

Education Working Group – Minutes – 14 November 2018

Meeting Name	Education Working Group		
Meeting Location	UNHCR office meeting room 1	Meeting Date	14 November 2018
Chairperson	METAdrasi	Meeting Time	11:30 am
Minutes	UNHCR		

Participants: UNHCR, METAdrasi, Better Days, Iliaktida, BRF, LATRA, Drop in the Ocean, One Happy Family

1. Updates from Participants

a) Representative from Ministry of Education

- Representative undertakes weekly appointments with schools and is responsible for coordinating formal education for children outside Kara Tepe
- The Representative informed that around 100 places will be created in middle and high school.
- For the moment there are 6 classes for primary level and 2 classes for secondary level in formal education for the children of Kara Tepe
- The representative expressed the need for collaboration and contact among the working group actors
- MoE anticipates more classes next year

b) METAdrasi

- There are books available to be shared with some of the actors
- The resignation of teachers in order to be employed in the formal education sector poses a challenge, an experience shared by other actors in the Education Working Group.
- METAdrasi have 100-120 UAM from Section A and B participating in their activities and asked the representative from the MoE if they can participate in the formal classes. MoE's response was that there is no available space and the responsibility for admittance rests with the school. However, the MoE suggested that the working group coordinates to ensure that applications are evenly distributed among the schools.
- MoE suggests that 10-15 children can be registered as a starting point. MoE to talk to directors to see which schools those children can be registered to

c) LATRA

- Lessons continue in KT for adults, each week there are new students and its going well
- Lessons take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday taught in Greek
- 7 women participate
- 30 registered adults
- 16+ age group, one student is between 16-18
- One class is 2 hours
- 12th December – a celebration will take place in the afternoon and Ana will share the invitations

d) Drop in the Ocean

- Non-formal education in English and Greek
- English course is 6 days a week and is being restructured for all levels
- Greek course is 2 days a week
- Each class is 2 hours
- On average, 15 people per level to ensure quality
- 5 - 10 weeks course depending on the level
- In January there will be a new class of 15 students
- The current challenge is finding space to expand
- 5 – 12 years of age
- MoE asked if they would be interested in registering in the formal classes of Mytilene but transportation will need to be organised. This may be the main issue for parents
- Drop in the Ocean expressed that it is positive that children in Moria can enter formal education
- The working group expressed the need for BRB and Drop in the Ocean to cooperate as both actors cover the same age group

e) Iliaktida

- 49 students in formal education, includes UAM
- 15-20 students per class

f) Better Days/TAPUAT

- There are around 100 – 130 children per shift (one shift in morning and one in afternoon)
- There are 203 people on the waiting list, 146 children and 57 women
- The PS team is complete
- They are training teachers to implement social and emotional learning
- Lessons include Greek, English, maths and computer skills

g) One Happy Family

- Adult classes take place in the morning and are a little chaotic as there is no registration process
- There are up to 80 students everyday

- The teachers come from Moria
- There are 50 volunteers
- The students are mostly from Moria with some from KT
- There is bus transport for those below 12
- There is a capacity of up to 50 people in the classrooms
- Classes take place between 11am – 2pm
- Greek and English classes

h) BRF

- Farsi classes are full but Arabic classes have spaces
- BRF have raised their capacity of non-formal educational activities to 150 places for children aged 6-10
- There are two new classes
- Every Wednesday there is a parents meeting
- Classes include English, computer skills, and mental health support for those above 16 years of age
- There are 3 beginners classes and 3 advanced classes
- There is no waiting list and registration takes place on Mondays
- Teachers come from the communities in the camp