



Consultative Meeting with partners - Meeting minutes

Date: 18th August 2016

Meeting Participants: Ministry of Education (including the Under-Secretary, DGs and Directors) and a total of 42 development and humanitarian organizations.

The purpose of the meeting was to understand the impact of the recent fighting in Juba on programming by various organizations. Participants also assessed the impact on staffing for national and international NGOs.

Partners' presence: Although most international NGOs evacuated their international (education) staff between 9-11 July, these organizations kept their national staff for monitoring of programmes and situation in Juba. Despite reduced operational capacity in the capital, field operations outside Juba continued running normally. National NGOs active in Education in Emergency were affected mostly in the capital but were able to conduct the first assessments and support UNICEF response in the PoCs and areas affected by the recent fighting.

Although almost all international education staff of international NGOs had returned to Juba/South Sudan by mid-August, organizations have nevertheless been affected by the prevailing insecurity, issues related with restrictions at immigration and are still working on reduced capacity.

The following points summarize the issues that were raised by partners:

- Delayed projects - GESS/TVET/UNICEF, and delays in production of materials and distribution - RtL and UNICEF
- Logistic challenges/movement of supplies
- Cash movement (capitation grants) - GESS
- Posting and movement of staff due to ethnicity - All
- Huge inflation and increased cost of projects - All

- National school calendar (not implemented uniformly)
- Increased layers of Government approval process - GESS and all international NGOs
- Looting and robbing of education institutions run/supported by partners - Instance of Magvi
- Food crises and inadequate distribution of food including school feeding programme - All
- Level of teachers' salary in relation to the increase of cost of living/inflation
- High drop out of teachers and pupils - Aweil, Juba and Easter Equatoria.

While all partners agreed that issues should be handled one at a time, they also recognized that things will most likely ease out as security improves. Regarding the level of incentives paid to teaching facilitators, the Ministry stated that they understand challenges faced by partners and economic hardship, but also that there is a risk to jeopardize the education system. The Ministry wouldn't want any increase to take place before the government is able to pay the 300% increase to teachers.

Vinoba made a presentation on the SSHF SA2 allocation on the proposed activities, geographical areas and the budget:

Priority activities to address the needs/gaps identified above	Note/Exit Strategy	Location (state/county)	USD Requirements	Number of beneficiaries
Incentives to teaching facilitators in areas where the government doesn't have presence. Together with education supplies, the payment of incentives is the most critical activity to keep schools running.	The Cluster is working with the Global Partnership for Education to shift some of the funding currently allocated to development activities to respond to the new emergency situation. Depending on findings from the assessment and approval by the GPE, teachers' salaries may be covered as from early 2017.	Unity (Mayom, Panyjiar, Koch, Guit) Western Equatoria (Yambio, Maridi, Mundri East and West), Jonglei (Nyrol, Fangak, Lankien) Upper Nile (Melut, Nasir, Fashoda, Ulang)	USD 700,000	2,800 teaching facilitators, 140,000 children
Rehabilitation of damaged hand washing facilities and latrines, security and safety of schools through fences, guards, providing/securing doors, fixing roofs.	To improve health and hygiene standards in schools, reduce the spread of cholera, improve the security and safety of children in schools, reduce the likelihood of schools being occupied by IDPs.	Central Equatoria (Juba areas affected by displacement), Unity (Mayom, Panyjiar, Koch, Guit) Western Equatoria (Yambio, Maridi, Mundri East and West), Jonglei	USD 1,010,000	29,700 children

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Training of teaching facilitators on prevention of cholera and diseases, nutrition, GBV, PSS, together with training on basic pedagogy to ensure that teaching facilitators are able to transact the curriculum and that students stay in school.	Protection, Child Protection and Nutrition Clusters will have to provide the human resources to ensure training of teaching facilitators on GBV, PSS and nutrition.	Same locations as above. This activity will be integrated in each project approved for the first two activities.	USD 190,000	2,800 teaching facilitators, 140,000 children
		Proposed Total Cluster Envelope:	USD 1,900,000	