

## Education Sector Meeting Group (ESWG) Meeting – 17 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 children and updates from partners
3. Mercy Corps presentation on host communities (Alexandra Chen)
4. Update on Emergency Respond Fund
5. Definition of Education Services
6. Any other business

### Minutes

#### 1. Review of Action points from previous meeting minutes

- The meeting minutes and actions points from 3 June were reviewed and adopted.

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

##### UNICEF

- In support of Ministry of Education, UNICEF is facilitating a school level mapping exercise for support provided at public schools in Jordan. In this regard, all education partners who are providing support at public schools are kindly requested to send any relevant information – school names, national ID, GPS coordinates to Laura ([lhellqvist@unicef.org](mailto:lhellqvist@unicef.org)) and to Eugene ([eha@unicef.org](mailto:eha@unicef.org)). [**Action: education partners to send the relevant school information if relevant to Laura and Eugene.**]
- UNICEF hosted an education actors meeting at the Za'atari camp on 16 June to discuss the operational issues, comprehensive education actors mapping schedule, gaps and strategy in terms of outreach and coverage of all education actors (6-24 years). Some mapping has already been done and education services mapping will enable us to identify the gaps and to correspond to the needs better. This will also provide us to have better referral in the future. All education partners who work at the Za'atari Camp are invited to participate in these meetings, please contact Eugene Ha ([eha@unicef.org](mailto:eha@unicef.org)) for further information. The next meeting will take place in Za'atari camp on 30 June at 1 pm in Za'atari camp.
- UNICEF is increasing the outreach campaigning with the partners in Za'atari camp. UNICEF is also planning summer catch-up classes with NRC and remedial classes with Relief International at the camp.
- At the Azraq Camp, coordination is taking place with education actors who are ready to implement activities. Currently, SCI, NRC, Questscope, FCA, UNICEF (RI) are involved in this coordination and if any other actors who have funding and interest, please contact Eugene ([eha@unicef.org](mailto:eha@unicef.org)) for further information.
- The Education Needs Assessment in Za'atari camp will be shared this week. [**Action: UNICEF to share the final report with the ESWG.**]
- The Emirate Jordanian Camp has some 3,000 refugees residing. The camp is prefabricated and financed by the UAE and supported by the government of Jordan. Upon request, UNICEF and NRC are preparing to provide education services at the camp.
- Regional Response Plan 5 is launched and the link to the document was sent in the email. The Education Sector needs to strengthen its progress monitoring. Next deadline for submitting progress results is at the end of June. [**Action: UNICEF to recirculate the RRP5 monitoring framework for cumulative results to working group members, deadline for submissions is at the end of June.**]

##### NRC

- Catch-up classes will be organized at the Za'atari Camp until September, till the beginning of the new school year.
- NRC carried out rapid assessment for educational status of children in EJC to inform planned education services in collaboration with UNICEF.
- **[Action: NRC will share the assessment with UNICEF for further sharing with the working group members.]**

#### Save the Children International

- SC International will start small scale rehabilitation and psychosocial activities at 30 schools. It will also include training of counsellors and teachers in the host communities in five different governorates during July.

#### IOCC

- 3,600 school bags with stationary has been distributed, half of these went to families in five different governorates: Karak, Aqaba, Tafila, Madaba and Mafrq. From the school bags 60% went to the Syrians and the rest were given to the Jordanians.

#### Caritas

- Caritas has distributed 600 school bags in Karak, Amman, Mafrq, Irbid and Zarqa. To each school there were distributed 120 school kits in cooperation with MCC.

#### **3. Mercy Corps presentation on host communities (Alexandra Chen)**

- Mercy Corps conducted an eight week assessment in the host communities in conflict management. Some of the findings indicated that tensions rises around the schools between host communities and Syrian refugees. Other findings revealed that there are several young adolescent boys from 13 to 18 year old, who do not attend any educational service but work. Teachers are under pressur to deal with increased number of Syrian students in classrooms.
- The findings revealed that students at schools need more psychosocial support to support both Syrian and Jordanian students.
- Mercy Corps will start providing conflict management training for teachers and carry out community projects to address these issues.
- UNICEF mentioned that there are ongoing teachers training in collaboration with MOE on violence in schools. Further bilateral talk between UNICEF and MC would benefit future efforts.
- If any education partner is interested on having the report, please contact: Alexandra Chen at [achen@jo.mercycorps.org](mailto:achen@jo.mercycorps.org).

#### **4. Update on Emergency Respond Fund**

- Two key changes in ERF – 1) partners are encouraged to submit the proposals on a rolling basis and 2) ceiling of ERF has increased to 500,000 USD however the total budget should be based on the urgent needs and gaps. If any education partner has a proposal, please send it to Eugene Ha ([eha@unicef.org](mailto:eha@unicef.org)) and Saba Al Mbaslat ([saba.mobaslat@savethechildren.org](mailto:saba.mobaslat@savethechildren.org)) for review and further discussion.
- **[Action: UNICEF to re-share the ERF Education Sector Priority list.]**

#### **5. Definition of Education Services**

- The group discussed on the Education definitions, and there were some comments made to the existing document. The group members wished to rephrase the wording of catch-up classes.
- After these changes are incorporated the definitions and was agreed and adopted.
- **[Action: ILO colleague to provide definitions for vocational training with Laura/Eugene to be incorporated within the document]**
- **[UNICEF to upload and share the adopted definitions with the working group members once finalized.]**

**6. Any other business**

- Nicolas Sauvage from Daem/Tamkeen called for partners who are working with children whose families are in agricultural sector. This may involve partners who are present in Jordan Valley. This is related to issues on child protection/human rights within the agricultural sector in the host communities. Any partners interested please contact Nicolas: [sauvage.nicolas@yahoo.fr](mailto:sauvage.nicolas@yahoo.fr)
- **The next Education Working Group meeting will be on Monday 8 July at 12:00 pm at UNICEF 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room.**