**Youth Taskforce (YTF) Minutes of Meeting**

Tuesday 18th October 2016

From 10.30am -11.30 pm

Base camp buffer zone #4

***Attendees***

Dima (NRC), Leana (UNFPA), Omar (IMC), David (IRD), Georgie (QS), Fatima (SCI), Muna (FCA), Mohammed (LWF), Aya (RI), May (UNESCO), Diogo (UNESCO), Abdelqader (UNHCR), Carine (AFDP), Eshraq (Acted), Arabella (FPSC), Nadeen (IFH), plus nine coaches and volunteers.

***Based on YTF Agenda:***

1. ***Field exchange Visit at UNESCO site in D10 with UEFA Coaches to discuss sports and referrals***

**Background:**

AFDP/UEFA opened their sports space in D9 one month ago and used the opportunity to speak with coaches about the challenges they face. UNHCR were present at that meeting. There were over 40 coaches, male and female who came.

**Transportation** and **better coordination between NGOs** were the two issues that came up for football activities and training.

It was agreed that it would be good to bring together the coaches and YTF members to discuss. At the meeting today, the coaches represent the larger group that came to the orginal meeting.

**Meeting discussions:**

UEFA volunteer says that lack of drinking water is an issue. There is not enough water for the NRC location as there is only one water tank for one day.

Transportation for girls is a challenge. Many girls from D1 and D10 cannot make it to D9 and so they stop coming. 7 km is too far from D1 to D9 for children to go back and forth.

Most of the volunteer coaches from YTF members are part of UEFA and so they cover most of the camp. As such, the organizations would be supportive to allow beneficiaries from closer to their spaces to attend sports activities in their spaces.

There are more factors than just location that determine why people go to certain locations and do not go to others. It is not just transportation; it could be to do with shading, timing, etc.

UNHCR is doing prototypes for rickshaws for transportation for children for a number of things. They may have samples next week to test and determine how to use the samples. 600 rickshaws will be used for this project. If more donations come then they might do the same project with the funds to get more bikes. These bikes will be used to transport children to schools, to playgrounds and to other activities for children. UNHCR expects this to be used in the next few months. UNHCR will speak with the community to get their feedback on the process and the suitability of the rickshaws.

One coach says he doesn’t see a major problem with transportation because there are many children playing every day and it is only once a month that they come to D9. The problem is not the lack of spaces or coaches but rather the issue of how the various coaches teach. Plus the issue of male and female coaches, different times for trainings etc. Coach says that it is really is about the preferences of children with the coaches.

Suggestion by coach is to have **training on coaching techniques for life skills, how to deal with children, how to be nice with children. Psychological first aid for children training would also be good,** suggested by UNHCR.

**Action Point:** AFPD will check if UEFA can fund such a type of training.

Coach wishes for improvement on **quality of trainings and activities rather than quantity** of people who come to activities.

Abdelqader asked if UEFA can train other organizations. UEFA has done this and said they can do more. QS volunteer made suggestion that they can host the league on a monthly basis that occurs at D9 in NRC in the QAS/UNFPA D4 Youth center. However, UEFA needs a large space for their monthly tournaments as there are 4 matches that happen simultaneously, which is why they do it at D9 NRC space. Coach said that despite this, it would also work if NGOs can offer their smaller spaces once a month for tournaments that are then split up by matches.

Other UEFA coaches noted that they have to finish the league in one day and so it is too hard to do it in many locations because the winners from one match would have to then play against another team at a different location on the same day which is hard. MC suggested to do it over more than one day. Carine noted that this is possible but would mean that a lot of coordination and effort has to go into it from the NGOs. One coach mentioned that splitting tournaments over 4 days would be challenging because it means that children would have to move longer distances more than just once a month, which is challenging.

For the tournament, the one day, one location is the best option available because other options have been tried and tested but there were a number of problems and this was the final best option for 1,000 children. These tournaments are done over the weekends with one day for one age category and one day for the other age category.

In the past, some NGOs organised transportation for the tournaments for the kids to come but there were some challenges and that stopped.

For individual organisations sports activities on a more regular basis, it is up to them to look into the issue of children getting to sports activities. UNHCR suggested that the buses that staff use to come to Zaatari are waiting around in the camp all day with nothing to do and they could be used by NGOs privately.

**Action point**: for YTF members to see if their beneficiaries are dropping out due to transportation. Suggestion from Carine that one or two NGOs could test for one month by providing transportation and informing the rest what the impact is. There is a sustainability issue with this though.

Ambulance should be available for the league tournaments. **Action Point:** Carine to follow up on this.

**Action Point:** YTF members to ask questions in their outreach and in their normal work with beneficiaries on whether they or their friends have dropped out of sports activities because of transportation, with a special focus on girls.

Issue was mentioned by a female coach that girls going far for sports face a challenge because parents do not feel comfortable with that as they don’t know what might happen on the way. The solution is to stick with the once a month tournament to make it easier for the girls to attend.

***UNESCO Tour:***

This site started in 2015 as a place for youth to register in Jami3ti initiative and then an informal education project with WC started which ended in early 2016. Now in 2016 UNESCO has a project on youth mentoring. Today is the last day of this implementation.

A tour was provided by UNESCO with explanation of the project with a focus on the Jami3ti project. Presentation to be shared with minutes.

**Relevant meetings calendar:**

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| **Meeting** | **Day & time** | **Location** | **Focal point** |
| **Youth Task Force** | Tuesday @ 10.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Raed (NRC) / Leana (UNFPA) |
| **Education WG (Za'tari)** | Every other Tuesday @ 11.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Paul (NRC) |
| **Education WG (Amman)** | Every other Monday @ 12:00 | UNICEF/SCJ | Paul (NRC) |
| **Community mobilization** | Tuesday @12.30 | Base camp Buffer zone (F5) | Irene (UNHCR) |
| **Camp management** | Tuesday @ 13:00 | Base camp UNHCR | Leana (UNFPA), Raed (NRC) |
| **Youth committees** | Wednesday @ 12.30 | IRD community center district 10 | Mais (IRD) |
| **CP-GBV WG** | Thursday @ 11.30 | Base camp UNHCR #4 | Nizar (MC) |
| **Age and Disability TF** | Sunday @ 13:00 (every fortnight) | Base camp #3 | Arabella (FPSC) |
| **Protection WG (Zaatari)** | Thursday @ 13:00 | Base camp UNHCR #4 | Georgie (QS) |
| **Protection WG (Amman)** | Wednesday @ 11:00 (every fortnight) | UNHCR Khalda in EMOPS room | Leana (UNFPA) |
| **ISWG (Amman)** | First Sunday of every month @ 14:00 | UNHCR Khalda in EMOPS room | Leana (UNFPA), Paul (NRC) |