

# Attica Regional Education Working Group

## MEETING MINUTES

16/03/2017 – SAVE THE CHILDREN OFFICES ATHENS, GREECE

### AGENDA

- 1 Key points from the last meeting
- 2 Updates from Partners
- 3 Attica WG training – 25 & 26 April 2017
- 4 Off-site mapping of education services – presentation by UNICEF
- 5 AOB

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## MINUTES

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action points (by whom and by when)
1	<p><b><u>Key points from the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Clarifications from the Ministry of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IEP is the only authorised institute to provide formal education’s teachers trainings. NGOs can offer trainings to government teachers ONLY on a voluntary basis and ONLY on weekends.</li> <li>- NGOs are not allowed to provide non-formal education services to children aged 6-15 during the hours of the reception classes, including those who have dropped out or do not attend.</li> <li>- Reception classes will continue until mid / end of June. The reception classes will restart in September 2017, for the new academic year.</li> </ul>	-
2	<p><b><u>Updates from Partners</u></b></p> <p><b>UNICEF:</b> Research has been conducted and analysis is on-going of off-site mapping of education service provision (more information below in Agenda Item 3).</p> <p>UNICEF has printed leaflets for informing the community on the formal education process. Various languages are available and can be provided to partners for dissemination if required.</p> <p><b>I Am You:</b> Many dropouts of the reception classes at Ritsona camp have been noted. I Am You are trying to identify the children who have been out of school to determine causes of drop out. MoMP confirmed that there can be no non-formal education services provided for the targeted 6-15 age range during the hours of reception classes that might cause competitive services.</p>	

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	<p>I Am You continue to support the MoE with the enrolment of the children to reception classes and are working with the MoE to start PTAs. They are providing access to computer labs and IT classes to youth aged 15+. I Am You continue to provide English, German and Greek classes in Ritsona and plan to start Arabic mother tongue classes this month.</p> <p><b>Mercy Corps:</b> Delivering English and Greek classes to youth in Leros, Kos, Lesvos and central Athens. Currently they use different curricula at all of their sites, but to address this, they are conducting a review of curricula being used with youth (within their own sites and planning to thereafter review the curricula in use by other actors) to select the most relevant.</p> <p><b>SIF:</b> In Malakasa, they continue to run Ideas Box, CFS activities, non-formal education and psychological support. They are doing workshops for youth on topics (selected with participation of the youth) and engage the youth to assist younger children in their activities. They noted a protection issue due to the lack of infrastructure for facilitating their activities in.</p> <p>From next week there is a possibility of reception classes in Malakasa. SIF plan to adjust their timetable according to the new needs of the camp and will probably expand the age range of the beneficiaries targeted.</p> <p><b>Lambrakis Foundation:</b> In Rafina, they provide Greek lessons to women 5 days a week and conduct educational activities (physical and art) with preschool children.</p> <p>It is still challenging to persuade mothers of the benefits of vaccinating their children. Lambrakis Foundation are trying to explain the benefits to them to prevent the children from being excluded from the formal education system.</p> <p>There is some confusion experienced in the provision of transportation for special cases. It was clarified that UNHCR, DRC and SIF provide transportation for special cases (determined among</p>	

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	<p>themselves), and IOM is providing more general transport. There are problems caused by the lack of a cultural mediator for the special cases. DRC is responsible to provide people to accompany individuals to appointments, and to provide translation services.</p> <p><b>Ministry of Migration Policy:</b> External associates of MoMp have informed the MoMp of the reports concerning dropouts of children from the reception classes (updates from the ESWG) in order to observe if this is a rumour or a true fact (pending the reply).</p> <p>At Elaionas site, MoMp and EKPA University, with funding of DRC have from previous year (October 2016) an education program for adults (in and off site) with Greek and English language classes</p> <p><b>Save the Children:</b> Continuing activities in Schisto, Malakassa, Skaramangas, and Elliniko 1&amp;3 (static) and a Mobile Unit visiting Elefsina and Oinafyta providing English, Greek and Math lessons to ages 6-18. They started language classes for 18-24 year olds in Elleniko, Skaramangas, Schisto and Malakasa and started teaching language classes to mothers attending the Mother and Baby areas.</p> <p><b>IOM</b> (not present but passed information by email): They plan to provide transportation to children in Malakasa attending reception classes from next week (w/c 20 March)</p> <p><b>No updates from national education working group / required actions.</b></p>	<p>Partners should document and share the cases of drop-out identified so the External Associates can present these to the MoMp</p> <p>MoMP External Associates will share the reply of the MoMp once received.</p>

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3.	<p><b><u>Attica Education Working Group training</u></b></p> <p>A 2-day training is being offered to the participants of the Attica ESWG (it is not compulsory). Participants can choose to attend one or both days, and the sessions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Day 1 : PTAs &amp; Community Engagement and</li> <li>- Day 2 : Conflict sensitive education</li> </ul> <p>The training will take place on 25 &amp; 26 April 2017 and will be facilitated by Kelsey Darlymple (SCI Education working group Coordinator).</p>	<p>SCI will send out a Survey Monkey to assess interest from participant organisations in each session (Day 1, Day 2, Day 1&amp;2)</p> <p>Each organisation is requested to reply with an estimated number of participants from their organisation, interested in each day.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Off-site mapping of education services – presentation by UNICEF</u></b></p> <p>Data has been collected in the last few weeks on children attending schools in urban areas with initial indications showing large numbers of children not attending any form of formal or non-formal education. From initial calculations, 60% of the children off site were estimated as out of formal and non-formal education (not confirmed).</p>	<p>UNICEF will circulate an email to the ESWG next week with more information once the data analysis is complete.</p>
5	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mercy Corps will facilitate a training for Profound Stress in the coming month</li> <li>2. Complete the activity Info (Update from National Working Group) (Deadline 18<sup>th</sup> March).</li> </ol>	-

**NEXT MEETING: 30/03/2017 – 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.