

## CWC NATIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Subject</b>	Communication With Communities National Working Group Meeting
<b>Date, Time &amp; place of meeting</b>	11/10/2017, 14.00, UNHCR
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Alexandra Zavvos, (Solidarity Now)
<b>Minutes/notes prepared by</b>	Alexandra Zavvos, (Solidarity Now), Rachel Maher (UNHCR)
<b>Present organizations</b>	Solidarity Now, Nostos, IFRC, Hellenic Red Cross, Advocates Abroad, IOM, IRC, Refugee Info Bus, Campfire Innovation.

### 1. Review of previous meetings/matters arising

Details/Going forward	Suggested Actions
There were no comments regarding minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.	

### 2. Hellenic League for Human Rights – legal aid app

Details	Suggested Actions
<p>“Rights4Refugees” is an online legal aid resource for refugees developed by the Hellenic League for Human Rights.</p> <p>HLHR was established in 1936 and does advocacy and campaigning but from time to time also training and other interventions. Recently became service providers; started a legal counselling program one year ago. Intervention in Skaramangas will end in November. Working in the site was the incentive for the development of the application / website “Rights4Refugees”.</p> <p>The Application is optimized for mobile devices. It is available in 4 languages (Arabic, Farsi, Greek, English) <a href="http://www.rights4refugees.gr/">http://www.rights4refugees.gr/</a>. Because HLHR is not based on the islands and don’t have beneficiaries there, the focus is on information for those who arrived before 20 March 2016 and who are in the mainland. ‘See your options’ section contains information about basic rights for asylum seekers living in Greece and includes information about social rights such as births and deaths (registrations) information, social solidarity / tax registration numbers as well as useful information such as what to do if you lose the asylum card or miss an appointment. It refers to asylum service website and UNHCR Help site for some information. As information changes, it is updated.</p> <p>A printed flyer is available for distribution in camps and urban settings.</p>	<p>Share leaflet with CWC network via list - attached to next email with minutes; CWC group members to contact Georgia directly for hard copies.</p>

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## 3. Education Update

<p>ESWG co-chair (UNICEF) attended the meeting to present updates on recent developments regarding enrolments and attendance in kindergarten, primary/middle school and secondary education.</p> <p>Kindergartens – for 5 years olds. Parents should try to enroll children in public kindergarten classes if accommodated in the urban scheme There is no specific deadline. There is a general problem with capacity in Greek kindergartens but the legal framework is in place. In camps, official kindergarten classes will be established in the premises by the MoE.</p> <p>Over 50% of refugee children in urban accommodation were registered and enrolled in primary and gymnasium schools. Need to see which schools are not covered by ZEP classes, and which are covered (150 schools currently), so the children can be moved to ZEP classes in other schools. ZEP classes still being established in other schools. If children cannot follow classes (due to language barriers) there is more risk that they will leave the schools. This is the reason to have ZEP teachers, to support the integration.</p> <p>Incidents still reported of rejections by some principals. Vaccinations and health problems can also be a reason that children are not enrolled or accepted at a schools. Vaccinations have taken place but there is still a waiting time to cover all the children who need them.</p> <p>DYEP afternoon classes should be starting at the end of October for children residing in camps. Children in camps should register their interest through Refugee Education Co-ordinators (RECs). Many are already registered. There are rumours that because it is already October, there is no point in enrollment in DYEP classes; also that there is a need for more teacher training for ZEP and DYEP teachers. Discussions currently taking place with MOE about Refugee Education Co-ordinators (RECs) to be trained. Urban RECs will be introduced too.</p> <p>Announcement that there will be ZEP classes for 15-17 year olds. They have been encouraged to enrol and some are already attending schools; Lyceum or EPAL (technical school). Effort are being made to document the numbers of teenagers enrolled so that there is support in place for them. There are extra challenges because transportation is a support for it is still is unavailable in most sites.</p> <p>Unaccompanied children in informal sites cannot enrol in schools without a legal guardian. There are a very limited number of public prosecutors in the country making it difficult for enrolments in reality. Child protection concerns</p>	<p>CWC WG members to ensure updated information gets to POC in sites accommodation.</p>
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<p>about informing unaccompanied minors that they can attend school; need to check the information that is provided about this reflects the reality. In shelters UACs have legal guardians designated by the public prosecutor.</p> <p>IOM representative at the meeting expressed successful cooperation with the RECs in the camps and success in enrolling many of the children in local schools receiving a lot of support from local school staff and parents. Other areas of Greece such as Irakleio and Chania in Crete, Livadia and other places have seen welcoming efforts from all the schools and the parents' association, which is positive feedback.</p>	
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#### 4. Other Business

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>● <b>Access to Sites, Accommodation and Cash Assistance</b>            Questions about how to access the UNHCR accommodation as well as how to access accommodation in camps / sites are still prevalent – much confusion about this. POC still want to understand the eligibility criteria and vulnerability assessment. There are still a number of people who are not “registered” in the sites where they live eg. Skaramangas (due to there being no government presence). People who have arrived spontaneously for whatever reason still looking for advice. There is no clear guideline regarding registration for accommodation in camps, if the PoC was not placed there formally by authorities. This affects access to basic services, as well as cash grants. Also some POC reluctant to leave sites to accommodation because they fear being homeless in 6 months, if they become recognized refugees. Many questions from self-accommodated asylum seekers in urban settings; how to access the cash assistance program. IRC is managing this caseload in Athens, IFRC in Thessaloniki. Cash helpline being established (soft launch to test systems) should be able to handle all cash-related questions soon.</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Municipalities initiatives for urban “non-site” dwelling populations</b>            Question was raised about how is the Municipality of Athens is involved in the urban accommodation scheme – it is one of UNHCR’s implementing partners and undertakes several initiatives as well, focused on the center of Athens, through the role chairing the ACCMR working group; covering issues from livelihoods to employment. In Thessaloniki, Municipality leads the Urban working group and is very active.</p> </li> </ul>	<p>Invite UNHCR Accommodation/Sites focal points to provide more detailed advice at the next meeting about access to accommodation in sites and urban settings.</p>
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