

Education Sector Working Group Epirus Meeting

Date:	29 November 2018	
Participants:	<i>Arsis, Solidarity Now, Second Tree, PH4K, INTERSOS, UNHCR</i>	
Chair:	Second Tree	
Minutes:	Second Tree	
Agents:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates on enrolment/vaccinations in formal school & potential challenges 2. Updates on non-formal Educational Activities in the sites 3. Updates on non-formal Educational Activities in the Urban Area 4. Discussion on the continuation of services in 2019 & gaps to highlight 5. AOB 	
Key:	PoCs = Persons of Concern; MoE = Ministry of Education; REC= Refugee Education Coordinator	
Agenda Item:	Discussion Points	Action points /deadline:
1. Formal Education – Katsikas / Doliana / Filippiada/ AE / Urban	<p>Enrolment for ZEP classes on hold: All accommodation actors (INTEROS, SN) are still waiting for ZEP teachers to be hired; DYEP has begun and students across all sites are enrolled;</p> <p>Enrolment data (numbers) for camps unavailable in meeting but can be shared by Arsis in follow up;</p> <p>Solidarity Now</p> <p>New arrivals being registered continuously, but there is an issue of space in schools. This goes for both primary and high school – there is a serious lack of space, obstructing access for many of the newcomers in Ioannina</p> <p>Problems with vaccinations are not as widespread as before, as many of the children coming from the islands have already been vaccinated. There are some bureaucratic obstacles with ‘transfers’ of enrolments (from islands) to schools here.</p> <p>Mid-year and unplanned transfers of PoCs remain an issue for all actors with regard to school enrolment: if a child living in a camp is enrolled in a particular class (e.g. DYEP) and the family is then transferred to other accommodation in the town, the child remains enrolled in the same school and would be expected to attend it, regardless of</p>	<p>UNHCR to advocate at national level re transfers of families between sites in Epirus: transfers of PoCs between sites must ensure that school enrolments are transferred in parallel, and children enrolled in schools are given a place near their new accommodation, to curb dropouts;</p>

	<p>distance. Transfers to schools closer to a students accommodation are not happening because of the aforementioned capacity problem. This is a big issue, if the school is too far away the family may not send the children, resulting in them being out of school.</p> <p>The classification of AE as urban accommodation vs. camp remains questionable; children in AE are enrolled in both DYEP and ZEP despite classification of site as urban. This may compromise attendance if families are transferred.</p>	
2. Non-formal Education	<p>Arsis - Camps</p> <p>In Katsikas, Doliana and Filippiada: run Greek classes for adults and teenagers; run CFS in Katsikas and Doliana too. Detailed schedule of activities for all sites was shared by Viviana earlier in the week;</p> <p>Programs will run until Dec 31st.</p> <p>Arsis - Urban: Service centre operational but only for UAMs currently; Arsis testing the concept and will see if it can be opened to other PoCs in 2019. Centre gives food, delivers workshops, has language classes, crafts activities etc.</p> <p>Second Tree - Camps</p> <p>Katsikas English program has been expanded to 6 daily classes in HabibiWorks, at four different levels; Second Tree will continue to deliver these classes and aims to work with ASB to ensure their continuity throughout 2019;</p> <p>Second Tree - Urban</p> <p>AE English: seven classes delivered per day (3 kids classes and 4 adult classes) with two daily office hour;</p> <p>CC - English: six classes per day with 2 daily office hours;</p> <p>CC - Greek Classes by Second Tree being delivered with short grant received from TDH, enabling the hiring of a teacher; currently 44 students are</p>	<p>Solidarity Now to share details about the hygiene and sexual edu workshops with the group on a weekly basis, as well as contacts with the nurse from Hatzikostas Hospital running the trainings;</p> <p>Arsis and Second Tree to see if these workshops can be replicated in AE with the UAMs and Scouts;</p> <p>Solidarity Now to see if additional homework support classes could be offered for 11-15 year olds in non-SN accommodation, who are enrolled in the ZEP;</p> <p>Second Tree to liaise with Solidarity Now to refer interested 11-15yo ZEP students.</p>

enrolled at three different levels, delivered by 2 teachers (1 volunteer); there is still space but classes will finish on the 21st Dec;.

To enrol, students can come between 11-11.30 or 4.30-5pm daily at CC;

Volunteer teacher will stay after the completion of the funding and can continue the classes for an additional month (until end of Jan 2019)

At all sites (Katsikas, CC and AE) preparation of students for A2 English exams will be taking place over the next month; approximately 20 students will be prepared.

Solidarity Now
 English classes continue 3 days a week at one level and homework support classes for children 2 times a week; additional evening classes happen 2 days a week for adults; volunteers and Chara teach these classes in the Solidarity Now office;

Every Thursday, in corporation with Hatsikostas Hospital, there are hygiene workshops for PoCs at the Solidarity Now office; workshops are weekly and are on different topics such as hygiene, protection, sex ed. There are interpreters (Arabic but not Persian); currently its just for women but men should also be targeted; main group of participants at these is currently women/mothers; capacity of workshops is approx. 20, with 10 being an average turnout;

All actors interested in publicizing these workshops and encouraging their PoCs to attend; Knowing in advance which topic is being discussed would be useful for all actors working w/ young people and adults – Chara will share the topics on a weekly basis with us; Arsis and Second Tree to see if this can be replicated in AE with the UAMs and Scouts;

GAP IN HOMEWORK SUPPORT: High school students need homework support; Solidarity Now supports kids up to the age of 15 twice a week (Wed and Thurs) from 2:30-3:30pm at their office

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There is a gap in provision for such support generally, Second Tree and PH4K offer support for primary school-aged kids (up to the age of 10) in the kindergarten, **but a gap in provision for 11-15** year olds exists and is an urgent necessity; opening up access to the Solidarity Now support classes is an option, but capacity may quickly become an issue – Solidarity Now to explore if additional class can be opened and update us next meeting;

PH4K

Accommodation: Neochori schedule change due to children finally starting school; homework support continues in Jannena house and adult Greek and English classes continue in Harris rooms;

Kindergarten: homework support continues to be provided but is challenging due to the varying levels of children's comprehension and learning capacity; no significant changes or updates to CFS/Kindi program; enrolment of children in formal school continues to be monitored;

<p>3. Continuation of Services (2019)</p>	<p>Second Tree: English programs run on volunteers and will continue as is. Greek program is dependent on funding, can continue till end of Jan with a volunteer but more long-term solutions need to be found;</p> <p>CFS/Kindergarten to continue as long as CC is open;</p> <p>Solidarity Now: no updates on the definite continuation of Greek program yet; program for 2019 remains tentative;</p> <p>The provision of Greek language classes remains a top priority and need, as without it PoCs cannot access social, academic or job opportunities, which obstacle their integration efforts.</p> <p>INTERSOS had a Second Chance School Info session in AE: Adults (18+) are able to go to the Second Chance schools but need to have a level of functional Greek (A2) in order to enrol, however access to Greek classes in AE remains a gap, and PoCs find it too expensive to attend classes in the city on a daily basis – opportunities exist but need to be better facilitated by all actors working on the ground;</p> <p>Issues for single mothers attending Second Chance schools (both local and refugee) continue to exist, as there is no provision for childcare;</p> <p>Arsis</p> <p>Service centre will continue as is; Safe Zones will continue as is (AE, Amphithea, Konitsa);</p>	
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- Regional Education Sector Working Group Meeting is held on a bi-weekly/monthly basis upon all actors' agreement;
- The next meeting is to be held on **18 December 2018 at 10:00 am** at UNHCR office.
- Next meeting to be chaired by INTERSOS;