

Minutes of Education Coordination Group Meeting

UNHCR- Tripoli Office-
15 January 2014 – 12:00

Participants:

UNHCR, UNICEF, SCI, IECD, Relief International, NRC, CLMC, WCH, Balamand University, Beyond, MEHE regional.

1. Status of action points from previous meeting:

What	Who	Status
Invite Beyond to participate to the T5 EWG	UNICEF	DONE: The north coordinator of Beyond was present.
Provide feedback on the Protection table / education Gaps in ITs	All agencies	The table was shared, but NGOs did not provide feedback. To provide feedback during the coming two weeks.
RI to liaise with NRC for students from Kfarbeitia public school.	NRC/RI	Did not happen. To be followed up by NRC and RI
Task force to work on T5 EWG ToR	UNHCR, UNICEF, WCH, NRC, RI	The meeting took place on January 10, and a first draft is in process. The TF will meet on the 21 st to finalise the 1 st draft and share it during the next EWG
IECD to liaise with NRC to enrol students in the second shift schools of Tripoli.	NRC, IECD	In process
Share the updated list of second shift school by acting NGO	UNHCR	DONE
Share the Assessment results and the education gaps/challenges reported	OXFAM	Did not happen. To follow up with OXFAM

2. Presentation – Child Protection Unit. (Document attached)

3. Second Shift Schools

Save the Children – SCI

- SCI covered registration fees for 367 children in Vera Frangieh Public School .
- Kousba for boys public school, 187 children are registered, 125 attending.

Norwegian Refugee Council – NRC

NRC is covering 10 second shift schools in which:

- 4017 children registered their names on the schools lists
- 2762 children registered with NRC
- 575 children on NRC's waiting list
- Transportation is provided and ongoing in 5 schools (the other 5 for next week) / AHDAB company is contracted for transportation

Discussions:

- MEHE representative insisted that nothing should be paid to second shift schools until clear expenditures guidelines are received.
- NRC raised the need to have a closure date for registration in second shift (Tentative deadline end of January 2014).
- Regional MEHE representative stated that the issue of agreements between agencies and second shift schools is being reviewed by MEHE lawyers. Feedback is expected soon from the general director
- NRC and SCI raised a protection issue regarding the transportation of children in 2nd shifts. Different options are discussed. A task force was formed by NRC, UNICEF, WCH, SCI and UNHCR protection in order to meet and discuss the situation.

4. Updates and Pending issues for first shift

Caritas

Caritas finished payments for old students and finalizing new students now:

- 2109 Syrian, 663 Lebanese host and 2 Lebanese returnees children were covered by tuition fees
- Providing transport for 1163 children in Akkar and T5.

Save the Children – SCI

- SCI covered registration fees for 2163 Syrian children and 187 Lebanese children in Koura and Zgharta schools

Norwegian Refugee Council – NRC

NRC didn't pay tuition fees for 1st shift yet and prefers to have written agreements with school directors.

5. Education activity Matrix:

Partners are requested to update the 4Ws education matrix for T5 and share it before Feb 12th 2014. UNICEF will share the matrix and compile all the information before the next EWG.

6. AOB:

The question was raised about the end date of registration for the second shift schools.

As there are no clear guidelines from the MEHE on that, it was discussed to propose end of January as a possible end date for registration in the second shift.

It was suggested to change the meeting time to 11:00am instead of 12:00 noon. All participants agreed.

7. Summary of action points for follow up.

	What	Who	When
1.	Share the Child protection case management table and the directory of services for CP.	UNHCR	22/1/2014
2.	Provide feedback on the Protection table / education Gaps in ITSs	All agencies	31/1/2014
3.	RI to liaise with NRC for students from Kfarbeitia public school.	NRC/RI	31/1/2014
4.	Request a written commitment/guidelines from MEHE on the 750 hours of teaching for the 2 nd shift schools (and a relevant end date for the academic year)	In coordination with UNHCR beirut	19/2/2014
5.	MEHE to communicate to all 2 nd shift school directors the deadline for registration as 31/1/2014	MEHE + 2 nd shift committee	17/1/2014
6.	Share the Assessment results and the education gaps/challenges reported	OXFAM	
7.	Receive the details of the insurance coverage (1 hour before and after School hours?)	MEHE regional	
8.	Follow up the expenditures guidelines for 2 nd shift schools	MEHE regional	
9.	Task force - ensure protection during transportation (liaise with CP unit)	UNHCR, UNICEF, WCH,SCI, NRC	31/1/2014
10.	To Fill and share the education 4W matrix	All agencies	19/2/2014

Next meeting: **Wednesday 19 February 2014 at 11:00am**

Venue: **UNHCR Compound – Tripoli**