



ESWG Meeting Minutes – 23rd March, 2015. (UNICEF 12:00-14:00 hrs)

Agencies present: ARDD-Legal Aid, AVSI, Caritas Jordan, Caritas Austria, DRC, FCA, ICMC, Madrasati Initiative, MercyCorps, MECI, NRC, Questscope, REACH, Right to Play, SCI, SCJ, Sharek Academy, UPP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS WarChild UK, WVI,

Agenda:

- 1) Review minutes and action points
- 2) Presentation on Makani-UNICEF
- 3) JENA host community presentation
- 4) Presentation on SAG; purpose, achievements and challenges
- 5) AOB- Home schooling Q&A

1. Review previous minutes and action points:

The minutes and action points from previous meeting agreed upon and endorsed.

2. Presentation on Makani-UNICEF

UNICEF presented the concept of MAKANI comprehensive approach which aims to provide specialized services to over 60,000 children. Makani refers to UNICEF child friendly spaces. These centers will provide life skills, informal education activities and psychosocial support. Makani will target children from 5 years to adults of 18 years with the aim of providing them with well-coordinated, cost effective and multi-sectoral services which will help them reach their full potential.

At the moment, UNICEF has 220 centers in the country but they plan to expand to other areas. Classes will run between 2 to 4 months depending on the schedule of the implementing partner. Makani is also open to children who are already attending other forms of education services including formal education.

3. JENA host community presentation

REACH made a presentation on the Joint Education Need Assessment that was conducted last year in host communities. The objectives of the assessment were to identify immediate education priorities affecting Syria children living in host communities, analyze the capacities and needs of affected Syrian refugee children in education, and to serve as a first step in identifying priorities, challenges, needs, and mitigation measures. They shared the objectives of the assessment, sample size, preliminary findings, challenges and recommendations. They also shared key findings on, formal, non-formal, informal, inclusive education and youth. The detail report will be ready in couple of weeks and circulated to all members.

4. Presentation on SAG; purpose, achievements and challenges

Representatives of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) made a presentation on the purpose of the group, achievements and challenges faced last year. They also facilitated a discussion on whether there is need for the group to continue existing and ways of how to make the group more effective and transparent. Members agreed that there was need for the existence of the group. They suggested that purpose of the group should be to review sector work plan, make decisions and carry out advocacy on behalf of the group.

The ToR for SAG will be reviewed and revised by sector members in the next meeting.

5. AOB (Home schooling Q&A)

- Home schooling is an approach to ensure that out of school children get certification from the Ministry. It allows them an opportunity to study on their own without instructions from teachers using MoE school curriculum. This program will be open to children of any nationality and costs will be covered by UNICEF. Children under this program are also eligible to participate in Makani projects.
- UNICEF is continuing to register participants for the IFE training for their existing partners



SUMMARY ACTION POINTS

Action points	Responsible agency	Deadline
For more information on Makani, contact UNICEF's Education Officer, Fatima Mughrabi, fmugrabu@unicef.org	UNICEF	Need base
For more information on the assessment, contact the sector chair Farrukh Mirza, (fmirza@unicef.org) and REACH Jordan Assessment Manager, Zulfiye Kazim, (Zulfiye.Kazim@REACH-Initiative.org) and chair will share the presentation.	UNICEF and REACH	Need base
SAG TORs will be revised and circulated	Rosi (Questscope)	Before April 06, 2015
Members can send feedback on SAG to (Rosi Greenberg, rosi@questscope.org and Eddie Dutton, e.dutton@unesco.org) with CC to co-chair.	Questscope and UNESCO	
Home schooling template will be sent out again	UNICEF	Before April 06, 2015
UNICEF to make a presentation on Home schooling	UNICEF	April 06, 2015
For registration on UNICEF's IFE training, contact Amira Hanafieh of SCJ, ahanafieh@savethechildren.org.io	SCJ/UNICEF	Need basis.

The next meeting will be on April 06, 2015 at SCJ office.

- Review minutes and action points
- SAG ToR
- Education Glossary
- Upcoming Project by ARDD
- Presentation on Home Schooling
- YTF updated
- Azraq updates,
- AoB -AITG updates