

Greece National Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2018 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE



1. 1. REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
2. 2. UPDATES ON SCHOOL OPENING AND ENROLMENT
3. 3. 4W AND GAPS
4. 4. NFE ACTIVITIES
5. 5. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
I. REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>School Information in Greek, Sorani and Kurmanji will soon be uploaded on Refugee.info</p> <p>Transportation for children from Agia Eleni is still pending</p> <p>Short leaflet with practical information regarding school is ready. It has been reviewed by the partners. We are waiting for feedback from the ministry.</p> <p>On Monday the 8th of October ESWG members had the meeting for the educational opportunities of UAC. Partners agree that It was good to meet and discuss about one topic and the meeting of protection and education actors.</p> <p>Partners discussed that a factsheet with what opportunities for education are there for UAC would be useful. A mapping with activities and courses of non-formal education.</p> <p>It was suggested that it would be good to update CP partners during the CPWG meetings.</p>	

<p>2. UPDATES ON SCHOOL OPENING AND ENROLMENT</p>	<p>DYEP classes are starting today 15/10 with negative reactions by the local society in Chios.</p> <p>Updates from RECs meeting 9-10 October: RECs meeting took place in the MoE on Tuesday & Wednesday (9-10/10). During the 2-days event the talks revolved around procedures and problems faced on a local level. Mr. Terzidis from KEELPNO presented latest developments, informed about health issues. A presentation of ESWG including the goals and the sub-working groups was presented. There was a request by Thessalia (Volos & Larissa RECs) for the creation of a ESWG. RECs gave positive feedback in their cooperation with NGOs.</p> <p>RECs are responsible for DYEPs and the enrollment of children from Accommodation Centres to schools.</p> <p>RECs are cautious due to the possibilities about racist and xenophobic reactions.</p> <p>IOM Question: How can we have access to vacant places at schools? Is there a way to know where there are vacant places? Answer: Only a few people have access to this database because it gives access to the information of all students around Greece. RECs are in contact with the operators of this platform and can tell you if and where are vacant places. Children, who are enrolled at the afternoon high school in Moschato and are residing in Omonoia, would like to be enrolled in morning classes. This is difficult not only because of the lack of space, but also because of the change to a different type of school (from Esperino to general high school, EPAL or general Lyceum).</p> <p>KEDFX: 122 children in their accommodations – 76 have been enrolled. 4 children registration pending since last year.</p> <p>Praxis: They have a waiting list for 150 children to be registered in school</p> <p>Children that are pending enrolments are usually attending NFE activities around Athens. There is the impression by the partners that most of the children not enrolled are of primary school age.</p>	<p>Partners to send ESWG the children registrations pending from last year</p> <p>Bring someone from the Special Education</p>
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	<p>Some children have been enrolled to special schools. According to the procedure children must go to KEDY first and get a diagnosis.</p> <p>We are expecting relocations to take place soon from islands to mainland Greece of about 6.000 people. This people will not be relocated in Attica but in hotels in Volvi, Grevena and other locations</p>	<p>department in MoE in explain the procedure</p>
3. 4W AND GAPS	<p>Visualization of the data provided by the ESWG partners will be made – UNICEF does this exercise to identify gaps and find ways to address them</p>	<p>To share the 4W again with the ESWG in the minutes to get updates</p>
4. NFE ACTIVITIES - 2019 PLAN, FUNDING PROPOSALS	<p>Education Cannot Wait (ECW) – UNHCR and UNICEF are designing a joint proposal for the islands, the aim is to continue providing NFE activities in the islands of the Eastern Aegean. UNICEF is doing efforts to continue with Tapuat outside the Moria hot spot for 2019;</p> <p>Plan strategy day for the ESWG in the beginning of November. The idea is to invite coordinators from sub-national ESWG so they can join also and design a national strategy. Thursdays could be a possible day;</p> <p>Bulletin established – Please send eswg.greece@gmail.com the information you want to be shared in the bulletin till Wednesday and from now on by the Wednesday right after the ESWG meetings;</p> <p>IOM will cover bags for the camps/ Urban is a gap since parents are coming to the organizations with a list of things they have to buy for school that cannot afford.</p>	<p>Gap: School equipment/</p>
5. AOB	<p>Diktyo: This Sunday at 21:00 will present a theater play by actors 15-18 y.o. with Greek and second generation migrant backgrounds .They play that will be presented is ‘Amlet’ and will last 45 minutes. Already have presented the show in Montpelier and now it will be in Kipseli,</p>	

	Athens. Because only 150 seats are available for reservations please contact Marina Mavridou. For this year a play with refugee children as actors is being prepared.	
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The next national ESWG meeting will be held on Monday 29th of October 2018.

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