

Greece National Education Sector Working Group Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE



MEETING AGENDA

1. Follow up on action points from the previous meeting
2. Updates from MOE
3. Updates on school enrolment
4. Updates on summer activities
 - Math and science catch-up classes
5. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
1. Follow up on action points from the previous meeting	<p>On school transfer guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR has finalized the transfer guidance for accommodation partners, a draft of which was shared during the ESWG meeting. The guidance will be disseminated to all ESWG partners with the minutes of this meeting. - The primary responsibility for the deregistration of the child lies with the parents. Accommodation partners' role is to support this process. When the child goes with her/ his parents to deregister receives an attendance certificate which can make the re-enrollment of the child once she/ he reaches the mainland or new location easier. - UNHCR suggested that the dissemination of the information written in the guidance manual could also take place through CwC meetings and/ or info-sessions. - Every last Wednesday of the month the accommodation partners Working Group takes place and a session could be done on education in order to discuss the newly finalized transfer guidance <p>On the decongestion of schools in the center of Athens:</p>	A Skype consultation meeting with local ESWG coordinators to disseminate the transfers guidance manual.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our decongestion advocacy message as an ESWG remains for RICs to help with the deregistration of children from the schools once the child has been decided that it will be transferred to the mainland. This will require a high-level advocacy meeting with MoE and MoMP. - UNICEF is developing a congestion map of the schools that are overpopulated and the areas that these schools cover. 	<p>High-level advocacy meeting on decongestion to be arranged with MoE and MoMP</p>
<p>2. Updates from MOE</p>	<p>On next school year's planning by the MoE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RECs are employed till the end of August, in this way there will be no gaps during the summer as it was the case the previous years. - Request by MoE: Partners that have access to children and parents should encourage them to enroll as soon as possible. The planning for the next year's DYEPs and reception classes is taking place now and until the 20th of June. The planning includes additional classes in congested areas and for all tiers of education. Partners are requested to assist the enrollment of children even if they are soon to be relocated since other children will come and take their place. - In school year 2017-18 the reception classes tripled and the aim is to double them in the coming year. The need needs to be recorded. Partners are kindly asked to keep sending their requests to RECs. In this way teachers can be hired from the beginning of the school year. Then in the 1st of September schools will be more ready. Also more DYEPs are planned. - Children that were in DYEPs this year should go next year in reception classes. School directors are informed of the number of children that were in DYEP classes this year and from the coming September should go to morning reception classes. - DYEP are not anymore based on a ministerial decree but they have become part of a law. This will help things move faster. 	
<p>3. Updates on school enrolment</p>	<p>ADDMA: Issues with certain school principal denying enrollment on the basis of having missed the deadlines have been reported to RECs.</p> <p>MoE: There is no ground to deny enrollment on the basis of having missed the deadlines. Registrations are taking place till the 20th of June. During 27 till 29 of June the principals will process these applications.</p> <p>Refugee.info: Web-articles on Refugee.info for school enrollments have already been translated in 9 languages.</p>	<p>Follow-up with accommodation partners to see how they are doing in terms of enrolling children</p> <p>UNICEF to coordinate the</p>

	Metadras is running an interpretation call center in order to facilitate enrollments. Tita sent a reminder to school principals through the general directory.	writing of a press release with Metadras regarding the call center.
4. Updates on summer activities - Math and science catch-up classes	In the ELIX Learning Center of Skaramagkas there will be accelerated Math and Language courses during summer for 8-17 years old children focusing on functional numeracy. Naoko: Accelerated learning needs to be organized around specific curricula. Accelerated learning works better when classes take place in mother-tongue.	A task-force group for accelerated Math and Science learning to be formed in Athens. Then skype meeting with Math and Science teachers in Thessaloniki.
5. AOB	In Thiva children living in the camp going to DYEP classes will not be able to join the festivities in their schools for the end of the school year due to lack of coordination with the local RECs.	

The next national ESWG meeting will be held on Monday 25th June.

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