



The Meeting Minutes of ESWG Meeting

13:00 – 14:00 hours, on 25 November 2021

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Chaired by Dina AlMasri, NRC

- **Agenda:**
 - National Updates – 15 mins (UNICEF – ECED and basic education + Remedial Approvals; UNHCR/UNESCO– TVET and HE)
 - Partners' Updates - 20 mins (all partners + Camps ESWG - UNICEF and EDPG).
 - JRP 2022 presentation – 15 mins (UNHCR)
 - Updates on PPCC TWGs - ESWG Members Participation Expression of Interest - 10 minutes – (NRC)
 - AOB - 05 mins
- **Attendees:** 50 participants.

Key Topics of Discussion	Action Points
<p><u>National Updates (UNICEF, Gemma)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 cases are shooting up over the last few weeks. No official numbers from MoE. Handful of schools and classes have closed based on the informal figures. This is expected as they are part of the community with nearly 10% positive rates amongst the tested cases. • Development partners developed an advocacy note along with the ESWG co-chairs with the focus on compliance with public health measures and increased vaccination so schools can remain F2F and reopen normally in February. • MoE and MoH have been trying to monitor and control the situation by conducting rapid tests. • 323 days of in-person education has been lost, but we know that half of the schools now have some form of partial closure of blended learning. The impact on learning has not yet been fully seen. Teachers do not necessarily have the knowledge or capacity to catch-up their students with the learning loss. Not getting remedial education programmes approved on JORISS, however, after speaking with the DCU, it's understood that most organisations with the approval issue have now had their one on one meeting with the DCU to discuss alternatives. The MoE wants all R.E. programmes to be aligned with the national curriculum and recruiting the MoE staff/ teachers, and supported by the packages that have been developed. <p><u>TVET and H.E. (UNESCO/UNHCR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan will start a TVET system review from early on the year with UNESCO technical support, under TVSDC leadership and in coordination with relevant line ministries and key partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advocacy note is important to be used in any chance by partners with governmental stakeholders.
<p><u>Partners' Updates</u> <u>Camps ESWG (UNICEF, Osama)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 classroom closures in Zaatari in the past month. 63 cases detected in schools in total. Azraq: 5 classroom closures, 15 cases in total reported. Higher scrutiny on health protocol and distribution of disposable masks, use of sanitisers, etc. • Final exams will start on December 8th, Tawjihi on the 30th, 791 students in the four camps registered for the Tawjihi final exam. UNICEF coordinating with MoE to facilitate • NRC started LSS in formal schools, about 500 students in grades 5 and 6 in both camps, in 9 schools. Different training sessions being planned during the mid-year break for SATs and teachers. • ESWG trying to coordinate the training sessions and cover any gaps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RI to connect with Gemma UNICEF to receive detailed info about the remedial education approvals with MoE.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP feeding programme is still suspended pending approval. Once approvals are obtained they will go back to distributing the date bars in schools within 48 hours. • MC launched the IE guidelines manual. Ongoing assessment in camps for CWDs of students. • RI implementing D.O. programme until the end of the year before handing over to the MOE. (Clarification provided by RI – Muna on D.O. and remedial) • Blumont is now planning to do the graduation ceremony end of Nov. The TIGER model (EDU and LS programme). • Stray dogs affecting the attendance of some students in camps, the community social committee members have reported this and supporting it. <p><u>Partners' Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WVI: Expansion of phase 6 of remedial classes submitted to MOPIC and referred to the MoE. New strategy with MoE changing priorities from remedial education with a preference of LSS. After meeting with DCU Director, are now adjusting the JORISS application to be resubmitted. • JICA: is going to inaugurate a Technical Cooperation Project titled Project for Promoting Positive Learning Environment for All Children in Dec. , which will continue for 4 years. One Japanese expert will be stationed in the MoE premises and have several short-term experts in shuttle basis. Based on MoE priorities, • USAID/RAMP: With the MoE, designed a remedial programme aligned with the MOE curricula with diagnostic and placement tests. Still consolidating the results of the diagnostic assessment. 	
<p><u>JRP 2022 presentation (UNHCR, Ehab)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPT attached. Glorious suggesting to use the RNO 2022 draft for needs' assessment. 	
<p><u>PPCC TWGs (NRC, Fabio – Co-chair)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As discussed in Oct, engaging ESGW partners in the ESP TWGs in view of the ESP mid-term review policy dialogue on November 30th and December 1st. We shared the survey for EOI to take part in a specific ESP domain, so far received interest from 12 agencies. As we have more than one agency applying per domain, we request coordination between the interested agencies to assign a lead agency/representative on behalf of ESGW. Domain has highest number of orgs expressing interest. (Clarification from UNESCO: One of the main objectives will be to finalise the MTR final report. Emphasis on the importance of policy dialogue under each domain to also provide inputs to the final chapter of the MTR report focusing on conclusions and strategic recommendations). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESGW co-chairs to share an email with the applying agencies to appoint a representative for the domain's TWG (break-out sessions during the MTR policy dialogue event).
<p><u>Any other Business (AoB):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting the MOM by members. • Sending the recording pending discussion and decision by co-chairs. • Dina AlMasri – NRC is her last meeting with NRC, as she will be moving to WVI but remaining in the sector. 	
<p>The next meeting will be conducted December 30th (Last Thu of the Month). Same virtual venue and timing.</p>	