

Education Sector Working Group Epirus Meeting

Date:	25 April 2017	
Participants:	<i>UNHCR, Apostoli, Terre des Hommes, Second Tree, Arsis, Bibliotheques Sans frontiers</i>	
Chair:	UNHCR: Mohamed Othman– Protection Associate othmanm@unhcr.org	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal education classes and efforts to include all the urban population in the next program of the MoED from September 2017. 2. Community Centre in Ioannina is opening, positive effects on non-formal education/ recreational and cultural activities 3. Any other business. 	
Key	PoCs= Persons of Concern MoED= Ministry of Education	
Agenda item	Discussions	Action points /deadline
	<p>The RESWG welcomes Libraries Without Borders and asked for a briefing about their activities in Epirus</p> <p>BSF: we're present in Epirus in cooperation with Tdh, we have 1 ideas-BOX in the community centre and 5 com-BOX in the 5 locations giving PoCs access to an online content with a broad selection of books and materials, taking into consideration the high cost of the ideas-BOX the possibility of installing more than one wasn't possible till now</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
1. Formal education classes and efforts to include all the urban population in the next program of the MoED from September 2017.	<p>UNHCR had a meeting with the manager of the education department in the prefecture of Epirus to update the MoED about the decisions of the families of the children formerly enrolled in formal education classes (Egnatia hotel Ioannina currently in Attica) whom decided not to accept the offer made by UNHCR to come back to Ioannina in the newly contracted apartments run by Solidarity Now, and their preference to stay in Athens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion with the MoED in the next WG to exchange ideas and deliver comments and proposals to consider in the next year program based on what we experienced this year • UNHCR will share an age breakdown of the children

	<p>As well to discuss and coordinate the efforts of the including all the refugee children residing in urban accommodation in Ioannina in the formal education classes of the new school year starting September 2107.</p> <p>MoED: the plan of the new school year is to enrol the children from the apartments in morning classes with Greek children with the same administrative procedures as others, as for the open sites they'll be enrolled in Reception Classes (as this school year).</p> <p>-morning classes will give the children an important integration opportunity with many positive copying mechanisms between the children of the 2 communities (as observed in the reception classes where they interact for 2 hours and their attitude to each other is better than each among each other peers).</p>	<p>(primary/secondary school) with the MoED on regular basis.</p>
<p>2. Community Centre in Ioannina is opening, positive effects on non-formal education/ recreational and cultural activities</p>	<p>On Wednesday 26th April the community centre in Ioannina will open (Project of Tdh/Oxfam) which will have many positive effects in bringing both communities together through providing a pack of cultural, educational, recreational activities for both communities.</p> <p>TdH-the community centre will host the Greek lessons by Uol instead of the library.</p> <p>.IOM is leaving the story lab</p> <p>.Arsis will manage the CFS</p> <p>.LHR the Mother/baby area (LHR will be out of Epirus by the end of May)</p> <p>.vocational training with Habibi Works (sowing area, Kitchen and monthly brunch).</p> <p>.the ideas-BOX of BSF</p> <p>.life skills workshops, help desk, counselling space by GCR/MSF</p> <p>.local community participation and local cultural centres in the activities (Platanos Centre)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<p>-the refugees from Agioklima and Jiannana Guesthouse visited the community centre.</p> <p>-Greek children will be at CFS</p> <p>-the municipality asked to accommodate Greek children with Specific Needs in the activities of the community centre (the reply will depend on the experience and readiness of the staff managing the activities)</p>	
<p>3. Any other Business.</p>	<p>-in Doliana all the children of the secondary school stopped attending. They stated that they lost interest in the Greek language classes (not to English and IT classes)</p> <p>-the area where they have the CFS in Doliana needs restoration.</p> <p>-Apostoli will remain in Epirus till July implementing the program of non-formal education funded by UNICEF, after July depending on funds their presence will be decided in the region, non-formal education classes of Apostoli will continue till 30th June 2107</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meetings were held with both parents and children, they believe that curricula is below their level/language barrier with the teachers, the parents are more concerned about leaving Greece to other MS country. (to be discussed with the MoED in the next meeting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Education Sector Working Group Meeting is held on a bi-weekly basis upon all actors' agreement; • The next meeting is to be held on <u>Tuesday 09 May 2017</u> at 10:00 am at UNHCR office. 		