

Education Working Group Meeting - Minutes

Meeting			
Name	Education Coordination Meeting	Meeting Date	Jan 14, 2014
Meeting Location	Zahle - Bekaa	Meeting Time	11.30 am
Minutes Prepared by	Cesar Al Fakih		
Organizations Attending	NRC, MS, SCI, IQRA, UNICEF, UNHCR, CLMC, AMEL,		
Purpose of Meeting	Coordination Meeting for all NGO's implementing Education project in the Bekaa		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	General Sector Updates	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR have registered till this date in the Bekaa 278,092 people, of which 93000 are children aged between 5 and 17. • Caritas have enrolled 9331 Students in 93 Public and semi-private schools 7294 of which are Syrian Children (3930 Old and 3364 New) and 2037 Lebanese Returnees. In addition to distributing bags and stationery for 4050 children. • AMEL have started paying the tuition fees for first shift for Old Syrian Students covering 1500 Children till this date. • AMEL are responsible for 3 schools in second shift (Qeroun Jeb jenin and Ghazeh) Ghazeh Public school and Qeroun Public School have started the second shift (reaching 599 students in Ghazeh Public School and 441 Qeroun Public School) while the other school are still waiting to reach 300 students to start. • SCI will start paying the tuition fees for students enrolled in first shift next week where they will be covering 3977 for 46 school 2014 males and 1963 Females and 10% of the overall number will be Vulnerable Lebanese. • SCI informed the group about them being responsible for 12 different schools in second shift. • TDH are responsible for four schools that they are conducting second shift in : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hermel 3rd public school where second shift started since November. ○ Aarsal 1st public school ○ Aarsal 2nd public school ○ Aarsal 3rd public school • UNICEF updated the group on the Fuel distribution to the Public Schools in the Bekaa where it was promised to share the distribution list with the entire group.

2.	Identified Gaps or Issues			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students that are already enrolled in first shift and have been doing great in their studies and have been paid all their tuition fees are moved from the first shift into the second shift in order to raise the number of students on the waiting list in the schools chosen to conduct 2nd shift in order to start operating; this will be addressed by all the NGO's working in the field to collect all the needed data on the children and school names that have been moving the students between the two shifts • We need to recalculate the number of Syrian Students enrolled in the first shift since the Regional office of MEHE has reported on 9000 Syrian Children being enrolled in first shift in the Bekaa while based on the tuition fees covered by CARITAS, SCI and AMEL they would be enrolling and covering 14000 Syrian Students in first shift between each other. • The issue of the capability of Second Shift Schools to reach full capacity was raised; where many questions were asked if UNHCR would cover all the required fees if the chosen public schools would reach full capacity knowing that some schools have very high capacity to take in students (such as Salim Haidar Public School that can take 2500 students on its own) which might exceed the 12000 students quota that UNHCR have placed in the Bekaa. • The issue of project implementation information streaming was raised by UNICEF where many NGO's are implementing different education projects in the field without passing through the gate of the EWG and without attending any meeting or informing the group about the projects being implemented to insure information streaming and avoid any possible overlap. • This has also lead to raise the issue of revising the TOR of the coordination meetings and schedule a separate meeting for all organizations to revise the TOR and discuss ways forward to make all the NGO's implementing in the field attend the EWG through making it more effective. 			
3.	Agreed Action Points :			
	Issue	Deadline	Responsible	Comment
	UNICEF to share the list of Fuel Distribution.	18 Jan	UNICEF	Pending
	NGO's to share names of schools and number of students that are being shifted from first shift to second shift.	16 Jan	All Group	Pending
	3Ws Matrix to be shared in order to be updated by all NGOs working in the Field	20 Jan	WVI	Pending
	UNHCR to share Ministry circular concerns the Syrian Students that are moved from first shift to second shift.	18 Jan	UNHCR	Done