**Youth Taskforce (YTF) Minutes of Meeting**

Tuesday 16th February 2016

From 10.30-11.30am

Base Camp Buffer Zone F5

***Attendees***

Raed (NRC), Leana (UNFPA), Paul (NRC), Wasef (IMC), Mays (IRD), Abdulrahman (IRD), Ashraf (QS), Georgie (QS), Omar (MC), Mohammed (LWF), May (UNESCO), Nicole (UNECO), Eddie (UNESCO), Abdelqader (UNHCR), Eshraq (ACTED), Nadeen (IFH), Mohannad (QS Youth Volunteer), Zaher (QS Youth Volunteer), Noor (NRC Youth Volunteer), Ramiz (NRC Youth Volunteer).

***Based on YTF Agenda***

1. TECG Update
2. Review of YTF ToR
3. Discussion around Youth Dashboard
4. Review of the youth indicators from Activity Infor on protection and education
5. AOB
6. Tour of the QS/UNFPA Center

**TECG Update**

There was a meeting at UNESCO on Thursday the 11th of February. There was a recent policy change of the MoHE on required certifications for HE being originals. In the past, Syrians could access university with copies of certificates and were given around a year to provide the original copy. As of this year, students have to show their original certificates, which is making it difficult for them.

As a result of this new policy, it could be a challenge for students to take the tests or even receive scholarships. There could be a transition period but nothing has been agreed on. The policy is in place because of fraud and the MoHE is highlighting that this is for all foreign students.

TECG will try to advocate with influential donors to see what can be done in place of this.

Some of the YTF and TECG members will be attending the Istanbul conference on the 1st and 2nd March and they can bring up the challenges faced in Jordan by the new policy.

The next TECG meeting will be on the 10th of March in Amman.

**Action Point:** Co-chairs to circulate minutes from TECG meeting once it is shared by UNESCO.

**Review of YTF ToR**

The YTF agreed to include the two additional objectives from the Action Plan (#3 and #5) into the ToR to make them the same in both documents.

It was also agreed to add a few words to the Principles section under “Participatory Approach” on including youth with disabilities. There was discussion about the access for YWD not only within the sites but also in getting to the sites. The solution needs to be that improvements are made to the infrastructure in the camp for PWD. Also, there was a suggestion for YTF members to do activities for YWDs in the FPSC site.

**Action Point:** Advocacy should be done on this issue in collaboration with the ADTF.

**Action Point:** Suggestion to have a training for field staff and volunteers on how to deal with PWD by Handicap International.

**Action Point:** It was also suggested to have a training for field staff and volunteers on Age Gender and Disability. Co-chairs to follow up with ADTF to see if this can be arranged.

**Action Point:** Have the next field visit at FPSC and have the agenda be on promoting inclusion of YWDs.

It was agreed that the elections will be changed in the Action Plan and in the ToR to once a year. The group voted and the majority voted for this with stability and institutional memory as the main reason. MC noted that having it twice a year would provide more of a participatory approach, giving other agencies the chance to take on the responsibility.

It was agreed to have the meetings remain on a weekly basis though there was some discussion around having it bi-weekly but the majority of the group agreed to keep it weekly.

**Action Point:** The ToR will be circulated for feedback.

**Discussion around Youth Dashboard**

This was postponed to the next week’s agenda due to time constraints.

**Review of the youth indicators from Activity Infor on protection and education**

This was postponed to the next week’s agenda due to time constraints.

**AOB**

Update from UNHCR on the Community Initiatives 2 day workshop on 14 and 15 February:

UNHCR CS and protection units in coordination with the IRD team held a workshop on strengthening community initiatives on 14th and 15th Feb 2016 in Zaatari. The topics of the workshop were as follows:

First day:

* Theory and guiding principles of participatory approach, community and rights-based approach
* What is a community-based approach? What are community-based activities?
* What is a participatory approach?
* Why use rights- and community-based approach?
* What does this mean in Zaatari Camp in our daily work?
* Guiding principles:
  + Age, gender and diversity mainstreaming
  + Community mobilization and empowerment
  + Ownership, solutions, and sustainability.
  + Transparency and accountability
* Existing community-based programmers in Zaatari Camp (mapping community capacities)

Second day:

* Situation analysis and implementing the community-based approach
* Core protection/community gaps identified in Zaatari Camp - mapping exercise per group Presentation of gap and situation analysis
* Community strengthening and capacity building and advocacy points

A mapping exercise was done to see what community initiatives exist on the ground. Once the second workshop in Mafraq is done, a report will be shared.

**Tour of the QS/UNFPA Center**

A tour was facilitated by the QS Youth volunteers followed by a lunch.

**Relevant meetings calendar:**

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| **Meeting** | **Day & time** | **Location** | **Focal point** |
| **Youth Task Force** | Tuesday @ 10.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Raed (NRC) / Leana (UNFPA) |
| **Education WG (Za'tari)** | Every other Tuesday @ 11.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Paul (NRC) |
| **Education WG (Amman)** | Every other Monday @ 12:00 | UNICEF/SCJ | Paul (NRC) |
| **Community mobilization** | Tuesday @12.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Irene (UNHCR) |
| **Camp management** | Tuesday @ 13:00 | Base camp UNHCR | Leana (UNFPA), Raed (NRC) |
| **Youth committees** | Wednesday @ 12.30 | IRD community center district 10 | Mais (IRD) |
| **CP-GBV WG** | Thursday @ 11.30 | Base camp UNHCR #4 | Omar (MC) |
| **Age and Disability TF** | Sunday @ 13:00 (every fortnight) | Base camp #3 | Arabella (FPSC) |
| **Protection WG (Zaatari)** | Thursday @ 13:00 | Base camp UNHCR #4 | Georgie (QS) |
| **Protection WG (Amman)** | Wednesday @ 11:00 (every fortnight) | UNHCR Khalda in EMOPS room | Leana (UNFPA) |
| **ISWG (Amman)** | First Sunday of every month @ 14:00 | UNHCR Khalda in EMOPS room | Leana (UNFPA), Paul (NRC) |