate

The final list of the 84 localities included in PDP1 project is going to be established and presented to the SC.

It was proposed to enlarge the compentence of the SC with other members, as invited persons:

- 1 representative from the National Health Insurance Fund
- 1 representative from MoH – National Health Programs Depratment
- 1 representative from the National Order of Nurses and Midwives
- UNICEF

It was decided that the Steering Committee will meet every 3 months.

Project Coordinator

Dr. Alexandra CUCU