

Minutes of Education Working Group Meeting- Akkar

Date and time: 21 Nov 2013, 12:10PM-1:100PM

Venue: UNHCR Office in Qobayat

Chaired by: Hassan Rajab(UNICEF)

Minutes' taker: Karim Rishani (UNHCR)

Participants:

Ashley Jensen(Relief and Reconciliation R & R), Hassan Rajab (UNICEF), Eman Al Khatib (WCH), Sara Baba (WCH), Therese Zraibe(Caritas), Elise Chollito (NRC) , Said Abdulaal (NRC), Asaad El Hassan (S & H), Michline Kobrossy (UOB), Fayek Chehade (S & H) , Gisela Hurschler (SCI), Serina Salloum (AND) Akiko Inui (UNHCR), Karim Rishani (UNHCR)

Back to School Campaign

- Caritas has received the checks for payment of fees for students in First Shift. She expects to finish the payments within two weeks
- SCI will finish the bank transfer for payments of fees for students in first shifts within the next two weeks
- Figures for the number of Syrian Students Covered in First Shift and vulnerable Lebanese will be provided in the next EWG meeting by Caritas and SCI

Second Shift

- UNICEF is still waiting for a final decision regarding second shift
- UNHCR finding Safe and insured transportation of Students for Second Shift is still an obstacle.
 - Caritas Waiver form signed by parents could be used for buses
- UNICEF / UNHCR Providing an appropriate education environment during second shift is a challenge
 - When will textbooks and stationary be distributed?
 - Who will provide classrooms, corridors, playgrounds, and toilets with lighting?

-How will attendance and quality of education in the Second Shift be monitored?

UNICEF/ UNHCR The first week of Second shift will be crucial

- SCI and WCH will meet to discuss cooperation in overlapping schools that have second shift and ALP namely Sheikh Ayash, Tal Ziraa, Kwashra

4 W Matrix

- The 4 W Matrix is being filled by all partners and will be a useful shared tool by all agencies.

Agencies' Activities in Akkar

- Relief and Reconciliation (R & R) is working in Minyara , Mishmish and Halba. R & R work on peace building between the Syrian and Lebanese Community. R & R also work on cooperation between the different Lebanese sects. R & R provide informal education and intensive French classes for Syrian students who are not in school to prepare them to join Lebanese curriculum schools. R & R also provide remedial classes for Syrians and Lebanese already in school who need help with their homework. R & R is providing Homework help in Hessa and Akkroum. R & R are also providing accelerated French in Mishmish and Sahel Minyara.
- NRC is providing language courses, First Aid Courses and Vocation Courses such as hair dressing and tailoring in Awadeh Community Center
- Balamad is working on Health Educators in Public School. Balamand is waiting receipt of the list of Syrian Students in Second Shift to prepare and complete Health Monitoring forms.
- Success and Happiness: Are running a Community Center in Amayer and Rajm Hussein. S & H provide a cinema club, English and Computer program.
- War Child Holland are providing Remedial and ALP courses in Sheikh Ayyash, Tal Ziraa, Kwashra. Halba Municipality, Women Charity League, Halba Public School for Boys, Obet Shubra, Billent Hissa , Burj Alrab WCH shared the list of private schools teaching the Syrian Curriculum in Akkar .
- AND are working in 5 shelters namely in Akroum and Rama. UNHCR and UNICEF provided AND of the latest education decrees by MEHE regarding Syrian Students between the ages of 5-15

Action Points

- Payments for old Syrian Students in First Shift must be completed by the First week of December by Caritas and SCI
 - All agencies will share contact details for transportation companies for second shift
 - SCI will monitor the registration of Syrian Students in Second Shift
 - Balamand will check regarding who will prepare and complete Health Monitoring forms for Syrian Students in Second Shift.
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- **The next EWG meeting is on December 19, 2013 at UNHCR in Qobayyat at 12:00 PM (Noon)**