ESWG Minutes of Meeting

13:00 – 14:00 Hours

7th May 2020

Online through Zoom

Chaired by Tomoya (UNICEF), Fabio (NRC), Ghalia (WVI)

Agenda

1. Update on MOE response planning, HE and TVET (UNICEF, UNHCR and UNESCO) – 15 mins
2. Top-line education info (all partners) – 5 min
3. ESWG strategy (see attached the draft) – 30 mins
4. Sector priority for Jordan Humanitarian Fund – 5 mins
5. AOB

- Update on MOE response planning, HE and TVET (UNICEF, UNHCR and UNESCO)

  • UNICEF Update:
    - MoE is finalizing Second Phase of the Response plan – Response and Recovery phase focusing on supporting children to catch up for returning school and school reopening (Medium term).
    - Final plan to be shared soon to NGO partners or overview to be presented next week.
    - The plan focusing on KG-G12 is a bit ambitious (30,000 JOD funding request), prioritization is questioned.
    - School principals and directors in camps need clarification on online assessment for Syrian children (camp double shift schools schedule has been changed due to teacher protest).
    - Mobile phone operator are offering better offers for contributing better accessibility
    - MoE’s clarification is needed especially for catch up program plan.

  • UNHCR Update for Higher Education:
    - The MoHE announced there will be locations with internet available for students to do their final exams.
    - The summer semester will remain on schedule, but the teaching method is still unclear, and it may be distance learning.
    - MoHE announced that students will pass automatically but universities said it is not true and process is under consideration.
    - MoHE announced that creation of new specialization for local, regional, international labor market.
    - MoHE & Higher Council for Disabilities (HCD) announced a package of procedures to be followed while conducting a COVID-19 examination for a person with disability such as: 1) Informing HCD of cases of COVID-19 infection in persons with disabilities, 2) In coordination with HCD; optimal health care for infected cases and providing them with best services that commensurate with their disabilities’ nature & provide them with an escort (either family members, relatives, volunteers, or nurse), 3) Follow maximum prevention methods.
• UNESCO Update for TVET
  - The MoE’s plan is set to be a long-term plan and not only as a response to COVID-19
  - No further updates for TVET.

**Top-line education info (all partners)**

- ESWG partners to update (Excel sheet) to be updated on a weekly basis as on behalf of ESWG to be shared through online link (Ghalia).
- How to assess children with disabilities - excluded from formal education regulation however principals are asked by MoE to check how children with disability were assessed in methodology.
- NFE – distance learning modality through WhatsApp groups – three training sessions conducted on delivery of NFE (facilitators trained on delivery of participatory methodology) Once school opens, planning to deliver the training by MoE. Next week training #3 will be conducted with partners and MoE focusing on lesson planning, Safeguarding and monitor attendance.
- ECD (Ghada) – converted to operation via phone providing parenting skills, calls take around 30 mins, beneficiaries are encouraged to get support in Mafraq, Amman, Camps.
- RAMP (Patric) – supporting MoE in developing early grade children material. Teacher training module has been developed and adopted to e-leaning. MoE is not posting the material developed to Noor space and told that the material is waiting for Minister’s approval. KG2 – G3 worksheets available online. To be discussed in donor meeting.
- Warchild (Hussein) – Development and provision of enrichment activities, ministry supervisor is included in contents development process. Happy to connect with supervisors for co-creation of materials.
- Reaching out to most vulnerable – MoE, Crown foundation, KBW in the news said that 200 mobile classrooms in remote area especially in Tafilah opened, providing remedial and catch up program – UNICEF should visit and check and where this is placed in the Plan to be checked.

**ESWG strategy**

- The skeleton of the strategy was shared with the ESWG partners.
- Parallel positioning to be avoided, and the priorities to be identified and agreed upon.
- Next step for Strategy: online link to be shared and inputs to be made by partners, another meeting to be set for finalization

**Sector priority for Jordan Humanitarian Fund**

- All sectors are required to provide top priorities for their sectors, as this can inform decision making.
- Co-Chairs already drafted some priorities based on the Global HRP
- Priorities to be reviewed and input to be made by COB today to co-chairs
- Out of 900 million USD, some would be allocated to education sector by UNOCHA

**AOB**

- **ActivityInfo**
  - Partners are required to input their planning figures into ActivityInfo.
- After the Planning phase is complete, partners are required to start inputting their monthly monitoring records, starting from January 2020. The reporting period will be Jan-Dec 2020.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday May 14th, 2020, from 13:00-14:00, Online ESWG.

*EWSG colleagues are encouraged to share any questions, feedback or suggestions with the sector co-chairs.