

Education Sector Working Group - ESWG - JORDAN

ESWG Meeting Minutes - 20th April, 2015. (UNICEF 12:00-14:00 hrs)

Agencies present: AVSI, Caritas Jordan, FCA, INTERSOS, KnK, MECI, NRC, Questscope, RI, TdH, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF and WarChild UK

Agenda:

- 1. Review minutes and action points
- 2.SAG (NGOs and INGOs representation)
- 3. Minimum Operating Standards Guidelines for Informal Education in camps
- 4. EiE Evaluation
- 5. Challenges in Edu program implementation
- 6. AoB- (Education Glossary, MEB TF)

1. Review previous minutes and action points:

The minutes and action points from previous meeting agreed upon and endorsed by members present at the meeting.

2. SAG (NGOs and INGOs representation)

SAG team shared the newest version of the TORs with members and incorporated comments into the document. Members came to an agreement that, instead of nomination and election of individuals, organizations will be elected. It will be the responsibility of the elected organization to nominate their staff to be a SAG member. If the selected staff leaves, the same organization will be requested to nominate another person and in case they do not have another qualified staff to fill the position, another agency will be considered.

3. Minimum Operating Standards Guidelines for Informal Education in camps

In groups, members discussed the minimum operating standards for IFE in camps. They suggested that IFE should have a curriculum including literacy and numeracy (Math, Arabic/English classes and cultural studies), may also include computer, English, life skills, PSS, technical skills, post basic learning and other classes, human resources should include teachers with a bachelor's degree and PSS/life skills support staff equally with degrees or an equivalent and incentives should be 2.5 JOD per hour. IFE should target children between 6-11 (only those who have failed to get placement in public schools) and 12-24. UNICEF should share the IFE mapping that they conducted and presented last year so that agencies and the ESWG can select what is applicable for the camp.

4. EiE Evaluation

UNICEF is conducting an Education in Emergency evaluation with the aim of evaluating education program in the country. Field level data collection started on May 06 and a report will be available at the end of August. UNICEF will keep members updated on this exercise since it involves their implementing partners.

5. Challenges in Edu program implementation

All the members had a detail discuss around the challenges faced by them while implementing their program. They shared their experience and highlighted how to support MoE in better way.

Members also seek advices form other members who are also facing same problems. Members strongly recommended that the financial assistance/ participation allowance for Govt participants should be according to the Govt rules and regulation. Members can help each other to find the appropriate rules and regulation. Otherwise the assistance/participation allowance should be standardized.

6. (AoB – Education Glossary and MEB TF)

- Education glossary: There will be a meeting to discuss the revision of the current glossary.
- MEB Task Force: The Minimum Expenditure Basket TF have requested for ESWG members to attend their next meeting.



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SUMMARY ACTION POINTS

Action points	Responsible agency	Deadline
SAG TORs to be shared	SAG/Co-chairs	After the meeting
The template for Minimum IFE standards in camps will be improved on the base of ESWG members.	Co-chair	Before next meeting
The issues highlighted at ESWG may be shared with ISWG and seek their advice.	Co-chairs/all ESWG members	At the next ISWG meeting
An email will be sent to agencies who volunteered to be part of the group that will update the education glossary	Co-chairs	TBD
Agencies that would like to attend the MEB TF meeting should contact Farrukh	Interested agencies	After the meeting

The next meeting will be on May 04, 2015.

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- Review minutes and action points
 Minimum Expenditure basket
 SAG NGOs and INGOs selection/election process.
- 4.IEC and B2L Material.
- 5. Upcoming project by AVSI
- 6.YTF updates.
- 7.AoB- AITG updates, HE initiative by UNESCO