

Education Sector Meeting Group (ESWG) Meeting – 3 June 2013

Time: 12:00- 14:00

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room/ 2nd floor

Chaired by: UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children

Agenda:

1. Review of Minutes/Action Points
2. Update on situation of education for Syrian/Iraqi children and updates from partners
3. Education definitions
4. Azraq Camp – education services planning
5. Presentation on key messages from child protection group (Gunn-Mariann Aase)
6. Any other business

Minutes

1. Review of Action points from previous meeting minutes

- The meeting minutes from 20 May were reviewed and adopted.

2. Update on the situation of education for Syrian/Iraqi children in Jordan

UNICEF

- There are some 120,000 refugees residing at the Za'atari Camp at the moment. From this around 28,500 are families and approximately half of them have received caravans. The long term plan is to replace all the tents into caravans.
- Za'atari camp: "Education Week" led by UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan in collaboration with various partners was successfully completed. Partners who participated in the Education Week are NRC, Relief International, IMC, Save the Children International, UNFPA/NHF, and other partners. Approximately 1,200 new students registered in School Number 2.
- The MoE issued a letter stating that all Syrian children should be registered at nearby police station (Ministry of Interior) in order to register public schools in Jordan. Due to implications of this new policy, UNICEF is in dialogue with the Government authorities.
- 18 schools are currently being double-shifted to accommodate the Syrian students in the northern governorates supported by UNICEF with the MoE.
- There are 22 remedial centres operating in the public schools across Jordan, with collaboration of UNICEF and Madrasati Initiative. Some 4,400 Syrian and Jordanian students are attending these remedial classes.
- School-level mapping is being explored with relevant actors to facilitate coordination at school level.
- **[Action: Education partners who support public schools to send the names/locations of the school and the GPS, national ID to UNICEF.]**
- **[Questscope (Mike) to send the list of 40 non-formal education centres to UNICEF.]**

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- There are some 3,300 education kits to be distributed to the Syrian children. Any education partners interested to distribute these, please contact: Pat Farley 079-690 8817 or haid.jordan@gmail.com .

Questscope

- Is working to identify the reasons for youth violence, and to map out the areas at the Za'atari Camp with the highest rates of it occurring. Afterwards, the plan is to target these areas in order to address issues.

NRC

- Teachers for catch-up and youth activities are in the middle of the training. The registration for these classes will start during next week.
- There are on-going discussions with UNICEF in order to carry out further catch-up classes at the Za'atari Camp.
- Activities have started at the youth centre at the Za'atari Camp.
- NRC conducted a mini-market assessment, in order to fill in the gaps that were missing in the original market assessment regarding the vocational training.
- **[Action: NRC to share the finalized market assessment with the education partners.]**

Save the Children International

- In Za'atari camp, SCI has established two prefabs which will be ready from next week onwards. This will provide more space and should bring more out-of-school children to non-formal education.
- Refugee Day Campaign will be carried out with the help of Prince Ali football union, and it is targeted for the Syrian children residing in Irbid.
- SC International is facing some difficulties with vocational training at the camp, thus any education partners interested on doing cooperation with SC International, please contact Wisam Al Masri: 079-967 2506 or wisam.almasri@savethechildren .org.

3. Education definitions

- UNICEF has received a draft document from the MoE regarding the education definitions. These definitions are still to be finalized by the Ministry and once the official version is published, UNICEF will share it with the education group colleagues.
- UNICEF shared a draft document on definitions of different education services (formal, informal, non-formal, remedial, catch-up classes). The definitions were discussed and based on comments raised, finalized document will be share during next meeting. **[Action: UNICEF to share the finalized document in the next meeting for adoption]**
- FCA requested a clarification on the definition of skills training, these will be integrated with the education definitions.
- **[Action: FCA to send the definitions for skills training to UNICEF.]**
- **[Action: Questscope (Mike) to revise the non- formal education definitions and send the feedback to UNICEF.]**

4. Azraq Camp – education services planning

- The Azraq Camp is the third camp established in Jordan after the Za'atari Camp and the Emirate Jordan Camp. The camp is four times larger than Za'atari camp and the area will be divided into villages.
- A small group of education actors for Azraq camp is formed, those are UNICEF, NRS, Questscope, FCA and Save the Children International. These are initial partners involved in providing education services in Azraq camp. Planning is done in close collaboration with the Child Protection Working Group.
- The number of refugees crossing the border had dropped significantly, however that has been changing in the past few days and the numbers are catching up. If the numbers keep on growing there is a possibility that Za'atari is not able to accommodate everyone. Thus, there has been a plan to open one of the villages in Azraq Camp on emergency basis, in order to serve the large numbers of refugees arriving.
- UNICEF and the MoE are planning to establish a formal public school to the camp. The plans have included to start catch-up classes and informal education services, which includes recreational activities.
- The opening for the camp is tentatively planned in July 2013.
- **[Action: The five organizations responsible for the education services at the camp to have a planning meeting, in order to decide which actor will provide which service.]**

5. Presentation on key messages from child protection group Gunn-Mariann Aase

- Save the Children Jordan shared the key messages regarding education at the Za'atari Camp. Key messages developed by the Child Protection Working Group were shared and it contains education relevant information.
- **[Action: UNICEF to share these key messages with the education partners.]**
- **[Action: UNICEF with SC International to review the child protection key messages for education sector.]**

6. Any other business

- The next Education Working Group meeting will be on Monday 17 June at 12:00 pm at UNICEF.