Minutes of the Education Working Group – Refugee Response POLAND
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Magda Woźniak - UNICEF:
Column was added Service Mapping Tool on Focal Point from the organization

From UNHCR (Erica Lynn Frank):

- UNHCR website (open data portal)
- Update Coordinator of EWG, dedicated space for Education Partners
- ToR for Sector and meeting minutes
- Polish documents to be uploaded (Alicja Pacewicz)
- RRP and Education Indicators – Training for Education and CP Partners will be done online on July 15.
- REACH will launch Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) – each Section has a questionnaire to capture the information needed. The report is expected on the last week of August and presented to partners on preliminary findings, and then final report is due mid-September

NRC Activities (Magda Bodzan):

- 3 partnerships
- In Formal Education through CEO – support to schools (teacher and headmasters) through implementation of “Better Learning Programme”, including capacity strengthening on PSS (i.e. exercises during classes for children to address stress and anxiety)
- Non-Formal – support teachers in managing crisis in school settings (creating networks of support, providing non-formal activities, Saturday classes (300 kits), G Pass (social workers working in train station to provide services for children while parents are doing their business), mobile school (on wheels) going to different reception centers, youth clubs starting from September.
- Help with translation of Position Papers required

*** Alicja Pacewicz requested materials for her website (modules, materials, upcoming events/activities to be uploaded and promoted)

Magda’s UNICEF update:

1) Conference on Inclusive Education; 2) Summer Activities in 12 municipalities supported by UNICEF;

PCPM 1) is working in Warsaw to co-finance the Summer Activities that are not funded by UNICEF, 10 cities for Summer Cities. 2) Integration programs with the support of experts to be launched in September – integration between children and explain sensitivities.

From Plan International (Alison Joyner):
• Keen to support rolling out summer and holiday activities – open to potential partnership in that area
• Through CEO and School with Class on Teacher Training – on MHPSS, Polish language courses, holistic learning approach on multi-cultural, social-emotional learning

Alicja Pacewicz – Agreements between UNICEF and Municipalities on summer activities – CEO is requesting information from Partners to include into their newsletter

Summer Activities are organized separately for Ukr and Pol children. EWG partners need to jointly advocate for integration of both refugee and host community children

Magda’s Suggestions:
- How to enhance the coordination, avoid overlapping, and organize thematic group discussions – on teacher training
- Frederik Smets will share tool on unhcr.eurekos.com Teacher Training on diverse topics – MHPSS, language learning, how to deal with diverse class, MoES continuous professional development of teachers (how is it organized)

Frederik Smets – 80% of enrolled Ukrainian refugee children don’t get appropriate language learning that will have a dramatic affect to academic outcomes of children.

From Frederik Smets
With regard to wider advocacy messages and strategic directions in the Ukraine education response, flagging that UNICEF and UNHCR have worked intensively with the the European Commission on a wide-ranging EU guidance document on inclusion of Ukrainian children, which has just come out, see https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-presents-key-principles-and-practices-for-supporting-the-inclusion-of-displaced-children-from-ukraine-in-school-education

- Commission presents key principles and practices for supporting the inclusion of displaced children from Ukraine in school education
- The European Commission publishes key principles and practices to support the inclusion of displaced children from Ukraine in national education systems within the EU.
- Supporting the Inclusion of Displaced Children from Ukraine in Education

From Alicja Pacewicz: TT can be organized jointly with Alicja (beginning of September)

Position Advocacy Papers [STC] – Chrystal Holt – social emotional learning and summer (extra-curricular) activities – suggested to distribute both papers with EWG, put logos of EWG partners