



Minutes of the SE Turkey Education Working Group

25 April 2018

UNICEF Office – Gaziantep

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

Participants: Human Appeal, GIZ, WATAN, Asam, Bir Dünya Çocuk Derneği, Ret International, Support to Life, Pass Humanitarian, Akdeniz Mül-Der, Concern Worldwide, TRC, Orange, Spark, Yuva, Alkhuder Alissa, ERG, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF

Chaired by: Abdullah Modhesh & Jennifer Roberts

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Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
Opening, Review of action points from last meetings & Agenda presentation	Action points from last meeting were reviewed. All actions were attended to, except the ones about ALP and Task Force updates. -The Agenda was endorsed and a few suggestions were made for AOB as per below.	Murat to find out more about the ALP training to be provided for the teachers and update the group by the next meeting. Coordinator to check with UNICEF about the possibility of organizing a consultation meeting with MoNE about ALP and update the WG by next meeting. Ayse to share the list of OOSC resource materials with the SE EWG members.
Discussion on social cohesion activities implemented in and through schools/educational settings	The session started with a brainstorming activity on the 'meaning' of social cohesion. Replies covered a wide range of perceptions that included: acceptance, friendship, speaking Turkish, cultural orientation, knowing each other, community integration in decision making, inclusion, equal access to services, inclusion of host communities. Then, the members discussed the symptoms of lack of social cohesion; including: - negative attitude towards Syrians, - refusing to rent houses to Syrians, - nationality-based bullying, - competition over resources, - segregation and isolation of the two communities, - lack of empathy and concern for each other.	Murat to share names and locations of MoYS' Youth Centers in Antep. Coordinators to share the documents and Excel Framework that is used 'Social Cohesion' presentation within 1 week.



	<p>To understand the sources of these issues, the drivers of tension were discussed and the members agreed that most of the drivers were of economic nature, mainly due to perceived competition for resources.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that programs under the education sector that target increasing social cohesion were limited. However, a number of existing programs have mainstreamed social cohesion and/or planned steps to ensure contribution to social cohesion.</p> <p>Examples of programs incorporating Social Cohesion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRC is launching NFE program and has linked with Turkish Public Schools to conduct different activities to promote better relations among students such as training on communication, organizing theatre together, etc. They have also mobile units to reach out to distant villages and districts to do the same. A team of academicians is working on a 'Social Cohesion Guidance' to be finalized within the coming 4 months.• GIZ has a project to promote empowerment of individuals from the refugee and host communities in the business market.• With the support of UNICEF, the Ministry of Youth and Sports organizes activities for Syrian and Turkish youth together.• Bir Dünya Cocuk Dernegi issues a Child Magazine in Arabic and Turkish aiming to increase common understanding among the two communities.• Spark has economic empowerment project for Syrian university students and it is planned to be expanded to Turkish students as well. <p>Key challenges to programming for Social Cohesion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding: It was pointed out that funding for social cohesion programs was limited. Besides, NGOs are usually required to focus on refugees in their response activities (sometimes to have >70% of their beneficiaries from the refugee population. In some instances, NGOs felt that this requirement causes tensions among the host community especially in areas with vulnerable Turkish families.• Access: With the increased limitations for NGOs to reach out to local communities and implement programs, especially in education, it's becoming more challenging to plan for activities that target Turkish and Syrian families.	<p>Partners to report using the shared matrix by end of the coming week.</p>
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Activity Info reporting – questions and clarifications regarding indicator measurement methodologies	<p>Eva and Firat gave updates on reporting status of members on AI. It has been realized that some organizations changed their AI Focal points. After the WG one on one training was provided to members.</p> <p>Starting from May all entries will be submitted by 10th of each month like it used to be and the system will be locked by that time. Organizations that have problems in reporting should contact Eva and Firat for assistance.</p>	<p>Partners to report on AI for January, February and March 2018 until 1st week of May.</p> <p>Eva to share the link to the M&E framework and reporting guidance.</p>
AOB Introduction to Service Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Nominations for NGO representative to the Syria Task Force: 2 Organizations showed interest. The coordinators will share the names with STF after verification.➤ Services Advisor was explained and partners requested to contact Firat if they would like to show their services or report on missing ones on the application. Currently, it's covering 81 provinces and reaching out to 106,335 users.	<p>Eva will send a poll asking for nominees</p>
NEXT MEETING: May. 30 2018 @ 11:00 In UNICEF Gaziantep Office		