

Greece National Education Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2016, 11H @ UNICEF, ATHENS, GREECE

Agenda

1. Review of action points from the last ESWG
2. Updates from MOE/MoMPo
3. Access to sites (IEP accreditation)
4. Standard Operating Procedure for Site level coordination
5. AOB
 1. Education for urban refugee children

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action points (by whom and by when)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the action points from the last meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MoMPo draft SoP about the fast-track access to sites for Education partners once they have the accreditation by MOE, was shared with ESWG partners in last weeks 2) Liz drafted an SoP for the site-level coordination of the different parties to be shared with partners for discussion and revision • Naoko reached out to partners to determine availability of containers/space for Kindergarten, feedback is being communicated with MoMPo and MoE to continue process • UNICEF had began discussions on developing a guidance note on inclusive education, actual development of note to follow • IOM to monitor school attendance – DRC updates – only 40 of 120 children in Lagadikia are still attending classes due to reallocation/moving not necessarily to absenteeism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue monitoring attendance of formal school kids • Follow children where they are relocated to and provide at least non-formal education • UNICEF to share PDF of Q&A by end of the week in all translated languages

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges arising because camps are closing, people are being moved to hotels in different areas, etc. This is causing difficulties for formal education, because once teachers are hired they are unable to move location. And warnings are not necessarily being given very far in advance to determine the new locations. UNICEF has translated the Q&A file into 7 relevant languages. Discussion on distribution needs to be finalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Internews on anti-rumor publication UNHCR to follow up with amount request for education – follow up with Kate
3) Updates from MoMPo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press Release was issued last Thursday 08/12/2016 in Greek about the platform for MoMPo registration. Located on website in Greek for now. https://mko.ypes.gr/ No deadline at this point, but partners should apply as soon as possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions please reach out to assistanceinfo@ypes.gr All paperwork needs to be submitted in Greek Waiting for updates on sites from MoE – currently 11 sites and upcoming 7 more (beginning December 19th – Valos, Trikala, Kalochori, Agios Andreas, Softex, Koutsochero, Mercini) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR will follow up on which sites will be opening before the end of the year
4) Access to sites (IEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> So far only 6 NGOs have been approved, and more NGOs are currently waiting for the MoE to make a final decision and sign off on approval. ESWG will continue following up with relevant actors and pushing for approval for other partners 	
5) SoP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First draft SoP on site level coordination Discussion of additional information to be included in SoP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft SoP will be shared with all partners – partners to feedback on SoP by the end of this week and share with MOE
6) AOB	<p>Urban refugee children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESWG circulated the format to CPWG who are managing the UAC shelters. UNHCR had already reached out to their partners working with UNHCR accommodation schemes to collect this information. UNICEF is discussing in partnership with Elix, Apostoli and Finn Church with the Municipality of Athens to open non-formal education classes for non-formal education in urban settings Should receive vaccination records from MSF for children that have been vaccinated in urban areas should provide additional info on where children reside Care is distributing cash to urban refugees, which should also provide us with some additional information on where children reside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESWG will follow up on collecting further information on school age children in urban populations so that the information can be shared with the MoE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Islands – are collecting more information on who is accessing formal and non-formal education on the islands. Currently still no plan for afternoon classes to take place on the islands. Encourage the options of sending refugees to morning classes. RECs have been deployed to the islands so there is some effort for something to occur there, but it has not yet been defined where or when exactly this will occur. 	
Next meeting	Monday, 9th January, @ UNHCR offices, 11:00-13:00	

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