



Emergencies in Education thematic group

Notes from 29th August 2013

Introduction

The Forum for Education NGOs in Uganda is a national coalition of civil society organisations working to bring about education rights in Uganda. This document outlines EIE notes made at the meeting on 29th August 2013 at the DES.

Notes from meeting

Anya from FENU reminded the group that EIE is coordinated jointly by DES and FENU. The hope is that in time the group will transition into a full working group within MoES.

FENU updated the group on the meeting held with UNEB officials about certificate equation framework with the DRC. Uganda has a certification equation framework with other neighbouring countries, but not with the DRC. This is problematic for Congolese refugees, among others.

It was concluded in that meeting that Mr James Onyango from UNCHR was to get the contact person in the examination board from the Ministry of Education in Congo. UNEB will then write to the concerned person to initiate setting a certification equation framework between Uganda and DRC. As part of the submission to the ESSR, FENU will request for UNEB to receive funding to be able to conduct the visit needed to set up this framework.

Update and discussion on forming an EIE working group within MoES (Mr. Kajumba DES)

Mr. Kajumba informed the group that he has re- submitted suggested ToR for an EiE working group to the new P.S. He has now been referred to the planning department.

The thematic group agreed to set up a small meeting to look into the details of the EiE working groups ToR, suggested activities and funding needed. This meeting is to meet at DES on 2nd October 2013.

KYANGWALI UPDATE

An update was given on the Bundibudgyo emergency. UNHCRs recent briefing was also circulated for further information. In the Kyangwali settlement 7 learning centres are needed. These centres shall comprise of an ECD and P(1-4). A vocational secondary school will also be established.

The Ugandan education curriculum shall be implemented. Kiswahili, English-Medium of instruction & French will be taught as a subject. Discussions are underway about recruiting more refugee teachers

Some of the cross cutting issues are gender issues in education, HIV and AIDS, human/child rights, child protection, life skills education amongst others.

Agreed issues to be presented during ESSR in September 2013

1. EIE working group

To have a full working group with appropriate funding to include a fund for emergency response. PS

2. Refugee Education certification

Ensure UNEB receives adequate funding needed to set up certification equation framework with DRC (All refugees should be able to study in Uganda .There are specific problems with DRC) The person responsible is the PS MoES

3. Teacher deployment in Emergencies

Special focus on teacher deployment in areas where emergencies are prevalent or likely, to ensure acceptable teachers pupil ratio (PS MoES and OPM)

4. Disaster Risk Reductions

Mainstream DRR into all departments in MoES by including DRR in the work plan for each department.(Heads of Departments are responsible for this).It is also a national and international obligation.

Actions that came out of the meeting

Action agreed upon	Responsible person/ organization	Time frame
Circulate the ESSR issues to be presented in the forth coming ESSR in September 2013	FENU Secretariat (Anya /James)	Immediate
Have a small meeting to consider activities /financial implications for the working group proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FENU Secretariat (Anya /James) • DES • UNHCR • UNICEF • SAVE 	
UNHCR is to clarify and guide on the process what registered refugees entails to translation of certificate	UNHCR	
Update on the working group at the next meting		23 rd oct2013
UNEB update???		

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Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 23rd October 2013 at Directorate of Education Standards Kyambogo starting at 10Am.