

Athens CWC Working Group Meeting

Date:	28 st September 2016	
Participants:	Advocacy abroad; Caritas Athens; CRS; HRC; IRC; IFRC; Melissa Network; Refugee Aid App; RefuComm; Save the Children; Solidarity Now; UNHCR	
Chair:	Solidarity Now	
Agenda	Discussion	Action points
Registration Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full registration has been taking place since the beginning of September. • In particular the procedure in Piraeus Office, where non-relocation claims are being examined, the results of the first week of operation show a very low (less than 25%) turn-up rate of PoCs, whereas in the other 4 RAOs, the attendance has been up to 90%. • Even when the PoCs show up to their appointments, many are reluctant to be fingerprinted (database Eurodac 1), because they are of the perception that they are limiting their chance to continue their journey to another country under the relocation scheme and will not benefit from family reunification according to the Dublin Regulation. • Many POCs are not aware that the fact that they have been already fingerprinted (by Frontex or the Police as soon as they entered the country) means they are already recorded in the Eurodac system. • A concern was raised by various NGOs that the UNHCR focal points are not present or visible in certain camps to deliver information or services regarding registration: including in Lavrio camp and that information on various issues (e.g. transportation, NFIs, etc.) is not made readily available, even though taxis and buses are provided in all major camps to ensure people attend their appointments. • Bus transportation is provided to all camps in the North • In case an asylum seeker card is lost: • If it is a pre-registration card (if it has a registration number) and it is stolen or lost, the Asylum Service does not replace it. The beneficiary is provided with an attestation proving that he/she has lost the card and he/she can thus declare the loss to the Police. The PoCs can always show up to the appointment with their registration number and a new appointment will be re-scheduled. In this new appointment they will receive a new card. 	<p><i>ACTION: CwC members to have the PoCs informed that, if the procedure is not followed, their request will be archived.</i></p> <p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to provide the organizations with the specific details of the focal point in Lavrio camp.</i></p> <p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to provide the organizations with a schedule of the sites that have bus transportation.</i></p> <p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to compile additional information for an updated Q&A document. Should including</i></p>

<p>SMS notification of appointment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If it is a registration card (if it has a case number) and the PoC has been recorded, it can be replaced. <p>The card replacement procedure takes approximately 2 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was posed regarding some PoCs from the islands who were pre-registered in Elliniko appear curiously to have been appointed up North for their registration appointment (Alexandroupoli). -It is possible that the appointment was scheduled there, because of the availability of interpreters in specific language. • SMS with the appointments were sent out on the 5th of October and the next batch will be sent on the 15th of October until the end of this month, including the period 01-15/11/2016. • The same procedure should be followed for the upcoming months, after verifying that the UNHCR can fund the next batch of SMS. 	<p><i>fingerprinting and further new issues such as transportation questions, fast-tracking of Syrians; also investigate a centralized point of information distribution re Registration (such as WHATSAPP) for CWC focal points.</i></p>
<p>Education for PoCs update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon classes will most probably start next week or within the next two weeks. • In the next sub-sectoral Education WG the issue of Parent Associations reluctant to accept refugee children in schools will be discussed. • The Ministerial Decision for the afternoon classes will be soon issued; 1-2 education coordinators responsible for the enrolment of children will be employed per camp. • Parents in urban areas can enrol children in local schools; it is possible that the Director sends the child to another school, if classes are complete. • Non-formal education programs will be launched in several camps, offering informal education. • Messaging for humanitarian workers about enrolment procedures is to be extended to refugee parents too. Document (drafted by Edu and CwC) was reviewed by MoE. 	<p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to verify this information and to propose a more systematic way of channeling queries among the CwC members.</i></p>
<p>Cash transfer strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Q&A document of the Cash Working Group is under progress; it is being revised by the Asylum Service and by the other competent authorities. • It will constitute general guidelines and messaging that cash will be distributed soon to all sites. • Many questions among refugee population regarding timeline and frequency of cash. • The RefugeeAid is a web-page platform, where all services of 26 Greek NGOs are available (e.g. legal 	

