

## Minutes of the SE Turkey Education Working Group

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**Participants:** UNICEF, UNHCR, Maram, Bonyan, People in Need, IOM, Kudra, GIZ, IBC, AAR Japan, Concern Worldwide, CRS, ASAM, Balad, Vatan, Save the Children, Yuva

**Observers:** Zaid Bin Thabit, Education without borders

Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
<b>1. Review of last month's MoM and action points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissemination of information about Grade 12 Exams:</li><li>• UNHCR and UNICEF provided information to NGOs in a meeting on May 10 based on MoNE's guidance. No print materials were provided though, which remained a constrain for clearer information dissemination. Despite the unavailability of print materials, NGO partners informed their beneficiaries about the registration period and where to go for details about the process. No major problems or complains were reported by partners.</li><li>• Incident of centers collecting fees from students for registration was reported from a particular school in Sanliurfa. A partner has more details that will be provided to UNICEF to discuss with MoNE. UNICEF clarified that it's paying all fees directly to MoNE based on the actual number of children who sign for the exams.</li><li>• IOM is providing transportation to facilitate exam attendance between provinces, to the exam centres based on the requests of provincial MoNE authorities. This support is currently provided to existing beneficiaries from IOM's transportation support.</li><li>• There is no information on non-syrian refugees whether they registered to 12th grade exams.</li><li>• Access to education for unregistered children</li><li>• UNHCR is aware of around 16,000 unregistered children attending schools and are in need of formal registration in order to get proper status in schools. UNHCR will follow with DGMM to ensure timely registratoin of children referred by schools.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AAR Japan will give further information about the reported case of charging fees on registration.</li><li>• Based on the information, UNICEF will discuss with MoNE and clarify the case. UNICEF will also find out about the exact number of students who registered for the exams.</li> <li>• Partners to continue identifying cases and referring to UNICEF and UNHCR.</li></ul>

<p><b>2. Update on Activity Info reporting and issues with indicators</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firat presented the current status of AI reporting based on the revised indicators. So far, entries were updated by <b>ASAM, Concern Worldwide, UNICEF and UNHCR. UNICEF reported for RET international and MoNE, UNHCR reported for YTB as well.</b> Requests for help with reporting were mainly related to Output 1.4. Firat and Eva will be available to support for next month's reporting.</li> <li>• Geographically, 80% of the reporting is from Southeast, with 10% from Istanbul and 10% from the rest of the provinces.</li> <li>• Outputs 1.4, 2.1 and 2.2 are the most reported against.</li> <li>• Dashboards will be produced based on the partners' inputs in AI. These will not include individual logos of implementing partners as agreed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As 28 partners reported under 4W, all NGOs are to report by 10 June.</li> <li>• Partners needing assistance or clarification to contact Eva and Firat (IMOs).</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Discussion on Business Continuity Planning in the current operational environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New regulations regarding the provision of any form of education are concerning to NGO partners that offer IFE programs in their community centers. A few NGOs have started facing difficulties in getting some centers shut down and not able to obtain protocols with MoNE.</li> <li>• On a positive note, it was acknowledged that MoNE is assuming more ownership of the provision of all forms of education, including IFE. However, for the WG partner agencies the restrictions could mean inability to deliver against commitments or reach the most vulnerable children with education activities.</li> <li>• Therefore, it was agreed that a small team from the WG would solicit information from partners on the scale of the impact of any closure of centers on vulnerable children and the proposed way forward for each partner. Then the team would draft a brief note on the collective potential impact on children and key actions needed to sustain a way for partners to continue their work in supporting the provision of education.</li> <li>• As of now, 5 NGOs are supporting Formal Education in 44 TECs. Registration status of 4 of these NGOs is valid until Sept. 2017. The NGOs are planning to apply for renewal with MoFA and applying for protocol with MoNE as well. One other NGO has applied for a protocol but was declined by MoNE. Impact of any suspension of NGOs' support to these 44 TECs will be assessed through the planned BCP.</li> <li>• Majority of the other NGOs are providing IFE programs in community centers or through other government institutions. Out of these, one has been suspended and is working on renewing registration. Four others have applied for protocol with MoNE to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tara, Miresi, Jennifer and Abdullah to develop a short survey to assess the potential impact of suspension of IFE activities on children in the SE region by the week of June 5th.</li> <li>• All member agencies to propose ways that could be considered for continuing the support for education and share with the said team by end of the week of June 5.</li> <li>• An ad hoc BCP meeting to be organized on June 15 to discuss the way forward based on the potential impact and proposals of member NGOs.</li> </ul>

	cover their existing and planned activities. Impact of potential suspension of activities will also be captured in the BCP.	
<b>4. Policy Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR and UNICEF reiterated the importance of having valid protocols with MoNE covering any form of educational activities by NGOs.</li> <li>• Regulations stating that no NGO should continue delivering education activities beyond June 2017 were discussed as part of the agenda item # 3.</li> <li>• Partners insisted that a national level WG that includes MoNE in its membership or co-lead would facilitate and enhance representation of NGOs with MoNE and improve coordination and clarity of regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGOs to confirm their registration and protocol status by June 15.</li> <li>• UNHCR and UNICEF to consider establishing a national level Education WG and get back to the SET EWG by the next monthly meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>5. AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Labor Technical Group (CLTG) workshop participation was discussed and Dissemination of the IFE Workshop report was discussed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING: Ad hoc on June 14 – regular meeting TBC</b>		