

Education Sector Meeting Group (ESWG) Meeting – 22 July 2013

Time: 12:00- 14:00

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room/ 2nd floor

Chaired by: UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children

Agenda:

1. Review of Minutes/Action Points
2. Updates from education partners
3. Update on Inter-sector Working Group
4. Box simple
5. Any other business

Minutes

1. Review of Action points from previous meeting minutes

- [Action: The vocational training definition to be re-worded and UNESCO to provide inputs.] [Action: UNESCO to share the MOE letter on conditionality of students enrolment in Non-Formal Education]
- The meeting minutes and actions points from 8 July were reviewed and adopted.

2. Updates from education partners

UNICEF

- UNICEF has developed a scale up strategy that included the Back-to-school Campaign for both Host Communities and Camps. [Action: Deema (UNICEF) to share key education messages on Syrian children's access to public schools in Jordan with ESWG partners.]
- There are on-going collaboration between UNICEF and the MoE regarding the absorption capacity of the public schools in Jordan. UNICEF plans to support the MoE to increase their readiness to accommodate the Syrian out-of-school children who are willing to register in public schools for the next academic year. In order to do this, UNICEF has planned targeted schools to be double shifted or extended, as well as to recruit more teachers and to print new textbooks.
- In EJC, the school is refurbished, and formal schooling is scheduled to start in September 1. NRC has started their catch-up classes at the Camp.
- Coordination and preparations at the Azraq Camp are on-going. The coordination meetings are every week on Tuesday, current education partners are: NRC, FCA, Save the Children Jordan, Relief International and UNICEF in addition to Save the Children International and Questscope. UNICEF will establish two formal schools at the camp, and there will be informal, non-formal and vocational training implemented as well. All partners working in this field and interested implementing these services at the camp are kindly asked to contact Education Section lead. [Action: Any interested partners on Azraq camp to contact Eugene Ha (eha@unicef.org)]

NRC

- NRC has started catch-up classes at the EJC this week, there are some 500 students registered. Placement tests for the students will be done at the end of the week.
- Summer school programme has started in School I in Za'atari. NRC is collaborating with UNICEF, KnK and teachers from the Syrian community on this.
- Approximately 500 youth has enrolled in vocational and skills training and some 1,000 children have enrolled catch-up programme in Za'atari.
- NRC has designed youth and catch-up centres in Azraq based on the lessons learned from Za'atari. The construction is planned to start after Ramadan.

Relief International

- RI has hired 20 new teachers and training has been provided for these teachers, as well as for 25 managers. Summer camp has started at the Za'atari Camp, and there are many activities on-going for boys and girls.

Madrasati Initiative

- Currently there are some 22 remedial education centres at the host communities and there are aspirations to increase the number to 30 during the next academic year.

Islamic Relief Worldwide

- IRW will start implementing their services in September in Mafraq. Families which are sending their children to the labour market will be the main target group. Islamic Relief will coordinate with Save the Children Jordan on this.
- There are on-going negotiations between Islamic Relief and the Ministry of Education on the school rehabilitation programme. UNICEF recommended to coordinate with the Directorate of Planning Dr. Mohammed Abu Ghazleh at the MoE.

IOCC

- IOCC plans to provide uniforms to 13,420 students out of which 7,000 will be allocated in Za'atari camp. Coordination is on-going with the MoE and UNICEF

UPP

- UPP Briefed about their on-going project, they have provided computer classes in Ma'an and Zarqa for Syrian women and children.

SCI

- SCI is providing literacy, numeracy and life skills classes in Za'atari Camp. The current cycle will end at the end of September 2013.
- SCI has selected some 30 public schools in the host communities for small scale renovations to improve learning space.

WFP

- School feeding programme is on-going at the Za'atari Camp. There are negotiations with the MoE of the possibility of implementing a similar programme at the host communities.

3. Update on Inter-Sector Working Group

- Inter-Sector Working Group was established to facilitate the coordination amongst sectoral working groups, supporting Syrian refugees in Jordan. The first meeting was held on 15 July. The meeting will be on monthly basis chaired by UNHCR. Education Sector was represented by Eugene Ha/UNICEF and will continue to attend in the future.
- The Inter-Sector Working Group highlighted the need to focus on host communities. In addition a quick survey evaluating sectoral working groups work will be done. **[Action: Eugene to share the link of online survey once available]**

4. Box simple

- The Box simple is a web portal where the Education Sector Working Group meeting materials are being uploaded. The group went through the structure and the content of the Box simple.
- All the partners are kindly asked to register for the website, in order to access all the information.
- For further information, please contact Laura (lhellqvist@unicef.org).

5. Any other business

- **The next Education Working Group meeting will be on Monday 5 August at 12:00 pm at UNICEF 2nd floor Conference Room.**