

Greece SubNational Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2019 @ SOLIDARITYNOW, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

- Enrolment monitoring
- Updates from Partners
- AOB.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
ESWG coordination	<p>Partners are kindly informed that ESWG meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of each month, at 10:30 on the 2nd floor of Ptolemeon 29A.</p> <p>Any changes as to that will be communicated in advance.</p>	
Updates from partners	<p>Recognized refugees in the ESTIA program and camps that are subject to the termination of their accommodation and have children registered in Greek schools will delay their termination until after the end of the school year.</p>	
Updates from partners	<p>RTI presented their call for applications for the Baytna program. Specifically, they will award up to 25.000 euros to three organizations anywhere in Greece, in order to develop their own Baytna hub, with RTI's technical support. Baytna hubs are early childhood education centers for children 0-6 years old. Such hubs already operate in Polykastro (through Open Cultural Center), as well as in Alkyone and Irida's spaces in Thessaloniki.</p> <p>Expected results will be published in early April.</p> <p>RTI also reported that children in Kilkis (OCC hub) are not regularly attending kindergarten, despite the existence of an official MoE kindergarten nearby.</p>	

Updates from partners	MDAT informed partners of an online university that is open to giving scholarships to refugees for full degree programs: Uninettuno University, located in Italy.	For further information, please contact Ms. Paola Seremeti (seremeti@mdat.gr).
Updates from partners	<p>UNHCR informed partners of the availability of scholarships earmarked for refugees in the University of Macedonia robotics program for children. The deadline closed in February, and many refugee children benefitted from the offered places!</p> <p>The Hellenic Theatre/Drama & Education Network (TENet-Gr) realized the “Passages” game on 3/3 in the Center for Lifelong Learning of the Municipality of Thessaloniki (Egnatia 132). "Passages" is a UNHCR simulation game allowing participants to understand events and situations that the refugees have to deal with in their effort to find safe shelter in another country.</p>	
Updates from partners	<p>International Mother Tongue day was celebrated in the Municipality of Thessaloniki, in an event organized by UNICEF, MoThess and the Council for the Integration of Migrants (SEM). Around 200 children participated, as well as 400 parents, to multilingual activities and games celebrating linguistic diversity!</p> <p>Participating children/parents were escorted by RTI, YMCA, Arsis, INTERSOS, SN, IOM, while METAdrasi provided interpretation services.</p>	
Updates from partners	The Hellenic-Arabic Friendship program is introducing an Arabic class for Greeks in MoThess’ KEDIVIM (Center for Lifelong Learning).	Schedule to be shared by UHAF.

Enrolment monitoring	<p>OMNES reported no issues with the registration of children to Kilkis schools, as 56 children were pending registration very soon. One registration was realized to an evening Gymnasium, with 18 more to follow.</p> <p>Health centers in Kilkis delay vaccinations as local medical staff require a Greek-refugee balance in the vaccination schedule. As of 27/2, 30 refugee children remained unvaccinated.</p>	OMNES to follow up with developments.
Updates from partners	The school guide published by the MoE will be shared in schools (primary and kindergarten) –UNHCR pending to update partners about its translation into refugee languages.	
Updates from partners	<p>SolidarityNow is launching its Child protection/Education intervention in Volvi in March.</p> <p>The education component will include classes for children and adults: Greek, English, Math/Science.</p>	
Updates from partners	<p>UNICEF informed partners that the interpretation in schools program operated by METAdrasi with UNICEF funding will continue into 2019, with perhaps a small gap due to the ECHO-HOME transition.</p> <p>Through DG-HOME/IOM funding, UNICEF will monitor Child protection and Education in all mainland sites, and will also provide technical support in hotels and safe zones.</p>	
Enrolment monitoring	<p>IOM has arranged for children from the Grevena sites to attend school via its transportation project.</p> <p>Overall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4066 children are benefitting from the transportation program in Greece • Our of which 1951 children in the North • 66 buses • 119 schools serviced 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 bus escorts employed + 20 bus escorts hired through the bus companies, soon to be directly employed by IOM • 15 camps serviced • 9 hotels serviced 	
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NEXT MEETING:

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