

Athens CWC Working Group Meeting

Date:	14 st September 2016	
Participants:	Advocates Abroad, Asylum Links, Caritas, IFRC, HRC, InterNews, MercyCorps, Melissa Network, MetaAction, RefuComm, Salvation Army, Save the Children, SolidarityNow, UNHCR,	
Chair:	Solidarity Now, Nadia Abu Amr (UNHCR)	
Agenda	Discussions	Action points
Review of minutes / action points	Minutes were endorsed	
Registration Procedures – information for October onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All September interview appointments are uploaded in the Asylum Service website and technical problems are being dealt with. • The registration appointments should be completed by the end of April. • SMS will be sent for the 2 weeks of October. They will be sent gradually, in order to avoid technical issues. Some errors will be corrected first. • Transportation is provided from the 1st of September. There were some issues – some people missed their transportation to the competent Regional Asylum Offices. • IRC has prepared a tool to search for registration appointments that will be shortly released. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) If someone e.g. searches according to the pre-registration number, he/she will be able to get information on the appointment date, time and location. ii) The tool is available in 8 different languages. iii) The tool takes the form of a user-friendly search tool/website. It will be incorporated into the Asylum Service website once launched. • Should people have any doubts about their appointments, it is advised that they refer to the list of the Asylum Service website to verify them due to technical errors that may occur with SMS. • The aim is to have a system in place that disseminates accurate information effectively. • During the registration appointment, the pre-registration card is replaced by a registration card. An interview is also determined for the full lodging of applications. • In the case of the loss of a pre-registration card: If the Asylum Service has a copy of the card, the appointment can be re-scheduled. Otherwise, the procedure (interview, etc.) is started from scratch. • If, in any case, a PoC receives a new card, it is unclear if the card will have the same registration number. 	<p><i>ACTION: CwC members to send any queries (regarding the relocation program, the possibility to replace a pre-registration card, the fast-track process, etc.) to the Chair of the WG.</i></p>

<p>Cash transfer messaging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a PoC has an appointment for relocation or family reunification and the request is rejected, the person is notified upon rejection with the new appointment for asylum at the competent Asylum Office. • Accommodation is provided only during the process of relocation. It is therefore possible that if a person appeals a negative decision issued after the relocation application and the final decision is negative, he/she will be without shelter. • Questions were raised about some PoCs getting access to the fast track process without expecting it i.e. receiving option or asylum status or relocation during registration appointment, raising questions amongst PoCs and exposing humanitarian workers in the field and their information provision. More information is needed regarding the different procedures available and eligibility. 	<p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to verify all this information</i></p>
<p>Education plan messaging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to reinforce the message that cash will be distributed to all sites, so that people do not move to another site. • Everyone who is pre-registered will receive cash. • Everyone (regardless of status/pre-registration), will receive cash for the first month, then the PoCs must be pre-registered in order to receive cash, it will also be used as an incentive to pre-register. • If the PoCs fall under the relocation schemes, they receive financial assistance under the relocation program, and will not be included in site-based or urban cash assistance. • Some issues on cash distribution are not clear yet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Are the people residing in urban sites or informal sites (squats) going to receive cash? Do they currently receive cash? ii) Are minors under the age of 18 entitled to cash? <p>The communication with people on top of informal sites has not been standardized.</p> • After the Ministry of Education issued a press release, UNHCR is working on a Q&A document with some clarifications. • Messaging by Education wg with participation from CwC for humanitarian workers is to be reviewed by government before being finalized and then share with all. • There are 2 systems in place: • In formal sites: 	<p><i>ACTION: UNHCR to verify this information</i></p>

<p>AoB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refugee children aged between 1 to 5 years old are placed in refugee reception centres (kindergartens etc.) in the sites ○ Refugee children aged between 7 to 15 years old will be enrolled in reception classes that will take place from 14.00 to 18.00 (after school) and won't be integrated with the other children. ○ The schedule of these reception classes includes Greek, English, Arts, Sports, Computer Skills and Maths. ○ The curriculum is set by the MoE. ○ In Urban areas: ○ Children 7-15 can be enrolled in local schools alongside Greek children. No extra (transport) support will be offered. ○ All children are eligible to enrol in public schools, the school's ability to accommodate other children is another issue that needs to be resolved at the local level. ○ MoE is identifying the schools able to accommodate the Refugee children, in order to ensure a fair distribution across schools and equip schools to prepare for Refugee children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no provision for children aged above 15 years old, because Greek education is only compulsive until the age of 15. Options for vocational training are available only yet. • Efforts to push the government to include children on the islands in the education plan. • Q&As with all this information will be soon available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions to undertake some steps for a Social media sub-Working Group that will have unified responses and referral pathways to questions received covering a huge range of queries. • Another option is to start a task force to evaluate different communication tools and their value in this response. 	<p>.</p>
<p>The next meeting will be held on: 28 September 2016, 14:00 at UNHCR Office - Michalakopoulou 91, 1st floor.</p>		