

Education Sector Meeting Group (ESWG) Meeting – 22 April 2013

Time: 12:00- 14:00

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room/ 2nd floor

Chaired by: UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children

Agenda:

1. Review of Minutes/Action Points
2. Update on situation of education for Syrian/Iraqi children and updates from partners
3. Monitoring RRP5 framework (reviewing indicators) – UNICEF M&E Officer Jonathan Perry
4. Gender equality for Education Sector (Merrin Waterhouse, IASC Gender Advisor)
5. Adoption of minimum education materials in education kits
6. ERF funding proposal and interested agencies
7. Any other business

Minutes

1. Review of Action points from previous meeting minutes

- The Group reviewed the meeting minutes and adopted the action points from 8 April meeting. The group also adopted the meeting minutes from 18 March meeting as it was not officially adopted during the last meeting.

2. Update on the situation of education for Syrian/Iraqi children in Jordan

UNICEF

- The number of students registered in formal education in the host communities exceeded 31,000, most of them concentrated in the Northern Jordan and in Amman.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Madrasati Initiative, is providing remedial education for the Syrian and Jordanian students in 20 centres in public schools across Jordan.
- UNICEF is working with JEN, in order to rehabilitate 150 schools and to upgrade their WASH facilities. The assessment for the schools is almost completed and the renovations will soon commence.
- Nearly all of the newly recruited teachers at the double-shifted schools and the Za'atari Camp have received training in psychosocial support in emergencies and class room management.
- UNICEF in cooperation with MoE has completed the training of the newly recruited teachers, whilst UNESCO was responsible for the training of the in service teachers.
- Za'atari School II is opened in module 3; the official opening ceremony will be held soon.
- Remedial classes in Za'atari camp commenced by UNICEF and Relief International.
- Azraq Camp: coordination with a small group of education partners including UNICEF, Save the Children International, NRC, Questscope, FCA, LWF will be carried out to participate in the planning of the education interventions at the camp. A side meeting is planned with this group after the Education Sector meeting.
- JEC Camp has opened and informal educational activities are planned to take place.
- Eugene/UNICEF proposed a way to strengthen coordination amongst education actors in Za'atari camp linking up with Youth Task Force.

World Food Programme

- WFP is finalizing school feeding programme planning which would target the host communities. It is estimated to start in September in time for the new school year.
- Currently WFP feeding programme reaches some 5,000 students in Za'atari camp.
- **[Action: Deema to provide a list of 18 double shifted schools in host communities to WFP]**

Madrasati Initiative

- Madrasati Initiative established 20 remedial centres in the Kingdom, almost 2,000 Syrians are going to the centres twice a week. All these centres are open on Saturdays. The centres provide teaching in English, Arabic, Science and Maths. The centres provide a meal/snack and stationary for the students.
- Any agencies would like to distribute bags/clothes or any kind of donations in host communities for the families, please contact Madrasati: Ghada Abu El-Rous, g.abualrous@madrasati.jo.

Save the Children International

- ECD/ECE remains underserved and underfunded.
- SCI has the funding to start a kindergarten in Za'atari and Azraq camp.
- Any agencies interested in providing early childhood education, especially in the host communities, please contact Save the Children International: Saba Mobaslot, saba.mobaslot@savethechildren.org.

USAID

- USAID is planning to carry out several education projects in Jordan, and it aims to target areas with high concentration of Syrian refugees. It includes 15 school renovations in the host communities, teacher training (in collaboration with QRTA/UNESCO), and developing a diagnostic tool for remedial education (1-3 grade) for math and reading.

Relief International

- RI/UNICEF started the remedial classes at the Za'atari Camp. So far, 500 students are registered to attend the remedial classes.

NRC:

- Youth Task Force in Za'atari camp is facilitating setting up of Youth Committees in Zaatari Camp.

Finn Church Aid

- FCA is looking for partners to provide non formal/informal education services for 15 to 24 years old in the host communities, please contact: Aiman Nazaal, aiman.nazaal@kua.fi.

IOCC

- Has secured the funding to provide school kits to 3,000 students in urban settings.

3. Monitoring RRP5 framework (reviewing indicators) – UNICEF M&E Officer Jonathan Perry

- The review of the monitoring framework of RRP5 target and indicators took place. This was to provide clarification to all the agencies regarding the indicators, and to show how to measure the target numbers.
- Key action points and suggestions to the monitoring framework on how to measure were raised. Changes to be incorporated by Jonathan/UNICEF and to be shared with the ESWG in the next meeting.
- **[Action: Reporting of the RRP will be done every two months; next report has to be submitted at the end of May.]**

4. Gender equality for Education Sector (Merrin Waterhouse, IASC Gender Advisor)

- Merrin Waterhouse is providing her expertise to all the agencies who wants to include gender aspect in their work.
- The Education Sector could do more collaboratively to ensure that gender aspect is incorporated in terms of planning (situation analysis), implementation, and monitoring in the education services.

- **[Action: Sector leads – UNICEF and Save the Children International will meet with Merrin to review gender analysis of Education Sector and revert to the group in the next meeting.]**

- 5. Adoption of minimum education materials in education kits**
 - The list of education materials for grade 1-6 and grade 7-12 was prepared and shared. The education material list includes the most essential stationary, which should be included in any education kit that is being procured by Education Sector partners. Each agency will still have flexibility to add more materials to the kit, if required.
 - The kit should last for one semester.
 - **The list was adopted by the Education Sector Working Group.**
 - **[Action: Eugene to change the wording on the list from exercise book to a notebook.]**
 - **[Action: UNICEF to upload the list to the Box-simple.]**

- 6. ERF funding proposal and interested agencies**
 - Agencies interested on applying for ERF funding shared their area of interventions:
 - IOCC
 - Human Relief Foundation
 - Jordan River Foundation
 - Mercy Corps
 - Madrasati Initiative
 - Relief International
 - Questscope
 - Jesuit Refugee Service
 - Islamic Relief

- 7. Any other business**
 - **Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 May at 12:00- 14:00 at the UNICEF 6th floor Conference Room**