

Minutes
Interagency Youth Theme Group Meeting
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#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1	Introduction of participants	Participants introduced themselves and welcomed the newcomers.		All participants	
2	Brief description of American Corners in Tajikistan	There are 7 American Corner's in Tajikistan in all major cities, and additional 4 'American Windows' (smaller versions). They provide i.a. library service, internet, debate clubs, presentations, e-library, movie nights, song competitions, English classes. The center is open to everyone, and the venue can be booked by other organizations for events free of charge. In Dushanbe, there are between 15 and 100 visitors each day.		Gulnora Zindadilova, American Corner	
3	Updates by Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF has conducted a survey on Children and Violence, which will be presented on 29 November to decision makers in Tajikistan, within the campaign '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence'. After validation of the findings, the survey will be shared with IYTG members. Counterpart has finished the first draft of 'Civic Education' for 14 – 17 year old children. Counterpart wants to discuss this tool with all actors, and it will be shared in 2 months time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF will share report after validation Counterpart will share tool 'Civic Education' to be used in schools and for teachers Keiichi will send out link for electing the best 'Online Volunteer' Keiichi will send out short questionnaire about volunteer work within different 	all	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VSO is in the process of recruiting local volunteers and Afghan youth. Programme will start in January. Additional VSO is getting the ‘Million Hour of Volunteering’ started. • UNHCR has 12 DAFI scholarships for Refugees, mostly Afghans. • From 21 - 25 November, UNFPA conducted training for medical specialists on provision of SRH services to most at risk youth. GIZ is considering duplication of this training. UNFPA has produced a PSA for the “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” that will be shown on Safina TV station. UNFPA has also produced textbooks for students and manuals for teachers about Healthy Lifestyle. Another PSA is being produced on HLSE for national television. • USAID representative informed about the International Education Week that was conducted at Ismaili Center. • UN Day was successfully conducted, but might have a greater scope next year, to include all partner organizations. • UNV will conduct an event for International Volunteer Day in Kurgan Teppe, in collaboration with a local NGO. UNV will select a winner of Online Volunteering. Keiichi would like to distribute small questionnaire in the near future to assess the volunteer activities within different organizations. • Eurasia Foundation supports the Youth Parliament in GBAO. In collaboration with UNDEF and the Government of GBAO small grants are provided. Debate tournaments were held in 6 regions, and a research paper was jointly produced with the World Bank, will be published soon and then circulated. 	<p>organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VSO will answer any questions on the Million Hours project. • Eurasian Foundation will circulate the research paper, once it has been published. 		
4	Presentation on	Building the Skills of Tajikistan’s Youth through		VSO	

	<p>‘Million Hour’ project from VSO/ Eurasia Foundation, by Lisa Gampp</p>	<p>Volunteering: the goal of the project is to mobilize skilled national professionals (employees with experience in different sectors, e.g. IT, management, financial accounting) as mentors for young volunteers (as interns), to enhance their skills. These young people will in turn spread their knowledge among their peers, friends, etc.</p> <p>The programme aims at sharing knowledge, trying to build skills, preventing Labour migration among youth, and enhancing self-confidence of vulnerable youth and women. In rural areas general knowledge on how to start and have a business will be provided, in the cities the goal is to teach computer skills, marketing, photography, management etc. The beneficiaries list their interest on the application and they will be matched with a skilled professional mentor in this area of interest.</p> <p>Some mentors have already agreed to participate; the difficulty is selecting the beneficiaries. This will be the task till beginning of next year, when the project will start.</p> <p>More detailed information (how much time, meetings in person or online) can be e-mailed to VSO. There will be also articles in Russian in Asia Plus, maybe also in Tajik language.</p>			
5	<p>16 Days Activism Against Gender Violence</p>	<p>UNICEF is participating by presenting their research findings on ‘Children and Violence’. UN Women will take the lead on event organization.</p>	<p>Parviz will contact Barno from UN Women about plans for 16 Days campaign. Eurasian Foundation will share powerful, short movies about domestic violence from last year.</p>	<p>UNICEF, UNFPA, Eurasia Foundation</p>	<p>25.1. – 10.12.</p>
6	<p>International Volunteer Day</p>	<p>Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint press release • Information sharing • Event organized by volunteers 		<p>UNFPA UN Habitat UNICEF</p>	<p>5.12.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity of cleaning up park • Producing short video <p>Parviz will draft the press release in Russian; it then has to be translated to English and Tajik.</p> <p>Cleaning activity is hard to predict, because of weather conditions, maybe visit an orphanage, announce collection of books and toys and spend some time with them. Parviz from UN Habitat will coordinate this.</p> <p>UNICEF will contact some Youth NGO's for ideas for Volunteer Day.</p>			
7	IYTG Planning for 2014	<p>All members are requested to agree with their management the support to IYTG for the next year, and if possible, to made financial allocations.</p> <p>Also, members are requested to bring their ideas fo the next year AWP which should be very realistic for implementation. Next year the table will be created where each participating agency will select one month for hosting IYTG meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting to take place on Friday, 13 December at UNFPA office, time TBC.</p>			13.12.

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