



South East Turkey: Education Working Group Meeting Minutes

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Participants: UNICEF, UNHCR, SPARK, IOM, GIZ, IMPR, MERCY CORPS, WHH, SAVE THE CHILDREN, KUDRA, IRC, IBC, AAR JAPAN, BRITISH COUNCIL, MARAM FOUNDATION, BALAD, HUMAN APPEAL, TRC, NRC, CONCERN WORLDWIDE, GHIRAZ

Observers: Kerstin Karlstrom, Inter-Agency Coordinator

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Review of previous meeting minutes and action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4W templates were circulated along with guidance notes and first responses already received. • Presentations on the curriculum comparison (Syrian vs. Turkish) were uploaded to Yammer and shared. 	
Results of the Coordination Performance Monitoring Survey	<p>The CPM Survey has been shared with all partners. Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education had the highest number of respondents. • Recommendations included improving sharing of knowledge and lessons learned among partners, increasing advocacy for partner organizations and specific issues in education with the government, information sharing about regulations and new programs/initiatives. • Participants discussed ways to improve coordination. The following were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many NGOs are doing similar things but not exchanging information or tools, which may result in wasting resources that could be better utilized if resources are shared. Donors could be funding 2 or 3 NGOs to do the same thing and each NGO develops their own tools. The WG should be the forum to establish coordination mechanisms that allow for such exchange for optimizing resource utilization. ○ Communication with the Government is not facilitated by the WG and therefore there is varied and insufficient knowledge of regulations or expectations between NGOs and MoNE. It's recommended that the sector leads facilitate such communication. ○ Whether MoNE could join the WG. It was agreed that when the national-level WG is in place, such linkage with MoNE be established. As for the SE EWG, MoNE and donors 	<p>Facilitation of workshops with MoNE to be added to 2017 WP and communicated with the WG (responsible: co-leads,</p>

	<p>would be invited only to certain meetings as needed. The SE EWG would remain a technical forum for implementation partners to coordinate amongst themselves, discuss challenges openly and agree on technical cooperation as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provincial Action Plans (PAPs) that were formerly organized by UNICEF were noted to be helpful practices that allowed for proper identification of certain needed interventions such as transportation support by IOM. The latter recognized that the PAPs helped them in the targeting and prioritization. Resuming similar exercises would improve prioritization of needs and targeting. UNICEF clarified that MoNE is now having national plans rather than provincial ones. Provincial forums for coordination do exist through the provincial coordination meetings organized by the provincial authorities and member agencies are encouraged to participate. ○ Revise the scope of the WG to focus on IFE but also make the Formal Education (FE) coordination scope clear. For FE, three areas have been agreed to be the focus of the coordination: - sharing information about regulations and how they could affect the sector, - advocacy with the government on particular issues (issues are to be identified by partners or collectively within the WG), and – operational coordination on the supply distribution, transportation and rehabilitation. ○ Capacity Development: a survey was shared a few months ago about the capacity development needs of partners. Although no sufficient responses were obtained, one of the identified needs was to understand the different coordination structures and mechanisms. This was already communicated with the intersector working group and the latter is developing guidance on this to be shared with all sectors by May 2017. Other needs shall be identified through the survey that needs to be recirculated and outcomes added to the WG’s work plan. ○ Translation needs that appeared in the performance monitoring report were agreed to be less a priority as all members participating in the meeting also speak English. The concern came mainly from some NGOs working in the cross-border operation that wanted to join the WG. However, this need was noted and could be addressed if partners agree it is needed in the future. ○ It was noted that over 20 NGOs have approached the WG co-leads over the past few months for membership. Therefore, Guidance on Membership was raised as a need and it was agreed that the co-leads will develop such guidance before new members are accepted into the WG. 	<p>timeline: by next meeting)</p> <p>TOR to be revised to include coordination focus on FE outlining the 3 areas agreed (responsible: co-lead, timeline: by April 2017)</p> <p>Co-leads to recirculate the capacity development needs survey and input outcomes to the work plan for 2017.</p>
SE Turkey Education Working Group – 2017 Workplan	2016 work plan had been circulated with members for suggestions to update. However, since many suggestions have been made available through the results of the performance monitoring, it was	Co-leads to update the work plan and share with

	<p>agreed that the co-lead would reflect the main recommendations in a revised plan and share back with the WG members. Participants suggested to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing opportunities for partners to exchange information, share lessons learned and learn from each other's practices. - Improving coordination on content and approaches to IFE among partners in order to avoid duplication of efforts and improve the utilization of available resources. 	<p>members by next meeting.</p>
<p>Summary of results of the 4Ws submissions for the education sector</p>	<p>28 partners reported on 4Ws. Majority of the NGOs are present in Hatay , while majority of the reported activities are in Sanliurfa. This could be because of the way NGOs are reporting on activities; some NGOs report on detailed activities as unique activities, while others might combine. Information Management Specialist to review the way or reporting and guide partners by next meeting. UNICEF and UNHCR are reporting as 'Nationwide', which is not helping identify regional gaps in response. So, it's recommended that reporting is disaggregated by province. Presentation will be shared with partners for detailed information.</p>	<p>Presentation to be uploaded on Yammer and shared along with the minutes of the meeting.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Operational Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A partner shared the letter that MoNE circulated to all provinces asking that any IFE program needs to be covered by a protocol signed with the central MoNE in Ankara. One of the NGOs mentioned that their CFS was recently closed (this month) due to protocol issues. Partners agreed there is need to share information regularly to be aware of any regulations affecting their operations. <p>Operational Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF: Maintenance support for 398 TECs already launched. Schools are expected to receive the support within March. The fund is equivalent to 30 TL per child per month for 3 months for each TEC. It will be used to provide cleaning, educational and recreational materials, small scale repairs and cover the cost for security and cleaner personnel. This support is not meant for utility bills or rent. Orientation session for all MoNE coordinators in these TECs is planned for the 2nd week of March, in which details of how to use the fund will be discussed. MoNE chose the eligible TECs for this support but UNICEF can't share the list. NGOs that are planning to support TECs with similar items need to coordinate bilaterally with UNICEF to make sure the TEC they are supporting isn't in MoNE's list and avoid duplication. 	<p>UNICEF & UNHCR to report at provincial level rather than 'Nationwide' starting from next periodic report.</p> <p>NGOs with maintenance and/or supply support plans for TECs to bilaterally coordinate with UNICEF to avoid duplication.</p>

TIME of the NEXT MEETING : 29 March 2017 Gaziantep