

## Lesvos Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES



WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 @ UNHCR, LESVOS, GREECE

### MEETING AGENDA

1. UPDATES FROM NON-FORMAL EDUCATION SECTOR
2. UPDATES FROM FORMAL EDUCATION
3. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
<b>I. UPDATES FROM NON-FORMAL EDUCATION SECTOR (NFE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School of Hope – Boat Refugee Foundation:</b> They will start implementing a stricter policy in regards to attendance; if a child miss one whole week of schooling or is absent for more than two days within the span of two weeks, the parents will need to enroll him/her again. The only exceptions are cases where the parents have informed that the child is sick.</li> <li>• <b>TAPUAT – UNICEF, Iliaktida, Better Days:</b> Dental hygiene and teeth brushing classes are taking place once per week. For the moment, there is limited capacity and new children will be enrolled from the waiting list which currently consists of 153 beneficiaries, both children and women. Currently, there are 200 people visiting TAPUAT daily, children ages 6 to 17 years old. The majority of beneficiaries are residents of the Olive Grove who are in generally prioritized along with FHH/MHH, children with physical disabilities, medical issues and/or special education needs.</li> <li>• <b>School of Peace – IsraAID:</b> Currently, there are 120 children per day in the classes; they have a waiting list. For the moment, they are trying to merge the</li> </ul>	<b>BRF</b> to inform the ESWG chair about the number of students enrolled in the age bracket of 6-8 years.

Arabic speakers' classes to free more space.

- **Safe Zone - Iliaktida:** There are some educational activities in the morning for the children residing at the Safe Zone and at the afternoons they visit Gekko School. On Mondays and Wednesdays, in the afternoons, the children visit MoG's office to take computer classes.
- **Gekko Kids - Iliaktida:** They continue with their activities normally; for the moment, there are 120 students per day in three zones, one for the children of the Safe Zone, children for children of families and classes for adults. Currently, there are 9 students enrolled in the University of Aegean in order to sit the Greek classes exams (Ellinomatheia). There are 51 students enrolled in formal education. Lastly, Iliaktida informed the working group that there is the possibility for adults residing in other locations other than UNHCR accommodation to participate in Gekko's classes, if interested. However, Iliaktida will need a recommendation letter from a social worker or any other NGO staff in order for the specific adults to attend.
- **A Drop in the Ocean:** There are currently 16 children enrolled in their programme which is coming to an end in three weeks; all the students will receive a certificate. They do not keep a waiting list as they are starting registrations once the cycle is coming to an end and the next one is about to start. They are providing Non-Formal Education for adults; their Greek classes are being attended by more than 60 people, twice per week while the English ones have higher attendance with around 87 people weekly. During their gatherings with the students, the people have expressed the need for cultural exchange sessions in order to get a better insight of how daily life in the West is.
- **METAdrasi:** Their daily average attendance in Kara Tepe's NFE program is 134 children; 110 children attending in Mytilene center and around 90 in the CFS in Kara Tepe. There is a PTA meeting scheduled for this Friday. There is collaboration between the RECs and METAdrasi where the latter is proposing specific students that are ready to be absorbed in FE based on their progress and attendance records. This system seems to be functioning successfully. Students from Lancashire University visited Lesvos and more specifically METAdrasi's premises through the Leadership project. In Tsiknopempti, METAdrasi had a BBQ with their students in the Education centre as part of the Greek tradition. As of the upcoming weeks a fifth teacher will be joining the Education centre in Mytilene. The last few days some parents are asking both METAdrasi and the

	<p>RECs to provide a certificate of attendance in order to receive NFIs (unknown from where).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Changemakers lab:</b> For the fourth year, the Summit will take place in May focusing on technologies. Part of the schedule will be how to teach languages and mathematics via tablets and mobiles. Moreover, Changemakers lab is going to organize a workshop in freelancing. Campus bus organization has already implemented it in OHF last month. Whoever is eager to participate, kindly contact Mr. Vasilis Sofiadelis.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. UPDATES FROM FORMAL EDUCATION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of students attending Formal Education has been stabilized; all the classes are full and there is a long waiting list. In terms of evening classes (DYEP), there are around 106 to 110 students attending in primary education and 38 in middle school. In the kindergarten operating inside KT there are approximately 32 students. There are 3 students attending morning reception classes (ZEP), 5 attend middle school and 4 are enrolled to EPAL. There are also 3 to 4 students attending middle school normally and not in the context of DYEP or ZEP. The REC reiterated that the cooperation between the MoE and the two organizations, METAdrasi and SOS Villages is very helpful and fruitful. From October onwards it seems as 40% of the student population has been 'recycled'. This brings up the issue of movement. Also, Magda mentioned a positive development; although most of Iliaktida's students (UASC) have been moved to the mainland, due to nice collaboration with the social workers in the new location but also due to the help of the local schools (principals and teachers), all the students are now enrolled in the new schools. For formal education, there is no possibility to unsubscribe children from the schools unless the parents do a document to do so. REC said that it is very satisfying the fact that the NGOs are also posing the issue of attendance and quality of education and it would be better to discuss about that, apart from numbers. The REC has met with NGOs and the camp director at Kara Tepe as part of his responsibilities for the kindergarten in Kara Tepe. Currently, the kindergarten is composed of 32 boys and girls aged four and five. Classes in Mytilene for teenagers are semi-full but registration continues.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ESWG is in the process of creating a new educational activities mapping. A document will be shared with all the participants in order to insert the details of their</li> </ul>	<p><b>For all the Moria actors:</b> to share with</p>

	programmes.	<p>UNHCR twice per month their absences so UNHCR can check the records and say if the children left or still on the island.</p> <p>To liaise with KEELPNO and other medical actors operating in Moria on informing the parents when the children have a transmittable disease not to send the children to school.</p>
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The next ESWG meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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