

Education Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday 14 th of September	Time: 11h00	
Location:	UNHCR Offices – Epano Skala		
Organizations:	UNHCR, SCI, SOS Villages, HSA, Metadrasi, MC, RSP, Syniparksi, UoA		
Chairing:	SCI		
Co-chairing:	UNHCR		
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The meeting's agenda was the following:

- ◆ Updates from the ESWG work-shop in Athens
- ◆ Updates on enrolment
- ◆ Follow-up on reported autistic child (MSF)
- ◆ Planned visit of representative from MoE
- ◆ AoB

What was discussed:

- ✓ Description of participants' on-going projects in Lesvos. Things continue as usual.

Updates from the ESWG work-shop in Athens:

UNICEF, UNHCR, SCI, shelter partners in Athens and MoE met. The reason the SCI participated is that it is co-chairing the working groups together with UNHCR.

Updates from MoE presentation: Even though ZEP classes cannot accommodate the whole number of refugee students we should not necessarily see this as an obstacle to register children in school. Migration in Greece is not a new phenomenon and migrant children in the past followed classes without supplementary support and were successfully integrated. Children enrol in schools, not in ZEP classes; school might or not have ZEP.

The new RECs will start their duties in the beginning of October and there will be one based in Moria and one in Kara Tepe. Organisations should assist RECs in order to register children in schools. As soon as possible we start registering children there might be the possibility of arranging transportation by the prefectures to and from the schools.

For children above 15 it is still unknown what will happen with their education even though there is the possibility of going to the night-schools.

Updates on enrolment:

Metadrasi: A total of 13 children out of 17 in Metadrasi shelter have been enrolled. One of the unregistered children denies to be vaccinated, one more was ill but will be registered, and the remaining two do not want to attend any activities in general and are in contact with psychologist. 1 boy 15-18 years registered in night school, 1 child in Primary

school and 10 in secondary school. One principal showed resistance and was not aware of the possibility to form ZEP class, however he was presented with the legislation and changed his mind.

Follow-up on reported autistic child (MSF):

MSF not present to give updates. Autistic child identified by MDM is three years old and therefore not eligible to enrol in school.

Planned visit of representative from MoE:

A representative working with refugee education will visit the island to conduct meetings with local actors and assess the preparedness of the local society to accept refugee children in the schools. If there is a possibility of an 'emergency' working group in case the representative has time, the organisations participating in the working group will be notified.

AoB:

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