



Minutes of the SE Turkey Education Working Group

27 June 2018

UNICEF Office – Gaziantep

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting – **Focus:** Back to School preparations

Participants: ASAM, Human Appeal, Bonyan, Yuva, Qatar Charity, Balad, RET, Watan, Save the Children, STL, Concern Worldwide, GIZ, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM

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Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
Review of MoM and action points from last meeting	<p>Action points from last meeting were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was scheduled to have a presentation on the inclusion of Children with Disabilities (CwD) during the July meeting. UNICEF will find out if the relevant DG from MoNE could also be present. If not, Arabic CTE brochures were shared with members by email and are available <i>-along with ALP ones now-</i> in Google Drive. The action point about capacity of UNICEF constructed containers and school kits' quantity to be distributed for this school year was carried forward to July meeting. Members are still interested to organize a knowledge sharing activity (Market Place) event. Members suggested to focus on Social Cohesion as the theme of the first event. Cengiz from UNHCR volunteered to be the focal point for coordinating the event and the following organizations expressed interest to present: (IOM – RET – Concern – Save the Children – GIZ). An email will be sent to other members who might be interested to also participate and a time will be fixed (either August or September). The Agenda was endorsed and update on ALP locations was added as AOB 	<p>Coordinators to follow up on the CwD presentation and coordinate with Gaziantep PDoNE if MoNE isn't presenting.</p> <p>UNICEF to provide update next meeting</p> <p>Organizations interested in contributing to contact the coordinator by 16 July (@ quick poll is distributed with the minutes.)</p>
Briefing about member's education activities and the process of obtaining a protocol with MoNE (Orange, Yuva)	<p>Following last meeting's presentations, two organization (Orange and Yuva) requested to also present about their experience in this meeting. As Orange wasn't able to make it to the meeting, only Yuva made a presentation.</p> <p><u>Current Activities:</u> Yuva is currently implementing cash for training, language teaching, vocational training and university entrance exam preparation projects. Turkish Language Courses are certified by the Public Education Centers (PEC.) Teachers/Trainers are either employed by Yuva or PEC depending on the province and context and Yuva provides teacher training.</p>	NA



	<p><u>Experience with obtaining a protocol:</u> Communication between the organization and MoNE continued for about 6 months (March to Sept. of last year) until a protocol was signed. It was important for the organization to have regular meetings with MoNE and relevant authorities. They explained to all authorities they met all the programs and activities they were conducting and their added value, especially in terms of how they can support education.</p>	
<p>Overview of the Back To School planning & Update from the volunteering organizations</p>	<p>A presentation on the work done so far was made by Baris from UNICEF. The key messages have been slightly revised with some inputs from members to reflect some changes in the context. However, it was acknowledged that messages regarding major initiatives such as Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) need to be added and relevant activities suggested. It was also agreed that the survey needs to be amended and the roles of partners in data collection, data entry, analysis and reporting further defined.</p> <p>Following this, participants were split into two groups as described in subsequent section. It was agreed that connection with the Child Protection sub-working group (CPsWG) was essential to find out about profiles and questions that might not be visible to Education actors.</p>	<p>Coordinator to link with the CPsWG and provide updates to the small group working on B2S regularly, starting in 1st week of July.</p>
<p>Group work: A. Revision/Finalization of the Back to School Messages B. Registration/Enrolment Challenges Survey, Problem Log and Registration Practices</p>	<p>Group A worked on Back to School key messages and identified key messages that need to be added or changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information about ALP should be added to the messages.• Vocational Training Centers should be emphasized and information about how different they are from TVET schools and registration requirements should be added.• Syrian parents are concerned about their children’s adaptation to Turkish curriculum and TPSs as well as potential exclusion and bullying incidents. Measures to support Syrian children in Turkish education system should be explained (e.g. employing Syrian volunteer teacher in the school, intensive Turkish language support, etc.)• A revision was suggested to a few activities; such as accompanying groups of families/children to assist their school registration. It was noted that such recommendation should be depending on local context and subject to the judgment of the organization given some local sensitivities and concerns about potential labelling/stigmatization, etc.• General information about the registration policies/requirements should be provided. Practices from different provinces/schools should be learned (how?)• It was agreed that the format of the messages need to be more interactive and user friendly. So, it was suggested to have a volunteer group to consider improving the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review group to meet (Baris to coordinate) and finalize the survey by the end of next week (July 6).- Modality for conducting surveys and outreaching will be decided by members by July 11.



	<p>presentation of the messages (designing posters, infographics, etc.). – So far, UNICEF and Save the Children volunteered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group is to work on providing more information about all available education opportunities for Syrian children, including non-formal education. <p>Group B reviewed and revised the Enrolment Challenges Survey. Apart from minor changes, it was agreed to include questions related to I/NFE. It was also agreed to add description of where the data was collected (household visit – community center – etc.) Members stressed the importance of close coordination on data collection to prevent possible overlaps. The timing for data collection is still under discussion to be resolved after the meeting with volunteer organizations (RET, UNHCR, Basmeh Zeitooneh, GIZ, STL) on Wed. 4 July.</p>	
AOB	Due to time constraints, information on ALP was postponed until next meeting.	Coordinator to find more information about ALP and share by email (already shared and accessible here)
NEXT MEETING: July 25 2018 @ 11:00 In UNICEF Gaziantep Office		