

## Education Sector Working Group Epirus Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 February 2018</b>	
<b>Participants:</b>	<i>UNHCR, Oxfam, Interos, Arsis, Second Tree, Solidarity Now, PH4K</i>	
<b>Chair:</b>	UNHCR	
<b>Agenda</b>	1)Update on continuation of non-formal educational activities by University and Second Tree 2)Educational service mapping update 3)Katsikas – Non formal and Formal Education 4)AoB	
<b>Key</b>	PoCs = Persons of Concern; MoE = Ministry of Education; REC= Refugee Education Coordinator	
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussions</b>	<b>Action points /deadline</b>
<b>1. Update on continuation of non-formal educational activities by University and Second Tree</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>University</b> in cooperation with UNHCR is looking for the possibility of the continuation of the Greek language courses. Regarding the training for the DYEP and ZEP teachers, it is planning the agenda.  <b>Second Tree:</b> They do not have the capacity for Konitsa and Doliana. They will carry on their operations in AE and Community Centre (if its continuation will be confirmed).  <b>TdH:</b> till the end of March the Greek languages. TdH will do a community meeting with parents in order to collect data for needs and educational background of children.</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Educational service mapping update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AE:</b> Hiring of a second teacher for the Kindergarten. They have been informed that teachers have been recruited for the high schools of Doliana and Ioannina. Regarding sick children, they are receiving calls from schools to transfer them to</li> </ul>	

hospitals. They receive emergency calls but schools have to be involved as per usual procedures. They proposed that they could support through mediation by phone calls and that same processes should be followed as for Greek children.

**Doliana:** Sometimes army does not let ST enter in the site. TdH will suspend its operations for CFS and MBA. They still have PSS and case workers but only for moderate cases.

**Filippiada** Greek language courses are still carried on by TdH. No satisfactory number of teachers. Issues between different pupils dividing themselves groups of nationalities.

**Konitsa:** 2 primary teachers and 1 for kindergarten have been hired. TdH has paid the rent for February, for the Community Centre, but they do not know about the future. ARSIS will stop CFS.

**Katsikas:** Second Tree does not have any update for Katsikas. There are unofficial discussions but there is no official confirmation. ARSIS is going to start CFS in one of the community containers, near the playground. They will take in furnishing but they would like to check security issues regarding the container.

An issue was recorded by a TdH staff that on the 30<sup>th</sup> January the director of one primary school did not let one girl go to church due to her religion, despite the fact that she showed interest. UNHCR proposed that actors can conduct a briefing to parents in order to inform them regarding the status of religion in education and the possibility to be exempted if wished so in.

PH4K forwarded us a photo of the 20th primary school Ioannina in the wall of which there was a graphite sign writing "the ISIS school". UNHCR informed the Regional Educational Coordinator on the issue.

**Community Centre "Mikri Polis":** ARSIS will cease its CFS operation. TdH given the non-operation of morning classes in

<p><b>3. Katsikas – Non formal and Formal Education</b></p>	<p>the CC, they made the proposal to host other actor’s classes in the CC.</p> <p><b>ASB</b> has a mandate for non formal education in the sites, it’s implementation will be done through Arsis</p> <p><b>Solidarity Now:</b> Written English lessons 4 days per week. Capacity for 10 people. 3 days per week there is photography and sewing activities. No capacity to welcome many people. There is proposal to provide educational support through education for young people between 15 and 20 y/o. So far, 6-7 persons participate in Greek and English lessons residing in their accommodation. Only morning classes.</p> <p><b>TdH:</b> They prepare an email giving a feedback of how many teachers are in each school. Actors wondering if it works appropriately because there are a lot of changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 140 POCs issued with AMKAS. Less than half population but still is the starting point for their vaccination. Hiring the REC is an ongoing process.</li> <li>• <b>Social Mediation Event:</b> Aiming at meetings the Parents Association. 4th and 7th primary schools were engaged. Couple of school directors participate. 2 teachers showed up and only 1 Greek parent. In contrast, refugee parents were all there. Ioannina TV covered and broadcasted the event. One girl wrote a speech in English and Farsi to describe her journey. The Community Centre parents are willing to be involved in such activities. <b>TdH</b> is eager to replicate. Mediation events on the Community Centre regularly take</li> </ul>	
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<b>4. AoB</b>	place on Thursdays at 4 pm. Greek parents do not feel familiar and do not see the purpose of going to meetings. When <b>Second Tree</b> have a clear view of the urban setting they seem willing to take over meeting activities with refugee and Greek parents and actors.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Education Sector Working Group Meeting is held on a bi-weekly basis upon all actors' agreement;</li><li>• The next meeting is to be held on <b><u>20 February 2018</u></b> at 10:00 am at UNHCR office.</li></ul>		