

oPt IASC Education Cluster Fact Sheet

Education cluster

Following the request of the UN Country Team and humanitarian partners in the occupied Palestinian Territories, UNICEF and Save the Children have assumed a co-lead responsibility for the Education Cluster.

The aim of the Education Cluster is to strengthen the humanitarian response through partnership in order to achieve better prioritization of available resources. This will be achieved by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the various Education actors and by providing a clear focal point (two co-leads) for emergency education interventions.

The Education Cluster is committed to supporting the humanitarian community by ensuring the participation of all the key Education partners, in planning, establishing and maintaining appropriate humanitarian coordination mechanisms, to ensure complementarity between all Education actors. The Education Cluster will ensure that activities are undertaken in conjunction with the national/local authorities and with existing Education coordination platforms such as the Gaza-based Education Working Group.

The Education Cluster is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities in line with the IASC guidelines, and to providing adequate reporting, information sharing and cross-cluster coordination. In addition, as agreed in the IASC guidelines, UNICEF and Save the Children will be responsible as the “provider of last resort”

for Education services, subject to access, security and the availability of the necessary resources.

Education Cluster Objectives

To facilitate the coordination among local, international and UN agencies active in Education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and to enhance predictability, timeliness and efficiency of the Education sector in meeting beneficiaries’ needs. The main objective of Education Cluster personnel is to facilitate the provision of Education services for those affected by conflict, occupation and natural events such as drought.

Role of the Education Country Cluster Lead

- The role of sector leads, as specified in the IASC Guidance Note, at the country level includes:
- Inclusion of key humanitarian partners
- Establishment & maintenance of appropriate humanitarian coordination mechanisms
- Coordination with national/local authorities, State institutions, local civil society and other relevant actors
- Participatory and community-based approaches
- Attention to priority cross-cutting issues (e.g. age, diversity, environment, gender, HIV/AIDS and human rights)
- Needs assessment and analysis
- Emergency preparedness, planning and strategy development

- Application of standards
- Monitoring and reporting
- Advocacy and resource mobilization
- Training and capacity building
- Provision of assistance or services as a last resort

Structure

The Education Cluster Coordinators (UNICEF and Save the Children) will arrange the necessary events for Education actors, including

meetings, Information Management, reporting, workshops and coordination with national authorities. Any organization working in the Education sector can join the group, as can donors, and other sector leads.

Meetings are currently being held every week at the UNDP/PAPP building in Ramallah with videolink to Gaza.

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