

Education Sector Working Group Epirus Meeting

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Participants:	<i>UNHCR, Arsis, Second Tree, Solidarity Now! PH4K, INTERSOS</i>	
Chair:	UNHCR	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Educational activities on Sites • Educational activities in the summer period • Update on Urban Educational Activities • AOB 	
Key	PoCs = Persons of Concern; MoE = Ministry of Education; REC= Refugee Education Coordinator	
Agenda item	Discussions	Action points /deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on Educational activities on Sites</i> 	<p>Katsikas: During the last EWG was flagged the issue of requests from the community of segregating women and men instead of having a common class. After continuous work with the community the issue has been resolved and now women are participating normally in classes conducted by Second Tree. The issue of security concerns that were raised are also improved since also the SMS has provided for a private security firm in controlling entry and exit points of the site.</p> <p>The community in Katsikas would like the addition of one more class/ and 1 more teacher. Currently there are two three classes per day. 30 to 40 PoCs, including women participate in the classes.</p> <p>The actors were informed that in Katsikas the Ministry of Education will arrange for the installation of electricity to the kindergarten containers that are already installed but unused since early 2018.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Educational activities in the summer period</i> • <i>Update on Urban Educational Activities</i> 	<p>Second Tree sustains during summer time the Scout group in Katsikas, addressed to young boys and girls.</p> <p>Arsis is continuing it's scheduled activities in the sites and is expanding on certain operations (please refer to the attached document for more details).</p> <p>In Agia Eleni have been added two more English classes. One class for teenager the other for adults. In total 6 daily classes with three teachers.</p> <p>The NGO Second Tree provided Greek classes to 15+ students until 24 August and there are no funding secured to continue the courses. The absence of available free Greek courses for adult persons of concern in the urban created a significant gap and set back the integration prospects of refugees and asylum-seekers. There is an agreement between the University of Ioannina/Second Tree, Mol and UNICEF to discuss possible modalities to continue the Greek classes and a proposal will be sent to UNICEF on 28 August.</p> <p>NGO PH4K is providing in Jannena House Greek language courses for children and few adults. In addition same services are provided in Neochori village and Haris Rooms (all INTERSOS accommodation) Greek and English. The participation is stable. At the moment seven personnel are conducting the courses and an additional one would be added in 1 August.</p>	
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