

Minutes of the SE Turkey Education Working Group

30 January 2019

UNICEF Office – Gaziantep

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

Participants: UNHCR, GIZ, Bir Dünya Çocuk, WATAN, IOM, Balad, CW, Spark, Homs League Abroad, ASAM, Qatar Charity, UNICEF, Maram Foundation, Roia, Bonyan, Syria Relief, Concern Worldwide, Save The Children, Kırkayak Kültür

Chairs: Jennifer Roberts & Abdullah Modhesh

Minutes by: Jennifer Roberts

Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
Opening, Review of action points from last meetings & Agenda presentation	All action points addressed except for updating the SE EWG about the results of discussions with MoNE regarding the difficulties in enrolling children in schools & sharing the letters from MoNE regarding enrolment procedures.	Done – see attached PHOTO-2018-09-12-16-52-27.jpg
Update from planning workshop and coordination satisfaction survey	<p>Workshop for planning took place on 10 January 2019</p> <p>Coordination satisfaction survey was administered and issues raised were taken into consideration when developing the workplan. Some of the issues which were noted from the satisfaction survey include improving joint advocacy issues/ messages and the need to close the loop on how issues are taken up to the national level.</p> <p>One of the weaker areas of coordination performance was related to capacity building. Participants are asked to share information with the Technical Advisor on their expectations and recommendations on how capacity building activities could be improved.</p> <p>Suggestion to make discussions in minutes more granular, noting differences in implementation/ education access in different provinces.</p> <p>Members suggested to share all MoMs and other relevant materials on the inter-agency portal and to confirm the draft MoM with members before posting.</p>	<p>Share the revised work plan with all members</p> <p>Technical advisor to develop and administer a capacity development survey.</p> <p>Coordinators to ensure that minutes of meetings will be shared publicly starting next month.</p>



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Workplan review	<p>Draft work plan was introduced to all members and feedback from the Workplan Workshop was obtained. Key activities in the workplan were endorsed.</p> <p>Task forces will need to be formed – volunteers sought to participate in Back to School (B2S), outreach and social cohesion task forces.</p> <p>Consider impact of closure of TECs as a cross-cutting theme looking at impact on transition to schools, social cohesion etc.</p> <p>It was noted that successful implementation of the work plan will need significant commitment from all EWG members.</p>	<p>Identify volunteers for the thematic taskforces/groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- B2S- Social Cohesion- Outreach
Camp-Urban movement: access to schooling	<p>During telephone interviews with recipients of relocation grants access to schooling has been noted as a common problem.</p> <p>It has been reported by PDNE to a NGO member that the 400 children who moved from Akcakale camp have all been accommodated in Turkish Public Schools.</p> <p>Organisations noted that it is sometimes difficult to track movement and re-enrolment as children who had attended TECs in camps were registered on YOBIS and following movement to urban areas their enrolment details cannot be updated as there are existing records in the system. The need for better individualised tracking of children's enrolment is needed.</p> <p>Some NGOs reported that children are being enrolled in lower grades than their ages when transfer to public schools. This was attributed to availability of space and not children's abilities.</p> <p>Hatay received children from TACs that have been closed. Children were not registered in school as enrolment procedure ongoing; those awaiting registration have been enrolled as guest students.</p> <p>In Gaziantep it was reported that physical space and actual seating in schools was a problem. Although children may be enrolled they do not attend due to space issues and will not receive certificates.</p>	



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	<p>Focus group discussions are being held through Inter-sector WG. Some questions on education are included in these questionnaires. The feasibility of thematic FGDs will be discussed with the Inter-Sector Coordinator.</p> <p>Need to follow up feasibility of fast-tracking issuance of IDs for children. Istanbul noted as a province for follow-up on this issue.</p> <p>UNICEF reported that they are in the process of transferring container classrooms from camps to urban areas in need. PDNE now has ownership of containers.</p>	
Activity Info & Services Advisor	<p>Demonstration of data input interface took place at the meeting. Information was also provided on creation of “Services Advisor” accounts to enable uploads of data. Activity Info training for focal points on education indicator measurement will take place..</p>	Firat (IMO) to circulate information on log-in to Services Advisor and tools for uploading information
No Lost Generation Report	<p>The timelines for the preparation of the No Lost Generation report presented to the Brussels Pledging conference has been advanced. The UNICEF regional office in Amman and regional technical focal points are preparing a draft report which will be circulated in early February. Organisations are asked to provide feedback within the requested tight timeframes.</p>	Coordinators to circulate the draft report for comment once released.
Next meeting	<p>Ad Hoc meeting will be on indicator reporting – Feb 4 Regular SE EWG meeting will be on 27 Feb, 11:00 at UNICEF Gaziantep offices</p>	

Next Meeting: Wed. 27 February, 2018 (11:00 – 13:00) in UNICEF office, Gaziantep