

## Education Working Group - South

Meeting Notes			
<b>Name</b>	EDU WG	<b>Meeting Date</b>	20 February 2014
<b>Meeting Location</b>	UNHCR, South office	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00-11:30
<b>Chair person</b>	Heba Dabliz	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1 hour
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Heba Dabliz		
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	Education Working Group in the South		

### List of participants

AVSI, Amel, Caritas, NRC, UNHCR, UNICEF, Nabil Badran, Terre des homes Italy, HCRCL, Intersos

### Summary of discussions and action points

- **BTS achievement in the South:**
  - All 14 second shift schools in the South received the first installment for the tuition fee. Likewise, transport for 2<sup>nd</sup> shift schools in the South has been paid.
  - All schools (1<sup>st</sup> shift) in Hasbaya, and Marjeyoun received payment by Amel.
  - Schools in Tyr (1<sup>st</sup> shift) received payment. Additional payments will be issued to cover the newly registered children in Tyr and Marjeyoun (Amel)
  - SIB was distributed across the South targeting children in the morning and evening shift. Round 2 of SIB distribution is taking place upon the request of school directors.
  - Under Caritas, School bags distribution for morning and evening shift is complete for Nabatyeh, Saida, Chebaa. Bent Jbeil district is still pending. Completion date for distribution is expected by February 28.
  - Under Amel, all 3 second shift schools received school bags. Schools located in the districts of Marjeyoun, Hasbaya and Tyr will receive the school bags upon readiness of logistics preparedness by Amel. Foreseen bags distribution plan readiness: last week of February .
  - Payments of uniform coverage for both Syrians and Lebanese are in process by Caritas, Amel.
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**Challenges faced by partners on the field are identified below as follow :**

a. **1 Out of school children:** Some children at the Bus camp are still out of school.

**Support:** Nabil Badran will compile the data. A coordination meeting will be held between NRC, Amel in order to tackle this issue and register the children at one of the ALP classes.

a.2. Out of school children are still approaching various schools in the region.

**Support:** All school directors have been advised to save the children names on a waiting list

**b. Health concerns: Lice and other skin disorders :**

b.1 In Chebaa, a state of emergency was declared by the municipality in regards to the influx of lice.

**Support:** The municipality is requesting a supplementary amount of shampoo to be deposited at the municipality given that treatment takes time and the previous requested amount of shampoo was delayed.

b.2 In Saida (haret Saida school), lice cases were reported. Likewise, scabies. Treatment was provided through UNHCR and IMC.

b.3 cases of lice reported in Tyr, Marjeyoun and Hasbaya to be referred to Amel

**C. Vulnerability among children:**

Winterization clothing are needed in most schools to which UNHCR education conducted a visit. Few cases were identified in Hanaway school and Ansarieh.

**Support:** UNDP to support in winterization kits

**Suggestion:** all grade 1 and grade 2 students to obtain the winterization kits in 2<sup>nd</sup> shift schools given that the children are in need for it. Gathering of data is being collected. **Expected date to have the final matrix enlisting children names: February 27.**

**3.ALP/ RC :**

**For RC and ALP, situation is as follow:**

	Activity	Bazourieh	Tyre	Khiam	Comments
<b>Amel</b>	ALP target	100	150	0	ALP activities will start upon clearance from MEHE
	enrolled			0	
	RC	150	200	100	

	enrolled	106	57	61	
NRC	Non formal	200 enrolled			Upon completion of the center
Caritas					Target is 200. Activities expected by Early March. Area TBC (Saida)

**4. Children with disability:**

4.a A # of children with disability cases have been referred to Caritas. Complete matrix will be shared by Caritas by February 25.

4.b A # of children with disability have been referred to Amel. Collection of data is in process.

**4. c To follow up on the case of the three blind children in Marj el khokh ITS.**

**5. Success stories from the field:**

**It was suggested by IP's that success stories be shared among partners in order to shed light about the positive impact that partners are contributing to in the South,**

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### Education Working Group Tyr Summary of discussions and action points

1.	<b>Issue: First shift payment mode, stationary</b>
1.1	<b>Recommendations and agreed upon steps</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment to all 1<sup>st</sup> shift schools across the South is complete. Addendum for the new Syrians payment is taking place on ad-hoc basis. Bent Jbeil district is still pending due to a gap between submitted children name list and the actual number of registered children in the classrooms.</li> <li>• School bags distribution is in process. Completion of distribution is expected by March 14..</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Issue: Second shift schools</b>
2.1	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Registration closed.</i></li> <li>• All first shift instalments complete. Likewise for transport. 2nd instalment is due by March 31.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <p>1. Children are being dropped at the school 1 hour prior to the school hours.</p> <p><b>Suggestions:</b> Recreation activities to be conducted during this time</p> <p>2. Learning difficulty among children mainly in grade 1</p> <p><b>“Suggestion:</b> To obtain from school directors list of most challenged children in order to support them in a RC class later in the year.</p>
3.	<p><b>Issue:</b> Remedial classes challenges</p> <p>1. Fathers are not sending the girls to the classes for protection reasons.</p>
3.	<b>Issue a: Fuel</b>
	<p>Fuel has been distributed to all UNICEF schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel has been distributed to some of UNHCR schools (process ongoing)</li> <li>• Additional schools suggested by MEHE Nabatyeh for the district of Bent Jbeil will be confirmed by NRC.</li> </ul>
4.	<p>Issue: IP’s working on education where and what</p> <p><b>Follow up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- compile Activity matrix by all partners per district in the South</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> shift school (geography, civic education) inquire by MEHE when it will start in the South</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
5.	<p>Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF info training session on February 28 from 10:00 am-11:00 am at UNHCR Tyr office.</li> <li>• NRC drawing competition on February 28 from 9:30 to 12:30</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EWG will take place once on <b>March 20 at 10:00 am</b></li><li>• Weekly meetings among partners/ MEHE focal points/ UNHCR-UNICEF will take place as follow:<br/><b>MEHE Sidon</b> : March 11, March 25<br/><b>MEHE Nabatyeh</b>: Tuesday March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25</li></ul> |
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