

## National Inter-Sector WG

<b>Date:</b>	26 August 2016	
<b>Participants:</b>	WASH (UNHCR), CASH (UNHCR, CRS), Protection (UNHCR), Child Protection (UNHCR), Health & Nutrition (UNHCR), SGBV (UNHCR), Food (UNHCR), Education (UNHCR), Liaison Officer from MoMP, UNICEF, Oxfam, IRC, UNHCR Capacity Building Officer	
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<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-Registration</li> <li>2. Winterization Task Force Update</li> <li>3. Urban Task Force Update</li> <li>4. ECHO Meeting Feedback</li> <li>5. Feedback from the High Commissioner's Visit</li> <li>6. Sector Updates</li> <li>7. Cash Plans</li> <li>8. AoB</li> </ol>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussions</b>	<b>Action points</b>
<b>Pre-Registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pre-registration exercise has been concluded and the data is currently being processed with the support of UNHCR and a private company (ALTEC);</li> <li>• First text messages for the appointments during the month of September have been sent out on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and full registration will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Some challenges remain, as approximately 25-30% of the SMS sent are not delivered;</li> <li>• Relocation candidates will be channeled to offices in Athens, Thessaloniki and Alexandroupoli and all those that have been pre-registered and do not fall under the relocation will have to go to the Asylum Office at Piraeus. The main concern is the transportation of refugees residing in other parts of the mainland and the expenses related to their transportation;</li> <li>• The daily capacity of the asylum offices to process cases is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Alimos (Athens) Asylum Office:</b> 64 people/day;</li> <li>▪ <b>Thessaloniki Asylum Office:</b> 80 people/day;</li> <li>▪ <b>Alexandroupoli Asylum Office:</b> 30 people/day;</li> <li>▪ <b>Piraeus Asylum Office:</b> 90 people/day initially, but after 3 weeks: 100 people/day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many concerns are also raised from the Protection and Cash WGs on the possibility of people not receiving their appointment details on time and missing them. Possible solutions that the Protection WG is suggesting is the creation of an online database where people can put their IDs and see their appointments, but also to put the list of appointments on billboards in sites (not very feasible, due to the size of the list);</li> <li>• Full registration in Piraeus will start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Appointments are on the basis of the date of entry to Greece and if someone loses the appointment, they will have to go again through the normal procedure and book an appointment via Skype on the basis of law.</li> </ul>	<p>➤ Cash Co-coordinator to follow up with SMS and CwC on the issue of appointments for full registration and transportation of people to the Asylum Office in Piraeus, to see how they can respond to that and organize a meeting with NGOs and the various SMS partners to put together a plan for this.</p>
<p><b>Winterization Task Force</b></p>	<p>A meeting with different agencies took place to discuss the government's expectations. A response in alignment with the humanitarian procedures that have to be followed is being prepared and this will be shared with the government. The Task Force is trying to identify what can be done in each site, which are the viable solutions and they are trying to rationalize a procedure for the sites. Coordination among agencies and being proactive is important for these winterization efforts.</p> <p>The heads of agencies (mainly SMS ones) will be called for a meeting next week to discuss how to best approach the government for more clarity on the winterization of the sites.</p>	
<p><b>Advocacy Group – Overview by Oxfam</b></p>	<p>Initially there was an informal communication between Oxfam, MSF and Amnesty International and the first WG meeting took place in February, with the participation of nine national and international NGOs – currently 18 NGOs are participating on a regular basis, including ActionAid, Arsis, Amnesty International, Care, Caritas Hellas, DRC, GCR, Greek Forum for Refugees, IFRC, Internews, MDM, MSF France, MSF Geneva, MSF Brussels, NRC, Praxis, SCI, Translators without Borders.</p> <p>Since June 2016, meetings are being held on a bi-weekly basis, there is no ToR or specific membership, but they prioritize some issues each time and discuss their main concerns and what actions should be taken in terms of advocacy. All NGOs are welcome to this forum if they have inputs. Oxfam is convening the meeting but any NGO can initiate action.</p> <p>Examples of their action is their joint statement for the western Balkan border closure, a signal letter on safety and security in the sites and more recently, the letter submitted to the High Commissioner.</p>	

<b>Urban Task Force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IACU will do the initial work on urban and will bring it back to the sector. There were some first visits to the day centers and squats in the center of Athens, but coordination with INGOs will be essential for the future of the urban strategy. The IACU will also meet with colleague from the Attika FO.</li> <li>• The Shelter WG has also created a small urban advocacy letter and there is a small urban strategy group that is working in identifying the definition of urban and what actions need to be taken.</li> </ul>	
<b>ECHO Meeting</b>	<p>The Liaison Officer with the MoMP, the Head of the Technical Unit and the Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator attended the last meeting, during which Ms.Mouteveli presented the list of 38 sites that are being suggested from the government. Ms. Mouteveli requested that the procurement for winterization has to start now and she also stressed the importance of having concluded all the winterization activities by the end of October. The protection and transportation concerns remain and the who will be doing what and where, is still under discussion.</p> <p>There is also no specific timeline regarding the camps that need to shut down and Ms. Mouteveli suggested that the constructions on winterization should not be permanent, so that they can be moved and used in another site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ IACU to share the list with the 38 sites.</li> </ul>
<b>High Commissioner's Visit</b>	<p>During his 2-day visit the HC, Mr.Filippo Grandi met with high level members of the government, visited apartments in Athens under the relocation scheme and met with INGOs, local NGOs and UNHCR's implementing partners. The main issue raised at the meeting was the need for more clarity from the government's side, a plan for the near future and these are points that will be included at the HC's follow-up letter to the government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was also a positive dialogue regarding coordination, which definitely needs to be strengthened and include more government counterparts;</li> <li>• Another challenge that the HC also recognized is the need for resettlement options other than relocation and family reunification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ IACU to find information on how we can advocate for more pledges offered by European countries and how the different countries are offering places.</li> </ul>
<b>Sector Updates</b>	<p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MoE has drafted a law for inter-cultural education that includes a separate article for the establishment of afternoon or</li> </ul>	

	<p>reception classes. If this is approved (expected vote on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August), they can create a curriculum and schedule on how it will operate. The MoE participated at the Education WG and is aware of the need to move things and they want to gradually integrate refugee children to schools;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children who are not in the camps can enroll to school. If they have more than 10 children, they should establish a reception class;</li> <li>• The issue with refugee teachers remains, as if they are only pre-registered, they cannot be employed. Cash coordinator on the MoU between the Ministry of Labor, MoMP and interested organizations.</li> </ul> <p><u>SGBV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last WG meeting, the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse was a strong point and trainings have already been conducted in Athens and Lesvos with actors on the ground. They want to raise awareness on this issue and include the site managers of each site on this. The objective is also to put a referral mechanism in place and have volunteers signing a code of conduct, because there are reports of volunteers sexually exploiting PoCs;</li> <li>• The group has also created a SGBV checklist for all sites that they wish to share with the site managers;</li> <li>• The provision of shelter to SGBV cases is an issue, as there are only 300 places for this purpose.</li> </ul> <p><u>SMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Capacity Building Expert conducted trainings in various locations and included a protection monitoring tool for the prevention of SGBV cases. This is a concerning issue to SMS as well and there is an interest on how the message can be spread through other sectors;</li> <li>• Link to the DropBox with all the SMS training material: <a href="#">Training material</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Creation of a Task Force on the MoU and Education to update on relevant laws.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>SGBV Coordinator to share the checklist and this should be raised to all groups.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>SGBV, SMS and Food sector to see the mechanisms and systems in place in other countries and come up with one for Greece.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Protection, SGBV and SMS to work on the shelter for SGBV cases, and see which sites might have capacity to host them.</b></li> </ul>
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Food

- The Food Cell Assessment is still pending and will be finalized and published within the next days. Colonel Pantelatos has taken some of the menu recommendations for menus to some of the sites. The Ministry of Migration Policy, Defense and the site managers will be briefed on the outcomes and recommendations and the timeframe of the distribution of cash in the sites.

Protection

- The PWG is working on the format of the meeting and will take place on a bi-weekly basis as a small group of people that will be more action oriented and efficient and they will also establish one that will function as an information sharing forum;
- The group raised concerns on the way people are accessed for the appointments with the Asylum Service for their full registration;
- Main gap at the moment is the lack of a UNHCR CwC focal point .

Child Protection

- The accommodation of UAC is an issue;
- They want to have a small meeting with guidelines on how to provide cash to unaccompanied minors and separated children.

Health & Nutrition

- There is a lack of availability of drugs in the country;
- Children are now being vaccine on a regular basis, there is a regular scheme and vaccination is incorporated in health activities. The number of vaccinated children will soon be taken from ActivityInfo;
- UNICEF is procuring vaccines from the MoH and would be interested in an update on the ongoing vaccination campaign.

Cash

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are currently reviewing the MEB and they need inputs from the sectors. Experts will come on a mission and will be reaching out to sector leads for inputs;</li> <li>• The group is also creating communication messages for PoCs with few information on cash, also for host communities and governments.</li> </ul>	
<b>AoB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of a monthly inter-sector calendar for important sector activities was suggested</li> </ul>	➤ The IACU will circulate the events' calendar in the beginning of each month.
	<b><i>Next meeting on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9 am at the UNHCR Office - 91 Michalakopoulou Street, 115 28 Athens.</i></b>	