

# **Attica Regional Education Working Group Meeting Minutes**

12/01/2017 – SAVE THE CHILDREN OFFICES ATHENS, GREECE

## **AGENDA**

1. Updates from Partners
2. Trainings being given by Attica Working Group members (to teachers, community members, other organisations etc.)
3. Training needs of Attica Working Group members
4. Introduction of the new Save the Children Education Working Group Coordinator (national)
5. AOB

## **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS:**

SCI, IOM, ELIX, MoMPo, SIF, Lambrakis Foundation, Apostoli

## **MINUTES:**

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action points (by whom and by when)
1	<p><b>Apostoli</b> Continuing activities in Agios Antreas (the population has been transferred to the Marathon Resort hotel) because of poor winterisation at the site. Classes are held in 3 spaces inside the Hotel. In Rafina, there are issues regarding heating and the toilets. No classes are being delivered currently, because it is too cold. In Elaionas, Apostoli escort children from 9:00 - 13:00 to a centre called KDAP, Dimitrion, in Moschato for educational activities. Every 2 weeks, the escort different children. They are planning to increase the number of the children in this programme. In Athens, a new non formal education programme is going to start, in the same building with Salvation Army on Satovriandou street. The target group is 3 years to 17 years old and the subjects which will be taught are: Greek, English, social skills, mother tongue and recreational activities. The attendance is already very high, although they haven't start formally, as they are without the necessary materials. The teachers have started working from 0900-1400, Monday to Friday. <b>Praxis</b> has supported by directing children to the programme.</p> <p><b>IOM</b> The bad weather conditions have affected the attendance of children. In Rafina, children attending the high school will start on Monday (16<sup>th</sup>). In Agios Antreas the reception classes haven't started yet. The schools in Andravida are going to start reception classes (primary and secondary) from Monday 16th. An IT workshop will start in Malakasa in 2 weeks times. Tomorrow (13<sup>th</sup>) IOM will be in Malakasa to coordinate with the other education actors for the timetable.</p> <p><b>SIF</b> SIF works in Malakasa with a CFS, ideas box, PSS and educational activities. They continue their activities as normal but there was low attendance of children because of the weather conditions and the refugee protest the recent days. Today, (12/1/17) the protest finished. The population living in Malakasa has dropped because of the poor weather. They cooperate with SC to improve their services.</p> <p><b>ELIX</b> 2 new projects will start soon. The first project is in urban Athens with classes planned to begin on 23<sup>rd</sup> January on Akominatou street. Classes will be held in the afternoon from 16:00-21:00, for</p>	

children aged 6-17 years. The subjects being taught are Greek, English, life skills and mother tongue. The second project will begin in mid-February in Kaniggos Square, with the same activities as described above. They have developed a webpage for people of concern to register for classes, with an online form, and are working to make it more user friendly.

**Lambrakis Foundation**

They have ongoing educational activities in Rafina teaching English and Greek. They are also running recreational activities for preschool children and have English classes for mothers. They plan to start gymnastics for women and adolescents. They are facing problems in Rafina because of the coldness. The door of the Learning Space is broken and the space not suitable for classes due to low temperature, so Lambrakis has decided to stop classes and re-continue when the door is fixed. In addition, there is an electricity problem at the site. The power is low, so they cannot use heaters. They cost of the repair is 7000 - 10000 euros. The army doesn't let them to use the toilets at the site, so they have to use a toilet a long distance away.

**Save the Children**

In Malakasa, they also face problems due to the bad weather conditions. They plan to resume classes tomorrow (13/1/16). In cooperation with SIF and IOM they are going to draft a new schedule. In Skaramagkas the lessons are ongoing. Two new containers were delivered which are being used for classes, as well as new furniture. The Mobile Unit has started to visit a new site, Elefsina. Enrolment is ongoing and they plan to begin lessons in two weeks' time. In Schisto, the lessons (Greek, English and numeracy) are ongoing with the age group 6- 18 years from Monday to Friday. Textbooks and activity books were recently delivered to the site. Student kits were distributed to 63 children in Schisto on 11/1/17. In the open space between Elliniko 1 and Elliniko 3, four new containers were delivered to be used as classrooms. Books and furniture will be delivered this week and community engagement and student enrolment will begin next week.

**Ministry of Migration Policy**

There are no major updates from the Ministry of Migration Policy.

**I Am You**

I Am You were unable to attend, but sent the following updates: "In Ritsona the reception classes were meant to re-start on Monday, but they have been postponed because of the snow and will

	<p>resume today (12<sup>th</sup>). There have been significant changes in the population in the camp, with several families being moved to apartments or hotels, whilst new families continue to arrive, bringing the camp population to around 750 people. There are 40 children from the recent arrivals at the camp who need to be enrolled in the reception classes. The Red Cross is taking care of health cards and vaccination but until now has just covered 23 of these children, which will be able to go to school today. Quite a few children arrived during and after the Christmas period will be left out of formal education for the moment.</p> <p>I Am You is waiting to see how the fluxes in people living in Ritsona will affect the attendance rates in the reception classes which was reducing before Christmas. I Am You are also working with the RECs and child protection actors in the camp to address the problem. They continue to run a kindergarten in the morning with about 15 children attending daily from both the old and new families. They are also trying to create a study space specifically for adolescents. There will be no set activity but rather a supervisor to assist the kids (a few of whom have been subscribing to an on-line study course by Kiron University, and have requested a space to study in).</p>	
2	<p><b>ELIX:</b> Plan to train teachers on cultural awareness and teaching methods.</p> <p><b>Apostoli:</b> Will conduct a teacher training from 25 – 27 January, at the Apostoli offices in Athens.</p>	-
3	Specific thematic areas were not cited by participants. SC are open to suggestions of training topics.	-
4	The new Save the Children Education Working Group Coordinator (national) was introduced, Kelsey Dalrymple.	-
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next Attica ESWG will be in 3 weeks, to prevent the national and Attica WGs falling on the same week. The next Attica WG will be on 02 February 2017.</li> <li>SIF started a discussion topic about the RECs. The representative from the national ESWG mentioned there are cases of a lack of communication &amp; information between the RECs and the education NGOs.</li> </ul>	-

**NEXT MEETING: 02/02/2017 – Save the Children Office, no. 81, 28 Oktovriou/Patission street at 1300 (1pm).**