

## Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) Meeting –14 January 2013

**Time:** 12:00- 13:30

**Venue:** UNICEF Conference Room/ 6th floor

**Chaired by:** UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children International (Saba Al Mobaslat)

### Agenda

1. Review action points of previous meeting minutes
2. Update on education situation for Syrian children in Jordan
3. Review of Education Sector Working Group 2012
4. Any Other Business

### Minutes

#### 1. Review action points of previous meeting minutes

- The ESWG suggested two revisions to the minutes and revised minutes are to be circulated. Action points were pending with regards to SCI minutes on focus group discussion and UNICEF to share the list of school for renovations.
- **[ACTION 1. Revision to the minutes]:**
  - Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> page, number 2, last bullet - NRC to be added.
  - Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> page, number 3, bullet three – the number should be halved as each child gets two sets.

#### 2. Update on education situation for Syrian children in Jordan

- UNICEF: In Za'atari camp, as of 9 January, schooling was interrupted due to weather conditions. The semester exam was waived and the second semester is to start 5 February. 21,790 are registered and attending in public schools in urban areas. 5,000 children registered in zaatari camp. UNICEF signed two protocols with MOE/MOPIC. Updates were also provided for the second camp in Zarqa.
- SCI raised the issue of strengthening communication and coordination for renovations and rehabilitations of public schools to ensure timely implementation.
- JEN updated on the WASH assessment in public schools (400 schools in Mafrag and Ramtha). ESWG recommended that this information be fed into the 3W mapping. **[ACTION 2. JEN to provide the results of the assessment in 400 schools once available]**
- UNRWA updated that there are 420 Syrian/Palestinian students in UNRWA schools. It was recommended that UNICEF/SC Jordan/UNRWA to have bilateral chat after the meeting.
- UNESCO updated that they received funding from EU for teachers' training and IFE/NFE in both camp and urban areas. Teaching package has been developed and being reviewed by MOE. It is planned that training for 500 TOT and 2,000 in-service teachers. It was recommended that UNICEF and UNESCO to meet to discuss to coordinate on the training (induction training).
- Informal / Non-formal education activities:
  - In Za'atari Camp: Fin Church Aid and NRC mentioned that informal education area (3,750 sqm) in Za'atari camp was fenced off and graveled.
  - Next Youth meeting is planned on Thursday – 1pm (after protection meeting) in Za'atari camp.

- SCI updated that two areas were graveled and fenced for male and female – to put two permanent tents. (for other agencies to participate/use).
- Creative Associates updated that the team is here in Jordan to assess the impact of Syrian refugees in Jordanian host communities. The organization is meeting with relevant actors bilaterally.
- JRS mentioned that the organization has space in providing kindergarten services in East Amman. Also JRS has services for higher education which is opened for Syrians.
- SC Jordan updated that 5,600 beneficiaries have been reached since December by Amman HelpDesk. CARE international was providing cash assistance and was linked to for referral for education as well.

### **3. Review of Education Sector Working Group in 2012**

- This quick exercise was done within the ESWG members to review the work of the ESWG in 2012. The meeting took place regularly first on a monthly basis and then to bi-weekly basis since September 2012 due to the increased response and need for enhanced coordination. Meeting minutes were produced timely for all meetings with action points.
- UNICEF mentioned that key area for 2013 will be enhancing information management especially linked to 3Ws and RRP progress tracking table. I
- ESWG recommended having a dedicated information management person and it will be discussed between UNICEF and SC International for modality.
- NRC/JRS mentioned that the group explores web-based info sharing portal. IM group is meeting and UNICEF to liaise with the group to explore possible modality. [**ACTION 3: UNICEF to liaise with IM group to explore web-based info sharing modality**]
- JEN mentioned the need for liaising with other sectoral working groups such as Child Protection and Gender Based Violence and Youth sub-group and share relevant information within the education sector working group. [**ACTION 4: UNICEF/SC International to participate in other sectoral working group meetings to share information and feedback the info to the education sector meeting**]
- UNESCO recommended that the EWSG needs to ensure/encourage the participation of government participation.
- JRS mentioned that ESWG has been one of the most efficient meetings; need to also focus on host community interventions as the discussion tend to centered around camps. No separated meeting is recommended but UNICEF to join in youth group meeting in Za'atari Camp; and referral amongst education actors needs to be more visible and active.
- SCI mentioned that 3W needs to be strengthened. Also asked for MOE to provide detailed renovations to have list of schools.

### **4. Education Supply**

- Supply matrixes to be shared. Two of them to be circulated for further compilation.
- IOCC: 13,000 uniforms are in the MOE warehouse / 2,980 training suits in the warehouse in urban areas
- IOCC/LWF: Stationary kits (13,730 kits) in urban area. Dstribution to be done with uniforms.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Next meeting will take place **Monday, 28 January 2013 at 12:00 pm** at UNICEF's premises