

Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) Meeting – 12 February 2013

Time: 12:00- 13:30

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room/ 2nd floor

Chaired by: UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children International (Saba Al Mobaslat)

Agenda

1. Review of Minutes/ Action Points
2. Update on situation of education for Syrian/Iraqi children and updates from partners
3. Education kits content - standard items
4. Briefing: Za'atari camp youth focus group discussions findings (Questscope/NRC)
5. Briefing: JRS on higher education opportunities for refugee population / community service learning track courses
6. Update on education needs assessment
7. Any other Business
 - a. Information web-portal
 - b. Service Guide / CPGBV Working Group
 - c. Update on ERF/OCHA
 - d. Timing of the meeting

Minutes

1. Review action points of previous meeting minutes

- The group adopted the meeting minutes from 28 January 2013.
- Action points were reviewed.

2. Update on education situation for Syrian children in Jordan and updates from partners

- UNICEF updated the situation of Syrian refugee response. In Za'atari camp, families have moved out of the Bahraini school and the school was open for students on 7 February. On 12 February (today), a school opening day is being held to encourage children and parents to participate and to enroll students.
- The MOE extended the grace period until the end of March for Syrian refugee children to register in public schools in host communities.
- Finn Church Aid, NRC, Questscope provided updates on the informal education center in Za'atari camp. Classroom containers are due to arrive. The activities are due to start on 21 February.
- Finn Church Aid and Right to Play are implementing physical education and sports activities in Za'atari camp since two months.
- Questscope mentioned the distinction of primary education – Jordan being until 10th grade and Syria being until 9th grade.

3. Education kits contents – minimum standard items

- UNICEF shared the list of items in excel for this meeting. Participants also shared the list of supplies that they are procuring in the education kits. It was agreed that the list of standard items to be prepared and shared with the group and to be adopted in the next meeting. [**ACTION: UNICEF/SCI to share the list of minimum items in the kits for primary and secondary students for next meeting's discussion**]

4. Briefing: Za'atari camp youth focus group discussions findings (Questscope/NRC)

- Questscope and NRC presented the youth focus group discussion results in Za'atari camp. **[ACTION: The copy of findings and recommendations to be shared electronically once finalized.]**
5. **Briefing: JRS on higher education opportunities for refugee population / community service learning track courses**
- JRS presented the higher education opportunities for Syrian youth and other refugee population in the country. There are two projects: 1) online university programme enabling to earn 45 college credits. Capacity to support 20 candidates. 2nd cohort is starting in summer. Location is Jabal Al-Hussein; and 2) community service learning track courses focusing on vocational training. JRS is in collaboration with the SCJ for referral. JRS also shared focus group discussions for age group 16 years and above in Amman area. **[ACTION: JRS to share the focus group discussion results with UNICEF for further dissemination]**
 - SCI suggested JRS to be invited to youth friendly spaces in host communities (managed by SCI) to show case youth focused education interventions to promote participation.
6. **Update on education needs assessment**
- Annelies/UNICEF provided updates on the education needs assessment. Mercy Corps and Handicap International to be in touch with Annelies to incorporate children with disabilities in the education assessment.
7. **Any Other Business**
- **[ACTION: UNICEF to enquire about UNHCR's web-portal / timeline and sectoral page. Also the group decided to launch an online information sharing portal such as dropbox or box simple]**
 - Copies of service guide from CPGBV Working Group were distributed in the meeting for participants/service providers.
 - ERF: Both Questscope and Relief International have been approved by technical committee and information was shared with OCHA ERF administrator.
 - UNESCO mentioned the change of timing but the participants agreed to continue with the original timing of every other Mondays at 12 pm.
 - **Next meeting is scheduled on Monday, 25 February 2013 at 12:00 pm at UNICEF's premises.**