

Education Sector Meeting Group (ESWG) Meeting – 05 August 2013

Time: 12:00- 13:00

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room/ 2nd floor

Chaired by: UNICEF (Eugene Ha) and Save the Children

Agenda:

1. Review of Minutes/Action Points
2. Updates from education partners
3. Draft school level mapping presentation
4. Education definitions – vocational training
5. Any other business

Minutes

1. Review of Action points from previous meeting minutes

- The meeting minutes and action points from 22 July were reviewed and adopted.

2. Updates from education partners

Union for the Mediterranean

- UFM presented the new potential project supporting higher education for Syrian refugees. They are in the first phase of collecting relevant data and assessing capacity of partners in Jordan. Type of activities are still in designing phase based on the needs on the ground. The project will target both camp and host communities. The Union is looking for partner to cooperate with and if any partners have information on higher education in Jordan, please contact Kenza Serrou at kenza.zerrou@ufmsecretariat.org

War Child UK

- War Child UK introduced their planned project in Jordan linking up with child protection interventions. War Child UK is planning to conduct awareness raising activities in Jordan, there is also a possibility for providing catch-up classes. War Child UK will collaborate with Save the Children Jordan. **[Action: UNICEF to share the 3W with War Child UK.]**

DVV International

- DVV International is working to establish 2 informal educational centres in Mafraq and Zarqa, in order to provide life skills activities for the Syrian refugees. **[Action: UNICEF to share DVV International the 3W for an update.]**

IOCC

- IOCC has planned a life skills workshop which is due to start after Eid. There are 320 youth targeted, 50% Syrians, 30% Jordanian and the rest for Iraqis.
- IOCC is planning to start distributing school kits in addition to the school uniforms. They are now working on planning the second phase of the uniform distribution in the host communities. **[Action: UNICEF to send IOCC the 3W for an update.]**

UNICEF

- UNICEF (Eugene) provided update on Azraq Camp. The tentative opening date for the camp is on 1 September – based on readiness of basic services providing partners such as WASH, shelter, security etc.
- Within Education sector, a small group of partners such as UNICEF, FCA, NRC, SCI and Questscope have been coordinating to establish education facilities in Azraq Camp.
- UNICEF (Rory) informed the partners that the capacity building of teachers and school managers in Za'atari Camp is planned.

- The public schools will start on 25 August in Jordan. Schools I and II in Za'atari Camp and school III will open on 1 September.

UNESCO

- UNESCO in cooperation with the European Union will be conducting in-service teacher training and training of trainers. The aim of the training is to give the teachers better abilities to respond to the needs of distressed children. This training is directed to the host communities, to schools with both Syrian and Jordanian children. There will be 450 ministry officials trained, and those trainers will cascade training to cover 2,000 teachers across the country.
- Any agencies interested on the teachers manual please contact: Jennifer Roberts at je.roberts@unesco.org

NRC

- NRC emphasized the importance of placement tests to be conducted at the Za'atari Camp. This is highly needed to ensure children enrolled in catch-up classes can re-enter formal school. The MoE has confirmed that there will be a placement test, but UNICEF will double-check and revert. **[Action: UNICEF to confirm on the placement test by MoE.]**

LWF

- LWF in cooperation with the MoE is currently building 10 classrooms in support of three public schools in the Mafraq governorate. The classrooms are distributed as follows: two classrooms with a stairway to Edon high-school for girls, four class rooms and a stairway to Abdul Malik Bin Marwan primary school for boys and four classrooms with stairways to Rahab primary school for girls. **[Action: LWF to provide UNICEF with the GPS coordinates, national ID's of the schools in order to include in school mapping.]**

3. Draft school level mapping presentation

- UNICEF IM and education team presented draft maps and Google earth file to the group. The aim is to map all the public school locations in Jordan to assess capacity of public schools in view of increasing number of Syrian students. This will enable the MoE to better plan the capacity/absorption of the schools and which schools need to be double-shifted or provided with additional classrooms. This will help to improve the quality of education. Once the exercise is finalized UNICEF will share the results with the education partners.

4. Education definitions – vocational training

- UNICEF in cooperation with the education working group has finalized the education definitions. This is to provide common understanding between all actors on the type of education services provided. The definitions are uploaded to the Box simple web portal.

5. Any other business

- **Next Education Sector meeting, scheduled on 19 August, is dedicated to Gender Marker training by Merrin Waterhouse and will be assisted by Walla from NRC. Save the Children International as co-chair of ESWG, offered to host the training. This training will replace our regular meeting on 19 August. The training will start at 12pm until 2:30pm at the Save the Children office on 19 August.**
- **The next regular Education Sector Working Group meeting is scheduled on 2 September (Monday) at 12 pm at UNICEF office, 2nd floor conference room. Draft agenda will be shared in coming weeks.**