

Education Sector Working Group Epirus Meeting

Date:	15 May 2018	
Participants:	<i>UNHCR, Arsis, Second Tree, PH4K, Solidarity Now</i>	
Chair:	UNHCR	
Agenda		
Key	PoCs = Persons of Concern; MoE = Ministry of Education; REC= Refugee Education Coordinator	
Agenda item	Discussions	Action points /deadline
<p>1. Katsikas – Non formal and Formal Education</p>	<p>The DYEP in Katsikas has started its operation. UNHCR is in contact with REC to provide school bags for the secondary education school age children.</p> <p>The issue of the community space being used as a mosque for the Ramadan period will create a problem concerning NFE activities in mother tongue during the day at the location.</p> <p>Second Tree will provide English language courses to Habibi Works. The start of the classes is planned for next Tuesday 22rd of May.</p> <p>So far 100 students have signed up. The age group of beneficiaries is 15+ . There will be five classes in total of which 2 classes for a given level. Levels will be 1 A1, 1 A2, 1 B2</p> <p>ARSIS is still providing Greek language two times per week to adolescents but given the issue with the space it cannot expand the operations. Probably next week there will be Greek classes provided outside the CFS.</p>	

<p>2. Update on continuation of non-formal educational activities – overview by sites and urban accommodation</p> <p>3. Extra-curricular activities</p> <p>4. AoB</p>	<p>In SN all enrolment for next year are done / there are only three cases issues with vaccination; parents had lost the vaccinations booklets. In all 10 children are registered</p> <p>In Konitsa formal education activities are going smoothly, most children will go to morning classes; nevertheless there has been a lot of change since from the beginning of the year many children have left to another country</p> <p>In Doliana, Greek classes continue to be provided twice a week per groups of women and men (twice for every group)</p> <p>In June the contracts of the Municipality workers will expire (to be confirmed). Municipality workers provide CFS and Greek language courses (independently from ARSIS)</p> <p>In the CC (Community Centre) and in Agia Eleni Greek classes courses have seen 144 asylum seekers and refugees enrolled, with students from 11 different nationalities. The focus is quality of services provided and the philosophy of the actor providing the courses is to retain the students that are really motivated and that can achieve the level for a certification.</p> <p>Nevertheless due to budget limitations, both in the CC and in AE, Second Tree has had to put students of different levels, in the same class, which is basically now half and half per level. Overall there is a lot of commitment, and appreciation for the seriousness of this round of the programme.</p> <p>Concerning the Arabic language course in the CC during the weekend they have started with 9 students (7 NGO workers, 2 locals).</p>	
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The teacher providing the classes is a Syrian professor of University of Damascus, specialised in the Arab language linguistics. Given that the approval for the project came on midweek there will be a significant increase of students after a more consistent outreach is done.

Concerning English classes – both in Agia Eleni and the Community Centre classes are progressing smoothly. Teachers have started exposing students to exam preparatory sessions, in order to familiarize them with language accreditation procedures in the EU. There is a good collaboration between English and Greek.

In the Community Centre the CFS will operate soon and it will include two shifts, one from 10:00 am to 14:30 pm , and the second from 14:30 – 19:00 pm

The first shift will have two educators, and the second shift four educators

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