

National Inter-Sector WG

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Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey Monkey Findings 2. Winterization 3. Education 4. CwC Update on Communicating with Communities 5. Sector Updates 6. AoB 	
Agenda Item	Discussions	Action points
Survey Monkey Findings	<p>The IACU made a brief presentation on the findings of the questionnaire and was mainly based on the feedback provided by the sector coordinators. The inputs received included recommendations on the format of the meeting, the cross-cutting issues that should be part of the agenda, how the IACU can support the sectors and the capacity building needs.</p> <p><i>PP Presentation is attached.</i></p>	
Winterization	<p>Winterization remains a huge concern, both for the Government and the humanitarian community and also for the people residing in the sites. Lately some sites in the North of Greece had flooding issues and the Government is looking into setting up formal institutional arrangements to support winterization processes.</p> <p>A meeting with the Ministry of Migration Policy and INGOs took place and INGOs were asked to suggest ways and a plan to respond to the issue. The Government will then allocate sites to the different organizations according to the suggested plan.</p> <p>Winterization was also the main topic of discussion during the Heads of SMS Agencies meeting with the senior management of UNHCR. During September there should be a plan and coordination at all levels, including field,</p> <p>Shelter: Discussions are also held regarding shelter provision and how to ensure it is effective. UNHCR has already started planning the procurement</p>	

	<p>of 600 containers for the different sites and also reconsidering the possibility to be able to provide more containers if asked.</p> <p>Shelter & NFI meeting – Update: A matrix to be filled in with the current stock of winter NFIs in country was shared with partners. This is a list of the key saving stuff that organizations have and can be distributed. This needs to be consolidated on an inter-agency level.</p> <p>As cash will also scale up (but most probably not for the beginning of winter), there is a need to see which core NFI items should be available, and particularly in stock.</p>	
Education Sector Updates	<p>The Ministry of Education announced the plan to establish a system for the education of refugee and migrant children. Pre-school children will have education in camps and children of the primary and secondary school will go to afternoon classes at nearby schools. The enrollment will be gradual and will start in the end of September. The lessons will include Greek language, English or another foreign language, Math, Art and Sports.</p> <p>The GoG has asked NGOs to support in the camps with mother tongue language classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the urban population, including people in the UNHCR accommodation scheme, will be enrolled in nearby schools in the morning; • For the youth (over 15 years) there are no good plans and UNHCR will try to advocate for this; • IOM will support transportation to schools from the camps and vice versa for 9000 children and will also fund school material. <p>Main gap: islands. This initial plan does not include the islands. It is focused only on the mainland and there are efforts to put pressure on the regional educational institutions on the issue.</p> <p>UNHCR is looking into supporting the provision of education material for urban refugee children and the winterization in the schools, as it is important to support the host communities, e.g. by providing fuel for schools.</p> <p>The Education WG is collaborating with the Health WG about vaccination. Many people have been employed through the Ministry of Labour (including teachers) that will go to the camps but the process is uncoordinated and the people recruited are not trained.</p>	

CwC Update on Communicating with Communities	<p>A Task Force was created to develop messaging for registration and compiled a FAQ document regarding the registration procedures. The Q&A is also published at the Asylum Service website and the group wants also to develop messaging on Cash. There will be 3 different types:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Cash – for PoCs 2. Government and staff working in the sites 3. Host community – how cash can boost the local economy <p>The WG is also interested in developing messaging for education, so as to ensure that communities understand the benefits of education, why to learn Greek, English etc.</p>	
Sector Updates	<p><u>WASH:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sites in the North were affected by the recent floods, Giannitsa site was evacuated and in Softex IFRC distributed emergency gap filling assistance (blankets); ▪ Partners requested conducting an assessment on winterization; ▪ Municipalities and government have recruited around 2,500 new staff, but there is a need for coordination and trainings; ▪ It is not clear who is responsible for the dislodging (site managers/Ministry/Army or the agencies) ▪ In many sites there are unprotected cables that is a high risk for the residents of the sites. <p><u>Health & Nutrition:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MSF Switzerland is conducting the vaccination for children that will be enrolled at schools. The campaign will be completed by the end of October and they will start from the camps in the North. UNICEF procured the vaccines; ▪ UNHCR together with MSF and other NGOs are collectively advocating for the need to proceed with routine vaccination activities in the camps for children that were not reached during the vaccination campaign. <p><u>Food:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Food Cell report will be officially published soon; 	<p>➤ SMS Sector to take action on the cable issue in the sites.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A set of suggested menus were shared by the Ministry of Migration Policy, but the issued menus do not meet nutritional standards. <p><u>Protection:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Protection Unit wants to train the recently recruited 2,500 people. Initially they are targeting the 260 people that will work in the RICs on the islands. The training package will include residential and self-study trainings in order to mainstream protection into the different sectors. 	
	<p><i>Next meeting on Friday, September 16th at 9 am at the UNHCR Office - 91 Michalakopoulou Street, 115 28 Athens.</i></p>	