

CWC NATIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Subject	Communication With Communities National Working Group Meeting
Date, Time & place of meeting	21 February 2018 (UNHCR conference room)
Meeting Chair	Alexandra Zavvos (Solidarity Now) and Miriam Aertker (UNHCR)
Minutes/notes prepared by	Miriam Aertker (UNHCR)
Present organizations	METAdrasi, Solidarity Now; UNHCR; Tarjimly, Campfire Innovation; Help Refugees; Refugee Info/IRC; DRC

1. Review of previous meetings/matters arising

Details/Going forward	Suggested Actions
There were no comments regarding minutes of the previous meeting (24.1.2018) and they were approved.	/

2. CBI UPDATE (Declaration of residence address)

<p><u>Declaration of residence address</u></p> <p>CBI focal point briefed the CwC WG on the new requirements for self-accommodated/urban refugees regarding their access to cash grants.</p> <p>The new approach was introduced to accelerate the procedures of enrolling self-accommodated PoC in the urban cash programme. The proof of address, necessary to access cash, which was addressed with systematic checks of the address submitted upon registration to the cash programme, is now replaced by a signature affirming compliance with the cash assistance rules and regulations regarding the residence address. Random spot checks throughout cash assistance duration will be taking place to confirm validity of declared address and safeguard the cash programme against possible declarations of fake or non-compliant addresses.</p> <p>In addition the process for those previously receiving cash in site or UNHCR accommodation transitioning to self-accommodated status will be smooth and uninterrupted (as long as proof of accommodation is guaranteed prior to enrollment).</p>	<p>Action Points: /</p>
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3. ISSUANCE OF AMKA

<p>On 13th of February 2018, a joint Circular was issued signed by Ministries of Labour, Health and Migration Policy, in relation to the issuance of Social Security Number (AMKA) to applicants and beneficiaries of international protection. The Circular explicitly states that both, the asylum seeker's card and the residence permit of a beneficiary of international protection, should be accepted as legal documents for the AMKA's issuance according to the Ministry of Labour's 2009 ministerial decision. It also explicitly states that the existence of an employment relationship or, the provision of services</p>	<p>Action Points: /</p>
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<p>or work are not a prerequisite for the issuance of AMKA. It is necessary the applicants to provide a contact address, which does not have to be identical to the home address of the applicant. Applicants need to present (not to submit) their original legal documents, or certified copies.</p> <p>Finally, in the case of unaccompanied minors, who are asylum seekers or beneficiaries of international protection (refugees or beneficiaries of subsidiary protection), it is not required to fill in the application the Social Security Number (AMKA) of his/her representative.</p> <p>The said circular has been disseminated to the Ministry of Reconstruction (with the request to notify all Citizens' Centres of the country (KEP), to the Ministry of Migration Policy and to the Ministry of Health".</p>	
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4. Future of the CwC Working Group "Survey"

<p>A short survey to be filled in by CwC WG members regarding the future of the National CwC WG group, preferably by March 15, accessible here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMYPQ9J</p>	<p>Action Points: CwC members to respond to the survey by 15 March</p>
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5. CWC project updates and new initiatives

Details	Suggested Actions
<p><u>Tarjimly: Realtime Translators for Refugees:</u> The Tarjimly team presented their project and demonstrated the use of the app during the CwC WG. https://www.tarjim.ly/en The "translate for me" project provides real time, cost-free translation for refugees and aid workers worldwide using remote translators willing to volunteer some of their time using their language skills(3000 translators, more than 500/600 users/refugees using the platform so far). It is a confidential translation platform accessible through Facebook messenger, which facilitates translation using chats, document transfers, or blocked/anonymous phone calls depending on preferred method.</p> <p><u>Refugee Info (Employment Opportunities Life Facebook Chat) on 1 March (Thursday):</u> Refugee.Info with IRC partner Generation 2.0 will host a Facebook Live Chat on employment opportunities for refugees in Greece, following other targeted video chats in the same series. See: www.facebook.com/refugee.info. The sessions are held in Arabic, Farsi and Urdu.</p> <p><u>Call for submissions to Home New Home (Refugees create short films project) by StoryDoc (flyer attached)</u> Submissions to info@storydoc.gr (Deadline March 16. Up to 70 participants will be selected. No prior experience is needed. Language in the seminars English. Translators in Arabic and Farsi will assist the seminars)</p>	<p>Action Points: Share information about the Tarjimly project with other working groups as well for wider dissemination.</p> <p>CwC members to share information about the video project with PoCs.</p>

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<p><u>International Women's Day (8 March)</u></p> <p>International Women's Day is approaching (March 8th) and this year's theme as confirmed by UN Women is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives" – see for more information: http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/international-womens-day. The choice of this year's theme comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change. UN Women describes International Women's Day 2018 as an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential.</p>	
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6. Any Other Business(AoB)

<p><u>Workplan CwC:</u></p> <p>Attached to the minutes and to be reviewed by CwC members. Survey results/recommended actions will also be included.</p> <p><u>Information brochures/mapping:</u></p> <p>All CwC members are asked to share any relevant CwC/information material (brochures/flyers/audio-visual material/surveys) currently in use, with the Chair/Co-Chair of the CwC WG. This will help to update the CwC Athens drop box folder and to update information material and dissemination.</p> <p>MDM is currently updating the SafeRefugee Survival Guide service provider information online and will cross check the information with all agencies accordingly before the revision/print out of brochures (in different languages and including maps).</p> <p>ACCMR platform for mapping is being released online.</p> <p><u>UNHCR Help Website</u></p> <p>The 'Living in Greece' section has been updated and includes detailed sections with guidance on access to employment, healthcare, welfare services, education and more, addressing PoC directly in 5 languages, accessible at: http://help.unhcr.org/greece/living-in-greece-2/</p>	<p>Action Points:</p> <p>CwC agencies to review the CwC workplan and provide feedback.</p> <p>CwC to share relevant material for dropbox</p> <p>To organize a CwC WG meeting with grassroots level organizations</p> <p>Share the Help Website link to PoC and agencies</p>
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