

## Greece National Education Sector Working Group

### MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 8 2017 @ UNICEF, Athens, Greece

#### MEETING AGENDA

1. Review of Action Points from last meeting
2. Updates from MoE/MoMP/IOM
3. Youth task force update
4. AoB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
Review of Action Points from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ESWG can send out <b>No Lost Generation</b> briefer in case anyone hasn't yet seen it and would like to.</li> <li>- ESWG sent out information regarding <b>how to enroll</b> young children in national nurseries and daycares and how to enroll people in primary and secondary schooling</li> <li>- <b>Data collection</b> and analysis of ActivityInfo still ongoing</li> <li>- The <b>IEP</b> has issued a step-by-step instruction guide for organizations who have yet to receive IEP approval, as well as for organizations who already have approval, but are planning to operate in new locations or deliver new activities. All organizations must register their organization with the MoMP through their online portal, as well as submit or re-submit an application to the IEP.  <span style="color: red;">If any organizations would like to conduct summer activities that differ from their regular programming, the deadline to submit for approval to the IEP is May 31<sup>st</sup>.</span>                      The attached instructions are currently in Greek, but the ESWG will work to translate them into English as well.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IEP approval and re-application processes – ESWG will try to clarify process on approval for summer activities</li> <li>- ESWG to translate new document on IEP instructions so that all can read; will send out when completed</li> <li>- ESWG to complete peace education &amp; conflict resolution briefer and further explore the possibility of delivering an associated training on peace education/conflict resolution/social cohesion</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Intercultural activities / social cohesion activities:</b> There was interest from ESWG members in having a training on intercultural activities and conflict management practices → the ESWG is putting together a guidance document on best practices and will send out when completed. Additionally, UNICEF will work to adapt their peace program materials and hopefully be able to deliver a training on these topics soon.</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Updates from MoE/MoMP/IOM</p>	<p><b>IOM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, the Oreokastro site launched reception classes with 9 children attending; Veria launched reception classes with almost 30 children attending. The last to launch will be Drama, all children are vaccinated and ready, so the site should be operational by Wednesday this week. This will complete the operationalizing of reception class sites for this school year.</li> <li>- 4-5 kindergartens (Andravida, Lagkadikia, Alexandria and Konista probably by the end of this week and Diavata, Kavalari and Elefsina by the end of next week) will open up this week and it is expected that by May 15 approx. 110 children will be attending.</li> <li>- The MoE has indicated that at least 23 existing DYEP sites &amp; structures will need to be operationalized in the 2017/2018 school year.</li> <li>- The IOM bussing program will officially end on June 30<sup>th</sup>; formal primary education will officially end on June 15<sup>th</sup>; and formal secondary schooling will generally stop at the end of May, with national exams taking place in the beginning of June. It has yet to be determined whether IOM will continue bussing children to school for the 2017/2018 school year, should be confirming soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>MoMPo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dimitra and Georgia are conducting site visits to gather information (in a 4W doc) on education activities being</li> </ul>	

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	<p>offered specifically for youth ages 15+ and adults; unsure yet of whether the information will be made open to other orgs or will remain internal.</p> <p><b>OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scientific committee (university professors and other education experts) has completed a report/assessment for MoE, which is being finalized now. The report will provide recommendations to the MoE on how to move forward regarding refugee education for the 2017/2018 school year.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Youth task force update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As discussed in previous ESWG meetings, there is a key gap issue of children ages 15+ not having access to quality education services → Mercy Corp and NRC held meeting for interested parties to discuss the possibility of developing a national youth task force.</li> <li>- Currently, NRC and UNHCR are developing/implementing a skills-mapping across sites in the North. Upon completion of this skills mapping, they will then determine what activities would be most appropriate to offer for youth and will work with accommodation partners to deliver them. It is unclear of whether a broader task force, open to other organizations, will develop in the North.</li> <li>- There was consensus from meeting participants that many organizations would be interested in carrying out a skills mapping in the Attica region. However, due to limited funding and capacity, there was agreement to see how the skills mapping progresses in the North and then determine if a similar exercise could be replicated in the Attica region.</li> <li>- Additionally, Mercy Corps is working to include Greece in the No Lost Generation (NLG) platform (huge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send Camilla an email if you'd like to be added to the mailing list for updates on youth-related activities or if you would like to learn more about the No Lost Generation campaign. (chiggins@mercycorps.org)</li> </ul>

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	<p>amount of resources, tools, advocacy messages would be afforded to organizations working in Greece if accepted). Mercy Corps has drafted a proposal to make the case to NLG regarding why they should include Greece. If accepted, Mercy Corps would be the agency to connect other interested agencies to the NLG resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Olive-Up:</b> Is an opportunity for registered refugees to access a higher education program at the Central European University in Budapest; is a one year preparatory course and people are welcome to apply from various countries in the EEA area. (<a href="https://www.ceu.edu/academics/academic-outreach-programs/OLive">https://www.ceu.edu/academics/academic-outreach-programs/OLive</a>)</li> </ul>	
4. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MercyCorps: There is a former MercyCorps Greek teacher moving from the islands to the mainland; she is a wonderful non-formal Greek language education teacher, so if anyone is looking to hire a new teacher, she is highly recommended.</li> <li>- Kelsey Dalrymple's (ESWG Coordinator – Save the Children) last day is this Friday (May 12) – get in touch with her by Friday if you have any questions for her. Until her replacement arrives, Naoko will be the main point of contact for the ESWG.</li> </ul>	

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