

National Inter-Sector WG

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Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is coordination? What are the important skills of a coordinator? 2. Urban Update 3. Winterization Update 4. Cash Update 5. Education Update (Urban) 6. Vaccination plans/strategy for kids that will be enrolled in Greek schools 7. AoB 	
Agenda Item	Discussions	Action points
What is coordination? What are the important skills of a coordinator?	<p>Key Characteristics of a coordinator, the following suggestions were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of what is happening at the field level; • Understanding the needs, gaps and harmonize approaches; • Facilitate discussions, but remain unbiased and open and steer towards achieving strategic objectives; • Finding a balance between representing an organization and being neutral, so that people feel free to raise their concerns; • Follow up with action points and keep on top of them; • Building consensus when necessary and promote collective decision making processes; • Co-coordinators should support each other and should refrain from solely asking or providing logistical and secretarial support. 	
Urban Update	<p>A first “Urban Living” meeting with relocation and other organizations providing accommodation support and representatives from community centres providing services took place two weeks ago. A second follow-up meeting was held on Friday, September 16th where a brief overview of the current and planned urban activities was presented and the strategic objectives and core components of the urban strategy were discussed. The Victoria Site Coordination is operational and very well coordinated, but there is a need to see how expertise can be incorporated in this urban strategy and how it can be approached in a multi-sectorial way.</p>	

Education Sector Updates	<p>UNICEF is working on a data collection which will also include data from the MoE.</p> <p>Squats is a priority to the WG members, who are interested in a profiling (age, gender, proof of education history) of the children residing there in order to see in which schools they can be enrolled. According to the Ministry 15% of the children in a classroom can be refugees/migrants. The official guidelines from the MoE are still pending but in the afternoon classes a maximum of 20-25 children will be enrolled.</p>	
Winterization Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As requested by the Government, agencies have submitted their plans for the sites, but there was no reaction and plans are not yet lined up. ECHO is also advocating for more clarity, as they are the main donor for winterization. ○ In the North of Greece there seems to be more guidance. There is one coordinating agency at site level that has signed a MoU with the government and a second level MoU with the partners at the site level; ○ In case cash is not rolled out on time, there is a need to ensure other winterization items are available and align accordingly. 	<p>➤ Inter-Sector Coordinator to ask ECHO what their shelter winterization plans/intentions for the islands are.</p>
Cash Update	<p>The Cash coordinator is working with CwC on messaging for PoCs and staff in the sites that will answer potential questions, criteria, targeting etc. The messaging will possibly come out next week.</p> <p><u>Update on Cash Programming and Child Protection, including for UASC:</u></p> <p>Cash for UAC remains a concern. The Task Force members (CP and Cash actors) plan to conduct a rapid assessment, which ultimately will be used to provide clear orientation to cash actors on how to include UAC in cash based programming in Greece. Tools for UAC as well as Key Informants are being developed and the FGDs will be carried out end of September.</p> <p>Protection also raised the issue of vulnerable families and individuals, who most probably need more cash than the typical family. How do we define vulnerability?</p> <p>Conditional Cash for teachers in the sites has been discussed with the senior management, which should be in touch with relevant ministries and government counterparts.</p>	

Vaccination Plans	<p>Urban Children Vaccination: MSF is trying to screen the children that they might be missing in the urban areas.</p> <p>MSF Switzerland will start a new round of vaccinations during the 2nd week of October. In the North there are 15 camps where the vaccination has not been initiated. UNHCR is proposing to NGOs to do an EPI (constant routine vaccination in the camps).</p> <p>Schools and vaccination: If parents have a vaccinating card or a certificate from a paediatrician, children can be enrolled in schools.</p> <p>Concern: There are children that have been vaccinated thoroughly and others that haven't and also as people are moving from one camp to the other, they cannot easily keep track of the remaining ones.</p>	
AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squats: Access of UNHCR and other NGOs to well-coordinated squats is limited. A lot has been accomplished on the ground and there are also volunteers that work on facilitating access to asylum, registration. How can the humanitarian community provide services and support through key volunteers (e.g. Pampeiraiki, Refu.com). There are also education initiatives within the squats, and see how we can link to that • Diagram of registration and asylum procedures; • Over the next few weeks, a number of SMS agencies – including NRC, DRC, UNHCR, IFRC, IMC – are planning to conduct demographic data collection exercises in the sites in Central Macedonia for humanitarian purposes (mostly winterization and education planning). Agencies involved in the exercises are currently discussing arrangements and protocols for data collection, storage and sharing. 	➤ FO Attika to share contacts of volunteers/designated focal points for squats
	<p>Next meeting on Friday, September 23rd at 11 am at the UNHCR Office - 91 Michalakopoulou Street, 115 28 Athens.</p>	