

Attica Regional Education Working Group

Meeting Minutes

16/02/2017 – SAVE THE CHILDREN OFFICES ATHENS, GREECE

Agenda:

1. Updates from Partners
2. Training Finalization of Attica Working Group members
3. 4Ws
4. AOB

Participating Organizations/Institutions:

SCI, British Council, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ELIX, ELIX-Pye, I Am You, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM

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1	<p>British Council: They are working in Skaramagas camp providing education activities for 12-17 year olds in 8 classes providing English, life skills and recreational/art activities. They have 130-150 regular attendees. They also have a children’s and parents for 3-6 years old. They conducted a new outreach campaign and consequently had 85 new enrolments. They are planning a festival to celebrate Apokries. Reception classes will start on 17 February in Skaramagas.</p> <p>Unicef: They work with the British Council in Skaramagkas and have a partnership with Finn Church Aid (FCA). They are working with ELIX to begin a new a new education centre close to Victoria Square and with Apostoli in Kypseli. They plan to start education programmes with Apostoli at the new accommodation site in Thiva (probably refugees from Elliniko will be transferred there).</p> <p>I Am You: Works in Ritsona camp, there is a new round of vaccination in the site, for the recent arrivals. There is low attendance of secondary school students in the reception classes, because of this the afternoon classes will be cancelled and secondary aged children will join the morning (regular) classes in the formal school from 20 February. Within Ritsona, there is a specific ethnic group (Kurdish gypsies) who are causing problems within the community, including disruption to the education programme. I Am You plans to have a computer lab at the camp for IT classes and online courses. Kiron University provides courses recognised through an online platform for 17 to 30 years old. There is also an online university programme called Sucre, which they are trying to find more information about.</p> <p>ELIX: Operating schooling programmes in the urban area and for UAC from Elaionas for 6-17 years old (Akominatou str., Vathis Square), including some adult education classes from 16.00-18.00 for primary children and from 1800 to 2000 for older children. Programmes are/ well be in Kypseli, Omonia and near Metamorfofi station</p>	<p>Louise to ask national ESWG if they have heard of Sucre (online university-linked programme). Reply: They haven’t.</p>

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	<p>DRC: In Elliniko 2 they have an education programme with 1 Greek, 1 English and 1 Maths Teacher. After a protest last week about living conditions in Eleniko 2, classes are running smoothly again. They have 100 children enrolled. They continue to cooperate with Kapodistriako University of Athens for certification in English and Greek for adults. They are in the second round of enrolments for this course which people in Elaionas are participating in. In Rafina there are issues with a lack of space for their TLS. In Elefsina they plan to start a programme in Spring, but have the same challenge of availability of space to facilitate their education programme.</p> <p>IOM: Children from Schisto have started to attend three primary schools (reception classes) with classes from 1400 – 1600. Children from Schisto will start attending the high school from 17 February. In Skaramangas reception classes will also begin on 17 February, with children to attend 6 schools.</p> <p>Save The Children: Continue to work in Skaramangas, Malakasa, Eleniko 1&3, Schisto, Oinofyta and Elefsina. In Schisto children are tired and attendance in the morning classes is dropping now the reception classes have started. Classes began last week in Eleniko 1 & 3 in Greek, English and numeracy. Decided to stop education classes in Ritsona as other actors are covering the need and as the children are attending the reception classes.</p> <p>SIF: Continue working in Malakasa camp. They intend to look into opportunities for vocational training for older adolescents and youth.</p>	
2	<p>The training will be in March or April for 1-2 days maximum. Attica WG members to choose the subject topic which is most useful. Suggested trainings include: General Overview of EiE, Classroom Management, Positive Discipline, Conflict Sensitive Education, PTAs & Community Engagement, Inclusive education and psychosocial first aid and Intercultural communication strategies.</p>	Louise: Confirm dates of training

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	Training to be for Attica WG members, who can then roll it down to their field staff. The most popular suggestions are General Overview of EiE, PTAs & Community Engagement, and a specific request for Conflict Sensitive Education.	
3	4Ws is a new reporting form in Excel designed by the national WG. It covers who, is working where, in what, and for whom. It hasn't been shared yet, but we can expect it to be shared soon.	-
4	<p>IOM mentioned the reception classes will stop from early June for 2 to 3 months for the school holidays.</p> <p>The national Education Working Group is planning an Activity Info training on Tuesday 21 February from 10h00 - 12h00 at UNHCR Athens, in the conference room. The training will cover the general use of the Activity Info tool has a whole, and then will explain specifically the Education Indicators. Please remember, it is only 1 person per organization.</p> <p>Question from participants, are we able to offer trainings to formal teachers, or is this still not officially allowed by the MoE?</p>	<p>Louise to follow-up on the specific date. Reply: Assuming this will be the same as the regular school year, but the national ESWG will check this.</p> <p>Louise to follow up if a MEAL / M&E or Education person is most suitable to attend. Reply: Can be either, slight preference for an education focal person.</p> <p>Louise to follow-up. Reply: The IEP is the only entity which can provide formal training. NGOs can host informal seminars on the weekends for public school teachers to attend voluntarily.</p> <p>Louise to follow-up. Reply: No. We need information if this is</p>

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	<p>If children drop-out of the afternoon reception classes and stay at the site, can they be engaged in site-based activities in the afternoon?</p> <p>Is there a plan of the MoE to include children living in urban settings in the reception classes? Is this something they would consider for the new school year starting in September 2017?</p>	<p>happening (qualitative and quantitative) on the children who stopped going to DYEP classes, and their profiles. Many children have also been relocated or left the sites and so have stopped attending.</p> <p>Louise to follow-up. Reply: Some selected hotels are already part of the DYEP reception classes, but not all, and not all children in urban settings. Children in urban settings are recommended to enroll themselves in ZEP classes if there is available space (the WG doesn't have the list), or in regular classes. There are 37 public schools in Athens that are already hosting refugee children. The national Education WG are trying to draft a guidance note for parents on this. In 2017, it sounds like MOE will facilitate the enrolment of children in DYEP classes to the morning classes.</p>

NEXT MEETING: 03/03/2017 – Save the Children Office, no. 81, 28 Oktovriou/Patission street at 1300 (1pm).

The meeting will be confirmed via email at the beginning of that week.