

Attica Regional Education Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

15/09/2016 – SAVE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL OFFICE, ATHENS, GREECE

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Updates from Partners
3. Updates from IEP submission
4. Discussion on Activity Info
5. AOB

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostoli: Apart from Attika, they are going to start education activities in the region of Epirus. <u>Agios Antreas:</u> They continue their activities in the site. Rafina: They started education activities, where only mothers with their children live. Elaionas: On Monday 12/9 they started transporting 10 children from Elaionas to their Centre in Moschato, in order to participate in recreational activities. • British Council: They are going to establish 8 classrooms in Skaramangas in cooperation with UNICEF. They are going to deliver lessons to children aged 12-17. They are also going to establish spaces for children below the age of 5. They are expecting to start on the 15/10/16. Approximately 600 children will be reached with English lessons, mother tongue lessons and PSS. For their activities in Skaramangas, they will employ 15 people in a range of positions including teachers, psychologists and administration staff. • Solidarity Now: They are currently planning education programmes. They have hired psychologists, lawyers, social workers and educators to staff mobile units that are going to function in Child Friendly Spaces, in the region of Epirus, in 6 camps. This is part of the Blue Dot programme, with the support of UNICEF. • SOS Children Villages: Their activities target all children, not only refugees. In Schisto, they continue their Greek lessons, PSS and sports (for men). In Elaionas, they do Greek, English, and Arabic lessons, recreational activities, PSS and physical education for men and women. The programme is ongoing and it will be continued throughout the school year. • JRS: They run an Integration Centre for children, from children aged 5 and above. They deliver informal education for children of the area and refugees and have started a programme in Victoria Square. They have supported the registration of 6 children in the formal Greek school. They are trying to place children in the formal education system. They are trying to cooperate with other organizations at the area. They have a partnership with 	

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	<p>a Portuguese NGO and are trying to find space in Elaionas camp. In Elliniko I, they want to do sports activities for Afghan people, however it is not simple, since they used to have 10 teachers, but 6 left to other countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Children: They are present in Elliniko I & III, Schisto, Skaramagkas and Malakasa. On Tuesday 13/9 and Wednesday 14/9, they enrolled students in Malakasa. However, the camp manager stopped the enrolment on Wednesday afternoon and they asked the actual IEP document/permission. This situation is expected to be a problem in all sites in Attika. From 19 to 21st September SCI will work with Hope School (a refugee community school) in Skaramangas to enrol students aged 6-11. • ELIX: They have activity in Elaionas site. They finished the two—month summer project. The project is going to be continued for 2 more cycles, each cycle will last 1 month with 100 children aged 6-12, until the MoE starts their education programme. Additionally, they are planning a preschool activities programme for 3-5 aged children. 	

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3	<p>On Friday 09 September, the MoE informed the co-leads of the Working Group (SCI, UNICEF, UNHCR) that they were creating a platform and it would go live the following week for IEP licence submission.</p> <p>The co-leads were informed that the platform was launched on Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning that the system had gone live and all partners doing education activities (non-formal and in-formal) need to resubmit their IEP information using the platform.</p> <p>The information and material needing uploading on the platform was the same as previously requested for the IEP in hardcopy but with additional requests for CVs of senior staff and staffing lists.</p> <p>The deadline for submission on the IEP platform remains the same (as for the original hardcopy submission) - Thursday 15th at midnight.</p> <p>The MoE has said it will be possible for organisations to apply for an IEP to run education activities again in the future, after the deadline of the 15.09.16 closes, but there was no clear indication of when exactly this would be.</p>	
4	<p>Villages SOS faced a problem, dealing with the activity info, but finally they were able to fill in the information.</p> <p>ELIX completed the activity info.</p> <p>The representatives of the NGOs were asked to take notes, if something is wrong, if something is missing etc. They were also asked to disaggregate according to age and gender.</p> <p>The activity info managers will review the platform at some point in the future, considering the suggestions.</p>	-

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	<p>There were some bugs in Activity info, regarding the Donor. They have given some feedback.</p> <p>Once there is enough information, it is easy to draw data easily and make visuals and use them for donors etc. They activity info managers will request from UNHCR to do a training once again.</p>	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Schisto, refugees do not participate in the activities that the NGOs offer as a way of protesting about other issues affecting them. • There was a question about the UNICEF kits and if/how they would be given to urban refugee children who will not be bused to school. • On 15/9/16 at 15:00 there will be a meeting, organised by salvation army, they are going to discuss about the urbanized children going to formal Greek school. • It is important to inform the parents about the importance of learning Greek and sending their children to the formal schools. • All children who attend classes in Greek formal school, have to submit a Doctor's certification (health verification), in order to participate in sports. • Mr. Joyeux, from JRS, informed the NGO representatives about an excursion in Porto Germeno and an accompanying positive photo/story. • Ms. Wunderlich, from ELIX, informed the NGO representatives about an awareness raising event at the French Institute. 	-

NEXT MEETING: 29/09/16 – Save the Children Regional Office , no. 53, 28 Oktovriou/Patission street at 11 am.

The meeting will be confirmed via email at the beginning of that week.