

RENCP- General Assembly minutes

Date: October 22, 2013/ Venue: Wellspring Gym Hall

By: WELLSPRING FOUNDATION

A. Organizations represented:

a. Members

1. Actionaid
2. Club Pesct
3. CONCERN WORLDWIDE RWANDA
4. EDC/L3
5. FH
6. FHI360
7. Girl Hub Rwanda
8. Handicap International
9. Millennium Villages
10. NUDOR
11. PLAN Rwanda
12. Right to Play
13. Save the Children
14. Umuhuza
15. VSO
16. VVOB
17. Wellspring Foundation

b. Development Partners:

1. UNICEF

c. Guests:

1. Kunda Umwana
2. PADECO (Prospective member)
3. Kigali Women Book Club (Prospective member)
4. Help a Child (Prospective member)
5. SHE

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B. Notes from the meeting

1. Opening remarks from WELLSPRING Foundation (Chair)

- In his opening remarks, Stephane Nyembo (Wellspring Foundation), on behalf of Wellspring's Country Director, welcomed the GA participants. Stephane took this opportunity to give a quick update on recent RENCP leadership (RENCP Chair & Co-Chair plus WGs Chairs) outcome informed the RENCP GA about a meeting held by all the WG chairs together with the chair and co-chair of RENCP.
- Stephane also introduced THREE prospective RENCP members that expressed their interest in joining RENCP. These are Kigali Women Book Club, Help a Child and PADECO. After a review of their respective profiles and Educational Activities, the GA granted membership to KWBC and Help a Child.
- There was a lot of concern from some RENCP members about membership procedures and businesses joining as RENCP membership. Since PADECO expressed their interest in joining RENCP as a consulting Company, the GA requested that their requirements are reviewed in the next RENCP leadership Meeting.

2. Updates from the WG (Please refer to WG attached presentations for details)

Some remarks from the WGs Presentations:

- Information Sharing is to be encouraged and fostered among and within WGs especially for cross-cutting issues (e.g. gender, community involvement, etc.)
- Collaboration with MINEDUC needs to be enhanced and reinforced. WGs are encouraged to proactively collaborate with the MINEDUC corresponding Focal Points.
- WGs members were kindly reminded Organizations hosting a meeting should plan to accommodate costs or run cost-effective meetings.

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3. Dialogue on Working Relationships with Decision Makers (MINEDUC, REB, KIE...) by Vicky/ FHI360

- Examples given by Wellspring foundation (who to report to? Who take the final decision? Is REB? TDM? MINEDUC? DEO? SEO...); by VSO (having money to build a classroom for resources centre, nobody is ready to take decision... KIE)
- It is important to understand the channels, the line of authorities: education specialists are developing strategies but they lack authority to implement and supervise...
- Communication is important in order to know who does what... clarity on how things are done. There is lack of coordination between agencies and no transparency of the system; we need to thoroughly investigate.
- The question is to know what is affecting the education delivery, the quality education that is being hindered while we are waiting for decisions to be made.
- If a problem in a school is taking long to be addressed, what are we doing as civil society to ensure quality education?
- Institutional Division of roles is not clear and this limits the ability to make decisions.

4. Education Sector Macro updates by UNICEF

Hugh Delaney updated the group on:

- The Global Partnership for Education Fund
- Annex 2 about the Education Sector Outcome Indicator Matrix
- National Curriculum review
- Draft of the ESSP indicators
- Linkages between the EDPRS and the ESSP

5. Concluding remarks from the RENCP Co-Chair ,VSO

In her address to the GA, Ruth Mbabazi, on behalf of VSO Country Director, thanked everyone for their participation, mentioning the presentation done by Vicky and Hugh (UNICEF). She stressed that there is a lot ahead of us hence the need to remain open and to seize opportunities. Ruth also insisted on the importance for RENCP to have a focal point in MINEDUC to foster communication and information sharing.

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