



National Education Cluster - Meeting minutes

Date: 5th Jan, 2016 at 11:00, MoEST Boardroom

Meeting Participants: ASCO, Apt, BRAC, CMD, CHIDO, FYF, HELCO, HACO, INTERSOS, LWF, NuSS, SGSO, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNKEA, USAID, WCH and WV.

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1. Introduction		
No suggestions of changes to the agenda or minutes of the last Cluster meeting were made.	N/A	N/A
2. Standards for TLSS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This has been requested by several partners including UNICEF. These standards are a set of guidelines on what to do / not to do to ensure safety and security of students, as well as improve quality of teaching and learning. They do not provide specific and exhaustive designs, as these shall be developed on the basis of budget, local materials, construction techniques and manpower. In particular, the document recommends to rehabilitate existing education facilities rather than setting up TLSS, select sites on the basis of access and safety criteria, take into account natural hazards and risks linked to human activity, and provides a set of standard measures for classrooms and schools. ▪ A number of suggestions/additions were made during the meeting by Education Cluster members, who are also encouraged to review the document. 	Share the draft document with partners for their input.	ECU, together with minutes of the meeting.

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3. Review of implications for education of ROSS plans for resettlement of IDPs		
Nicolas provided an overview of ROSS plans for resettlement of IDPs, which puts heavy focus on 1) Provision of emergency education to children in conflict affected areas; 2) Community Accelerated Education Programme for the reintegration of CAAFAGs back into their families and communities; 3) the role of Education and the Education Cluster in the resettlement working group.	Education Cluster members interested can ask for the document to the ECU.	ECU
4. HRP Reporting		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016 the Education Cluster will need to mobilize USD 37.6 MM to reach the 446,000 beneficiaries set as target (207,500 boys and young men, 238,500 girls and young women - IDPs, host community and returnees). 25 partners are registered in OPS. In order to improve the quality of reporting, the Cluster has revised and harmonized its 5W activities with the HRP and CHF indicators. Fred will conduct a training of partners on reporting of information in the 5W for 14th and 15th Jan, partners are to send their reporting staff + one backup person for the planned sessions. Information Management clinics will be ongoing throughout, and therefore any partner finding difficulties in using the tools should contact the Information Management desk at the Cluster. The Education Cluster website is updated regularly in case partners want to access meeting minutes and EiE related materials: https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/south-sudan and http://www.southsudaneducationcluster.com/. 	Share presentation on 2016 targets Confirm training venue, date and time by Monday (11 th Jan)	Together with minutes of the meeting Fred for 5W training
5. Humanitarian updates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from the ICWG/presentation made by UNDSS: while everybody hopes that the peace agreement will hold and that political and security arrangements will make progress, there are fears that the creation of 28 States may jeopardize the process and create further tension/fighting, esp. in the GUN States and WES. BRAC reports that the 25 schools it supports in Mundri have been closed since September and that its staff couldn't go there. The partner is exploring opportunities to shift the school and/or the support to areas where they can feasible continue with the 	Reach out to ECU in case there is need for support in areas of: - Identifying priority areas - Liaison with CHF Secretariat	Partners/ECU, anytime

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<p>support. Nicolas: the ECU is there to support and advise on areas where needs are high but the security situation more stable than WES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fashoda Youth Forum: the CHF funded project is finally starting, following a lengthy verification process of administrative and financial procedures. The project is being launched in six schools. 		
6. AOBs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ToT for EiE is planned for the end of February - early March, either in Juba or at the State level. In preparation of this training, there will be a meeting with MoEST Curriculum and Teacher Training Specialists, as well as Trainers of Trainers who have been trained by UNESCO. The aim of this meeting will be to define objectives of the training (focus will be on life skills and primary education) training modalities (venue/s, dates, materials, methodology) and trainers' availability in the next months. Incentives for teaching facilitators: there have been requests at PoC level to increase incentives paid to day workers and the ICWG is working on harmonizing those (currently, the level of incentives is different from one PoC to another). This is a concern for the Education Cluster since our incentives are linked to the level of teachers' salaries, which hasn't changed in the past months. The Cluster is working and a number of mitigation measures and the MoEST announced that there should be a salary increase soon. <p>Similarly, UNHCR's decision to pay refugee and local community teachers in USD could have negative consequences for the sector as the difference of salaries/incentives could lead to strikes and interruption of programmes. The South Sudan Education Cluster is in touch with the global Education Cluster to hear about practices in other countries which have faced similar situations. The MoEST asked UNHCR to come for a presentation of their decision.</p>	<p>Meet with MoEST and Trainers of trainers</p> <p>Discussion/meeting with the global Education Cluster and UNHCR Education to hear about practices in other countries. Depending on recommendations made at the meeting, draft a position paper.</p> <p>Follow up on outcomes of the MoEST-UNHCR meeting.</p>	<p>ECU, Thursday 7 January</p> <p>ECU, Tuesday 12 January</p>
Next Regular Meeting: 19th Jan, 2016, 11am		