

# Minutes of Education Coordination Group Meeting

UNHCR- Tripoli Office-  
23<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 12:00

## **Participants:**

UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, MEHE, NRC, SCI, WCH, Balamand University, CLMC, MOSA.

### **1. Back to school campaign**

#### **UNHCR briefing:**

The decision of the second shift schools is finalized and UNHCR together with the MEHE is agreeing on a mechanism to start the implementation.

School in boxes will be delivered to the public schools directly in the beginning of the month of November, and the Implementing partners will be responsible to monitor and follow up the distribution process along with the school directors.

School Bags will be delayed till the end of November, and it will be handed to the IPs for their direct distribution to Syrian children enrolled in schools.

#### **MEHE briefing:**

The representative from the MEHE regional office presented the current numbers gathered from 175 public schools out of 228. According to the MEHE figures, there are 4659 Syrian students registered in the Public schools of T5 and there are 2886 students on the waiting lists.

After the final decisions of MEHE, the second shift schools will be in place to host the Syrian students who could not register. Based on the final communication from MEHE Beirut, the regional MEHE office modified the initially suggested list of second shift schools according to the data gathered from the public schools.

Based on the decision number 1336- regional committees will be formed in each region (from MEHE, UN agencies and active NGOs) to discuss and follow the implementation of the second shift schools.

#### **Partners' intervention:**

##### **Norwegian Refugee Council- NRC**

For the BTS campaign, first shifts, NRC is covering Minieh Dennieh district and part of Tripoli. According to the data gathered by NRC team, so far there are 1962 students registered in Public

schools, while on the waiting lists, there are 1410 Syrian children. The payment modalities and the reimbursement will be finalized with their finance department.

### **Save the Children – SCI**

SCI are covering Zgharta and Koura districts. According to the data gathered by the outreach team of SCI, 1500 Syrian children are registered for the first shift. Gathering the data of the children on the waiting lists was a challenge as most of the directors have not registered name on the waiting lists. Payments are pending until the process is finalized.

For both SCI and NRC, to reimburse directly to the refugees is not feasible, thus both are assessing alternative solution such as transferring the amount to the schools and asking the directors to do the reimbursement.

### **Caritas**

Caritas team is gathering the list of students from MEHE regional office and based on that, visiting the schools for monitoring purposes. They are in process of preparing the payments. For the students who have already paid. Caritas will directly issue cheques to the refugees who have paid while for those who have enrolled but not paid, the cheques will be issued to the school.

## **2. Agencies updates:**

**War Child Holland:** - In partnership with UNICEF, ALP classes are ongoing till 15<sup>th</sup> of November for the out of school children in 4 schools in Tripoli-T5 (Wadi Al Nahleh, Beddawi Intermediate for Girls, Nabi Kozayber and Al Nahda Public Schools)

- ALP classes in Baddawi Municipality

### **UNDP:**

UNDP has conducted peace building activities and last year they have trained public school teachers from Wadi Khaled area. This year, together with UNHCR, they are planning to implement such activity as a community support project.

UNDP will select 22 schools from T5 area in order to train two teachers from each school on conflict resolution, peace building, positive teaching, etc...

In order to select the 22 schools from T5 area, the WG discussed about the following criteria:

- Schools with high concentration of Syrian students
- Schools where conflicts are reported
- Consider the assessment of 30 schools of NRC
- Consider the assessment on school drop outs from Balamand University.

### 3. Summary of action points for follow up.

	What	Who	When
1.	Distribute the lists of registered students gathered from the MEHE amongst the NGOs	UNHCR (Vanan)	23/10/2013
2.	NGOs to conduct monitoring visits to check if children are in schools	NRC, SCI, Caritas	Till 8/11/2013
3.	To start the payments for all “old” students	NRC, Caritas, SCI	ASAP
4.	Regional committee meetings	MEHE (Adel Melhem)	ASAP
5.	Distribution of school in a box and school bags	UNHCR, SCI, NRC, Caritas	Once received
6.	To share with UNDP: - the name of schools where conflicts are reported - Assessment of NRC - Schools in T5 with High drop out rate- Balamand assessment - Schools in T5 with high concentration of refugees	All agencies + MEHE	8/11/2013
7.	To share the finalised reports of Balamand and JENA	UNICEF	
8.	To outreach out of school children for enrolment in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift schools	ECG	Ongoing
9.	To Provide the final list of 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift schools.	MEHE	Once ready

Next meeting: **Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 12:00**

Venue: **UNHCR Compound – Tripoli**