

Greece National Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2018 @ UNICEF, ATHENS, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

1. Review of action points from the previous meeting
2. Updates on school opening and enrolment
 - Updates from MOE & IOM
 - Updates from Accommodation partners (including the congestion in urban Athens)
 - Updates from other regions
3. Movement updates
4. 4W and gaps
5. NFE activities
 - 2019 plan, funding proposals
6. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
1. Review of action points from the previous meeting	1. Refugee.Info posts on new school year enrolment procedures in Greek, Sorani, Kurmanji not yet uploaded	UNICEF/METAdrasi to send Greek, Sorani to IRC to upload.
	2. New REC started working in Lavrio camp, taking care of the enrollment and transfer of children to school	
	3. IOM made a request to ECHO for the transportation of Ag. Eleni children.	
	4. A short leaflet with basic info concerning the school (absences, holidays, meeting with teachers etc.) for refugee parents to be drafted	A small task team was created, consisting of: IRC, UNICEF, ARSIS, ADDMA, KEDFX
	5. The Education of UAC, which represent the biggest group of the 15-18 years old, will be discussed in an extraordinary meeting Monday 08.10.	ESWG coordination team to ensure that the relevant people get the meeting invitation
2. Updates on school opening and enrolment	IOM transport to “morning” schools , children from the following Accommodation Centers: Elaionas, Thiva, Ritsona, Malakasa, Thermopyles, Alexandria, Drama Kavala, Diavata, Doliana, Filippiada.	

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	The DYEP will start probably by mid-October.	
	Student kits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR and IOM have no more bags in their stock. - In camps, there are more requests than the previous years by children of EPAL. By late October IOM will proceed with the distribution of school kits to cover the remaining needs for all school grades (kindergartens, Primaries, High Schools). - Urban: it is not clear who is providing to children in urban setting and where the gap is. 	A survey will be undertaken in order to map the needs and the actors, which provide bags. (UNICEF)
	Less problems this year in relation to the enrollment of refugee children in schools.	
	Urban: in central Athens around 700 requests for primary school are pending. A lot of this requests are not by partners of the accommodation scheme of UNHCR. It seems that there is a higher number than previously of self-accommodated refugees. They choose to live at this area (center of Athens), because the rents are cheaper and there is a sense of community. The parents are more interested to enroll their children. It seems that they have accepted, that they will stay in Greece.	Planned meeting with UNHCR and its partners, as well as discussion at ACCMR about urban planning and communication/advocacy with self-accommodated refugees and migrants.
	There is an increased of requests by 15+ for courses of Greek. In particular, GCR enrolled 400 people, Open School for the Immigrants in Piraeus has more than 350 students and could possibly accommodate 80-100 more, METAdrasi has 250 requests pending, Solidarity Now has also waiting lists	There is a need to map the courses of Greek for young adults and adults (4W as a base). ADDMA has a list to share. Anoixto Sxolio could accept more students (info to be send).
	MoE informed about the campaign for the opening of DYEP in islands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A campaign for vaccinations and ADYM took place. - In Lesvos – Kara Tepe 100 children will visit primary school, 30 high school and 42 kindergarten. - In Chios 45 will be in primary school and 84 in high school. - In Samos 81 children from school will be in primary school. - The children are visiting the “morning” schools in Lero. 	All actors support the MoE in the enrollment of children in the islands. Encourage the parents to escort their children with the bus. UNHCR shares with ESWG Subworking Groups the requests for certificate of attendance (βεβαίωση παρακολούθησης).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is high mobility. Not all the partner know the directions of UNHCR about children changing schools from islands to mainland. - There were sensitization?? meetings with the directors of hospitals. - The NGO need to continue assisting by informing the parents about the importance of formal education and supporting the campaign for the enrollment (vaccination, ADYM, information of parents). - The bus provided by the prefecture in islands do not have escorts. - A 2page leaflet will be published by the MoE and MoH for the information of parents (Greek) regarding health issues, because most of cases of resistance focus on it. 	
	100 psychologists and social workers will be deployed by MoE in schools with high concentration of refugee children.	
	In Malakasa no transportation to school will take place during the week of 1-5/10/18 due to health issues.	
	There is a case of bowling in Athens	More information is needed about the referral mechanism of schools. (UNICEF)
4. 4W and gaps	???	
5. NFE activities	<p>The challenges for NFE actors for the school year 2018-19 in Camps are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to operate in Accommodation Centers, when the children are in “morning” and “afternoon” classes. 2. How to address the educational needs of children in DYEP, in Reception Classes, as well as children, who have not yet been enrolled in school. <p>Core Principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NFE actors work in close cooperation with the RECs. 2. The NFE actors clarify to parents the role of the Formal and Non Formal Education. 3. The Non Formal education goals are to prepare the 	UNICEF develops a text with the basic principles based on the discussion, which will be discussed on the next ESWG.

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	<p>children to be integrated in the formal school, to support them with their studies as well as psychosocially.</p> <p>4. In the context of NFE, courses in Greek, English, Sciences and basic literacy are offered, so that the children could respond to the expectations of the school and are successfully integrated in the class.</p> <p>5. The NFE actors are encouraged to cooperate with the schools, to follow the case of their beneficiaries and to develop activities with the schools visited by them</p>	
6. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Network for Children Rights will present the results of its research on the Children Rights at Thursday 04.01.18. Invitation to be send. - In Kallimarmaro Stadium, Sunday 13 October 15:00-17:00 Connect Athens invite citizens to participate to a recycling campaign with the objective to achieve a Guinness world record. - Solidarity Now in cooperation with Cisco offers courses with certification in computer for young adults and adults. English is the working language. - Kanep GESEE offers a course in Greek and life skills for 16-24 years old. - Parnassos Literature Association offers courses of Greek language. The cost is 100Euro. 	A 4W for the education of adults is needed. To be explored who could develop it.

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