

Education Cluster Meeting Minutes (West Bank cluster members)

Date: August, 4th 2009 at Ministry of Education and Higher Education

Attendance: Itaf Hamad (Ministry of Education), Eyad Al-Araz and Nadia Guettou (Save the Children), Amani Salah (OCHA), Dahab Musleb (Welfare Association), Frosse Dabit (UNESCO), Hadeel Budein (Islamic Relief), Jawad Abuosn (Partnership for Sustainable Development), Ana Sanchez and Nadia Shawwa (MPDL), John Sakakini (ANERA), Basima Ahed and Laetitia Lemaistre (UNICEF).

I. Quick updates from Cluster Co-Lead

INEE Minimum Standards Workshop

The 1-2 day workshop for cluster members in West Bank and Gaza is scheduled for after Ramadan and Eid due to the availability of the trainer.

CAP 2010 takes off this month with district level coordination workshops

- Nablus: August 13th
- Gaza: August 16th
- Jericho: August 18th
- Hebron: August 20th
- Ramallah workshop: September 9th-10th
- Education partners are invited to attend the district level coordination

Education Response Plan based on Contingency Planning

The OCHA contingency planning workshop was held on July 10th with all sector/cluster leads where the scenarios were decided. Laetitia Lemaistre attended and shared the outcomes of the meeting with cluster members. The cluster reviewed the two scenarios from OCHA- internal conflict and escalation of settler violence.

Cluster members were confused as to why and how these two particular scenarios were chosen and why the duration was limited to only 2-3 weeks for both. An explanation was provided to cluster members as to how these scenarios were chosen. Cluster members emphasized that the possibility of the two conflicts spreading, especially the first one spreading beyond Nablus and Hebron, was extremely likely. Laetitia Lemaistre explained that the response plan should be flexible enough to apply to similar scenarios happening in other areas and of different magnitudes.

Save the Children suggested adding another scenario which would consider the effect of the Global Financial Crisis on the payment of salaries of the PA and local governments. The cluster spent the remaining time developing the sector response plan.

Action Points:

Several main action points surfaced for the cluster co-lead during the contingency planning discussion.

- Draft of the sector response plan will be shared with participants of the August 4th cluster meeting to receive feedback before the final deadline of August 14th to OCHA.

- **West Bank Education Partner Database:** Collect project information and contact details of cluster members for the purpose of creating a database for West Bank. This database will serve a number of purposes, but the main objectives are threefold: firstly, in the case of an emergency, the database will allow for faster mobilization; secondly, for the purposes of planning, cluster members will see how to best serve communities by seeing where other partners are working, and what they focus on specifically; and finally, to avoid overlap in project implementation and services provided. The co-lead will design a basic matrix that partners will be asked to fill.

Next Education Cluster meeting: Save the Children office in Ramallah, Tuesday September 1st 2009, 10:00 am.