

North Greece Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

22 FEBRUARY 2017 @ SCI, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

1. General updates
2. How to enroll children in formal schooling / Directorate support with enrolment
3. Youth
4. Data reporting
5. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
1. General updates	<p>ELIX started at Mouries and cooperate with UNICEF in Kavalari & Derveni/Alexil. Two weeks ago started cooperation with SOLIDARITY NOW at the Blue Center in Koletti str.: around 50 children registered but 35 attend on a regular basis. They also do ECD in Kavalari. RECs said they are ready to start kindergarten education soon.</p> <p>UNICEF is funding the CFS inside the Blue Center. They announced that an autonomous sub-working group meets biweekly in Ioannina.</p> <p>INTERSOS & UNHCR continue to provide micro grants to Community Based Organisation (6,000 TO 20,000 euros) with a view to identifying, supporting and mobilising community groups within the local host populations in the Central and Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region.</p> <p>UNHCR has been covering Ioannina and Grevena since January 1st. Did sensitization activities in Profitis so as to influence policies but local communities do not need NGOs but wish to collaborate only with public authorities. They</p>	<p>- Any organizations interested in developing an advocacy/sensitization task force group to address issues of discrimination and security of students, and building relationships between host and refugee communities, contact the northern ESWG (Avgi.Vafeidou@savethechildren.org)</p>

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pushed for collective leadership and advocacy so as to be organized thematically, be more specific and accomplish integration.

SCI is targeting intercultural sensitization and awareness in their new ECHO strategy. Have taken approval and are about to provide education in new hotels, in Chalkidona and Nea Apollonia/Volvi.

ARSIS support children and youth with a variety of programs (i.e. robotics), focuses on integration and advocacy. Do seminars for parents, work with children with special abilities, do street mapping, will start in hospitals, and do some kind of formal education.

ANTIGONE do intercultural education for teachers of public schools and is the one who tries to link groups of parents with school principals/directors. They enter schools and run non-formal education in public schools (since 2012). They also target Roma.

TDH (Terre des Hommes) will start Vocational Training with unaccompanied and separated children in Thessaloniki once the funding starts.

DRC do assessments in urban areas. Plan to go to Kavalari but will coordinate with ELIX to avoid duplication. Started teaching Greek, English and ICT in Lagadikia to children, adolescents and adults. Will also work in Volos and mentioned the absence of an Education Working Group where they could report what they do in Koutsochero/Larisa.

Almost all participants (e.g. NRC, SCI, ARSIS, INTERSOS) stated their willingness and intention to education offer services in urban settings. UNHCR are filling an Urban Working Service tool. The definition of “urban” as decided by the ENWG is “anything off-site”.

RTI do ECD in Carita’s shelter in Epanomi and Frakapor. Need to expand collaboration with NGOs on ECD

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	<p>implementation.</p> <p>NRC followed children to hotel Leonidas, Kassandria and Sun Beach. They are opening a Community Center and will provide PoCs who moved to Veroia camp with transportation.</p> <p>IOM informed participants about the beginning of formal education in Diavata and Derveni/Alexil camps on Friday 17th February. In Diavata, 91 children registered to public school and in Derveni/Alexil only 9 children registered but there were a lot of issues there. In total, 11 camps are now part of formal education scheme, 27 schools and almost 700 children.</p> <p>OCC (Open Cultural Center) is currently in Polykastro and offer a variety of activities to all age groups. Have contact with around 10 children who do not want to attend Platania Secondary School.</p>	
How to enroll children in formal schooling / Directorate support with enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation that refugee parents who wish to enroll their children in formal schools should go directly to the Regional Directorate, not to the schools or principles. - Agreement among participants that an information document for refugee parents, with step-by-step information about formal school enrollment, would be helpful. 	- ESWG to follow up to collect the contact information for the 4 different directorates, discuss ensuring children are able to be placed within a reasonable distance from where they are living, and get step-by-step information on this procedure to help create a guidance document that we can translate and circulate to refugee parents.
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the importance of providing education services for youth. - Broad acknowledgement from all participants and there is a critical need to support youth and a need to discuss 	- Any organizations interested in developing a youth education task force group contact the northern ESWG (Avgi.Vafeidou@savethechildren.org)

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	<p>possible solutions and ideas for incentivizing youth to attend education activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion from UNHCR to develop a regional youth task force. - Note from National ESWG Coordinator that a national youth task force may also be developed in the coming weeks to address the same issues at the national level. 	
Data reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All national-level sector working groups will be launching data reporting soon. Data reporting will take place through an online platform called ActivityInfo. ALL education actors are requested to report data about their activities every month so as to better inform the whole sector of who is doing what and where, to allow for better coordination and collaboration. The National ESWG will be sending out more detailed instructions to all actors early next week with specific instructions. If you would like more formal training on how to report through ActivityInfo, contact your regional UNHCR information management focal point. If you are unsure of who this focal point is, email the national ESWG (eswg.greece@gmail.com) 	All education organizations to report on activities monthly through ActivityInfo.

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NEXT MEETING:

08 MARCH 2017 @ SCI, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

at **10:00**

Location to be determined and communicated shortly

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