



Minutes of the SE Turkey Education Working Group

29 August 2018

UNICEF Office – Gaziantep

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

Participants: UNHCR, Spark, Qatar Charity, Human Appeal, Save The Children, Bir Dünya Çocuk, GIZ, WATAN, Ret International, SSG Sosyal Suriye Grupları, Maram Foundation, Bonyan, IOM, STL, Foundation for Justice and Development, Concern Worldwide, ASAM, Homos League Abroad, Yuva, Syria Relief, UNICEF

Chaired by: Abdullah Modhesh

Minutes by: Ayse Kapukaya

Next Meeting: September 26 2018 @ 11:00 In UNICEF Gaziantep Office

Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
Opening, Review of action points from last meetings & Agenda presentation	Agenda was introduced, all the action points from last meeting attended. Below listed items were added to AOB. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Day of the meeting- IM update by Firat- Ad-hoc meeting- Updates from IEWG- Introducing new WG members	
Back to School (B2S) Activities – planning, key messages, updates	<p>The document containing key messages was shared and information on both the survey and problem log presented. Turkish and Arabic versions will be shared right after the revision of Arabic one. Qatar charity IOM and UNICEF volunteered for the latter's revision of translation.</p> <p>Last year 9 organizations contributed data collection with 900 surveys in 10 provinces. This year, survey tool was piloted by RET (25 participants) and STL (10 participants). Feedback taken into account for training. Kilis Municipality started conducting surveys in late August. Up to now, 50 surveys has been done. It has been understood from the sample surveys that Syrian parents did not start yet registering their children to school. To be able to see barriers to education in all South East more volunteers are needed in this regard RET, YUVA (100), Save the Children, ASAM, STL, Syria Relief, Concern Worldwide and Homos League volunteered for data collection in their operation area.</p>	<p>Baris to share Turkish and English versions with volunteers for the revision of Arabic translation.</p> <p>Translations will be circulated when available (EWG coordinators)</p> <p>Baris to share the sign up link for data collection with volunteer organizations and follow up data entry.</p> <p>UNICEF to set indicators to be analysed and draft the structure of the report .</p>



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	<p>It was agreed to start analysing data right after completion of surveys' data entry.</p> <p>NGOs interested in supporting the administration of the survey are requested to sign up through the online link.</p>	
Inclusion of CwD	<p>Mehmet Buldu from UNICEF Ankara Office talked about the policies and practices in place for the inclusion of CwD. Basically, a child with disability needs a report from a Turkish hospital to be then directed to a RAM (Rehberlik Araştırma Merkezi- Counselling and Research Center). The RAM center assesses the disability and refers the child to a school with a report about the disability. The school then further assesses the 'learning' capability of the child in order to place them in the right class for children with special needs. A counter referral could also happen in case the family sends the child directly to the school, in which case the school refers the child to the RAM center. That referral is done by the counsellor or classroom teacher based on observation of child's behaviour and upon consultation with the child's family. The school would come up with a plan for the child which includes getting an appointment from RAM and how to support his/her learning to catch up with his/her peers. Necessary documents are submitted to RAM along with medical report if there is one. At the end, children can benefit from services in RAM. If RAM capacity cannot take in all children, they are referred to closest schools where there is special education classroom for CwD. This is the general procedure for all children in Turkey. However, Syrians mostly face the language barrier that limits how much they can benefit from the RAM services. In this regard, it's hoped that MoNE will assign some Syrian volunteer teachers who are currently working either in TPS or TEC to RAMs to facilitate the communication. When this happens, a particular training will be provided for them. Mehmet Buldu mentioned about UNICEF supported projects for the inclusion of CWD as listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support to MoNE staff to improve diagnostic tools for CwD. After the piloting of 'tools package' it was sent to all RAMs.• Develop a guidebook to be used by Turkish counsellors to identify Syrian CwD and refer them to most appropriate education opportunity. It can be found online in Turkish and Arabic.• EU Project for the Inclusion of Syrian CwD to Early Childhood Education Services: It aims to prepare young children for the school year and increase awareness of	



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	<p>families to understand the education opportunities for CwD and benefit from it. (It started in 5 pilot provinces) Accordingly, family guidebook, community guidebook and success stories will be written. Project is for 3 years, first year it was like preparation process. In the second year, teachers will be trained and education materials will be printed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of assessment framework for preschoolers and primary schoolers • Preparation of 10 Teacher Training Modules to teach CwD • Support to RAMs: Assigning SVEP to RAMS and training <p>After the presentation, listeners asked some questions about access to RAMs for Syrians and the reason of not having incentives for Syrian children. I was underlined by presenter that all children with an ID number can benefit from services in RAM. But before that they need to be diagnosed by a Turkish institute either schools or hospitals. Turks are supported by incentives through MoFSP, not through MoNE.</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day of the meeting - IM update by Firat - Updates from IEWG - Introducing new members - Ad-hoc meeting 	<p>WG</p> <p>It was agreed not to change meeting date as some of the members attend cluster meeting in the last Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Reporting deadlines in Activity Info is 10th of each month, a new dashboard is ready to see all the funds and services made available for refugees in Turkey. http://www.refugeeinfoturkey.org</p> <p>IEWG worked on the same 'key messages' document prepared to support B2S efforts of partners. Istanbul WG will look at Istanbul 'specific' situations and review the document accordingly. They will look at in Istanbul specific. Partners were encouraged to mobilize their operation staff in Istanbul to support data collection and dissemination of key messages.</p> <p>Syria Relief and Homos League Abroad were introduced to WG.</p>	<p>Coordinators to contact with members to plan an ad-hoc meeting.</p>