



## **Lesvos Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, 6 February 2019

**School of Peace:** They have started their new child protection project, designed and implemented by a PSS specialist. It focuses on creating a safe space for children where they do activities such as writing, being part of a support circle etc. It started officially this week by IsraAID. It will have duration of 8 weeks, 1 session per class per week. The daily attendance of the children attending NFE is 110.

**SOS Villages:** They are implementing a homework support project, in collaboration with METAdrasi and the RECs, by providing support to the children attending formal education (either DYEP or ZEP). They are mainly focusing on supporting with Greek language classes. There are four groups attending; the first one with children aged from 11 to 15, the second one for 8 to 10 year olds, the third one is the beginners, ages 6 to 7. The last one is consisted of some 9 kids and are the ones who are attending ZEP classes. They have a daily attendance of 65 to 70 children and they keep a waiting list. The teachers of SOS are communicating with the formal education teachers in regards to the progress but mainly the gaps of Kara Tepe children attending formal education. Also, they have a group of pre-schoolers who are attending their activities after the operating hours of MoE's kindergarten. Moreover, SOS Villages are going to start a new project for children with disabilities, twice per week, for around 5 cases aged between 6 to 11. They have two special education teachers in their team that will start working with the above mentioned cases, doing mostly recreational activities; however, if they felt it is feasible, they will provide NFE as well.

**Movement on the Ground:** They have a classroom in the Olive Grove where they teach English and Greek, both for children and adults. The capacity of the class is around 10 to 15 people and they are usually full. There is no attendance sheet, no waiting list records for the moment. Moreover, they are providing computer classes for the residents of Section A, B, C and the Safe Zone. They provide classes both inside the Sections and once per week are taking them to Synyparksi's centre in Mytilene. For the minors, apart from Section A, the rest, are providing

escorts for the trip to Mytilene and MoG has a contract with the public bus company in order to facilitate transportation. Also, they have a digital learning center in Kara Tepe where they provide typing courses for the children and more advanced ones for the adults. They continue normally with their sports/football projects.

**TAPUAT:** Enrolled 226 beneficiaries in January and currently have waiting list of 178. They run the SEL project (Social and Emotional Learning) for children. During the whole of next week, they will have a dentist that will provide dental hygiene classes and also educate the staff. Additionally, the dentist will provide a basic dental examination of the children and if severe cases are identified, they will be referred to Moria clinic.

**HELP International:** are currently active in Sections A, B and mostly in C. this week have started providing Greek lessons. Their schedule is as follows: in section B they provide English classes twice per week from 11 to 12, in Section A they are present five times per week, in the morning from 10 to 12 and in the afternoon from 15.00 to 17.00. They are focusing on teaching the children how to express themselves, for example how to order in a restaurant. On Saturday and Sunday are doing Greek classes in Section A. in the afternoons, they have activities such as geography and science. REC provided them information on how to acquire the IEP certification.

**ReFocus:** are focusing on late teenagers, young adults by providing classes in media, photography, video production, sound recording, graphic design etc in order for the beneficiaries to acquire marketable skills. They were operating in Lesvos last year; this year they will have a beginner and an intermediate class. The classes will be hosted in the school of peace and the new starfish premises, respectively. The target is that the people who have lost years of education are given the chance to acquire new skills that not necessarily need a diploma. Several of the students from the course last year, have managed to get a job in related fields and two of them took part in the Human Rights Festival.

**Formal Education:** Due to recent changes in their internal structure, Mr. Pavlou has taken over the tasks related to the kindergarten of Kara Tepe and will have presence on site twice per week. For the moment, there are 32 children attending the kindergarten of MoE.

**AOB:** There is a gap in adult education in KT as LATRA left the camp.