



Inter-Agency
Coordination
Turkey

National Protection Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Time & Location: Thursday, 27 January 2022, 09.30-12.30 hrs / Zoom

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Meeting Agenda:

- I. Introduction and Updates
- II. Overview of Southeast Annual Priorities
- III. Overview of Aegean Annual Priorities
- IV. Overview of National Child Protection Priorities
- V. Overview of National GBV Annual Priorities
- VI. Discussion on National Protection Working Group Priorities
- VII. AoB

Agenda Item #1: Introduction and Updates

- Round 5 of the Inter-Agency Protection Sector Needs Assessment (IAPNA) was initiated as of last week, data collection is still ongoing. The inquiry areas for the Round 5 are predominantly the same as Round 4. Questions related to access to COVID-19 vaccines and access to digital tools have been kept in Round 5, and one additional inquiry area on “intentions” were added.
- M&E Training for the Protection Sector was delivered on 24 January 2022. The recording of the training (English and Turkish) will be shared together with the sector indicator guidance note in English and Turkish in the coming weeks.
- The revised Inter-Agency Referral Form (IARF) Package in [English](#), [Turkish](#), and the IARF itself in [English](#), [Turkish](#), [Arabic](#), and [Farsi](#) is published and available for use of all 3RP partners.
- The 3RP 2022 launch event will take place on February 11, 2022. Identified needs and gaps, as well as Protection sector priorities will be presented.
- UNICEF hosted an event on Out of School Children in Turkey ([available on YouTube](#)) on Tuesday, 25 January 2022. The invitation and online event link were shared with the PwG



sector members. There will be a Syria Task Force (STF) meeting dedicated to out-of-school children which the protection sector will be also supporting.

- The advocacy paper on persons with disabilities (PwD) is still being drafted in light of comments received through PwG members. A dedicated, inter-sectoral task force on PwD will be established as recommended in the advocacy paper. Relief International and IOM will be the co-chairs of the platform. The first kick-start meeting among co-chairs will be organized in due course.

Agenda Item #2: Overview of Southeast Annual Priorities

- Southeast Turkey Protection Coordinator delivered a presentation on Southeast PwG Annual Priorities for 2022 which will be made available with the meeting minutes. A summary of discussions is shared below.
- SET PwG 2022 Planning Workshop was held face-to-face between 07-09 December 2021. Discussions were held in six different sessions namely Child Protection, GBV, Legal Protection, individual protection interventions (case management), community engagement modalities and advocacy needs for specific groups. Thematic discussions were strengthened through use of relevant data and information retrieved through ActivityInfo.
- The Legal Counselors Group will continue delivering legal webinars (May-June 2022), revise the Guidance Note on Data Protection, establish a dedicated Task Team on birth registration.
- The SET Child Protection sWG (CPsWG) identified five intervention areas, namely child labour; child, early, and forced marriages; unaccompanied and separated children; children with disabilities; and, bullying.
- SET GBV sWG will be focusing on engagement with men and boys; MHPSS and gender mainstreaming; cross-sectoral work with the health sector; coordination with state actors; child marriages and PSEA.
- In addition to the above, a Community Engagement Task Team will be established and will be responsible to compile and share good practices, M&E of existing community engagement mechanisms, capacity development sessions on integrity targeting CBOs, amongst others.

Agenda Item #3: Overview Aegean Annual Priorities

- Aegean PwG Coordinator shared an overview of Aegean Annual Priorities for 2022
- Engagement with public institutions including PDMM, PDoFS and municipalities will continue especially around referrals, community mobilization, representation, access to rights and services and evidence-based advocacy.
- Access to asylum (IP&TP) continues to be a priority area for the Aegean region and there are ongoing challenges on IP and TP registration. Increased rejections following refugee status determination interviews resulted in an increased need for legal aid. In consideration of the



ongoing difficulties, advocacy efforts at national level should be prioritized in order to facilitate access to registration and documentation.

- Child, early and forced marriage, and child labour will remain as priority areas for the and will be taken by the CPsWG. Additionally, the sWG will look into unaccompanied and separated children on the move
- The GBV sWG will prioritize efforts around prevention, risk mitigation and response for GBV in workplaces. Activities will be planned both for refugee and host communities at the cross-sectoral level with the support of the Livelihoods Sector.
- Social cohesion related discussions and efforts will be prioritized at the cross-sectoral level, particularly from a monitoring perspective, as well as in relation to identifying measures to prevent incidents.
- Communication with communities particularly targeting most vulnerable; accountability; and capacity development targeting a wide range of actors will also be prioritized.

Agenda Item #4: Overview of National Child Protection Priorities

- National CPsWG coordinators delivered a presentation on annual National CPsWG priorities for 2022.
- Accordingly, the following thematic focus areas were identified:
 - Standardized CP guidance, tools, and resources; child protection in emergencies (beyond COVID-19); evidence generation and advocacy at national level; lessons learned and experience sharing; and child protection mainstreaming
- Southeast CPsWG coordinator also mentioned that they will be facilitating a dedicated discussion with the Education WG on peer bullying and cyber-bullying.
 - **Action Point:** Partners at the national level who are working on/expert on cyber-bullying are kindly requested to contact the SET CPsWG.

Agenda Item #5: Overview of GBV Annual Priorities

- National GBV sWG coordinators presented on the annual priorities identified for 2022.
- 2021 Workplan Achievements of the National GBVsWG were summarized under each output. The only activity that was not realized in 2021 is joint advocacy visits to public institutions related to GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response. The activity will be carried over to 2022.
- Prioritized activities include preparation of a GBV specific advocacy paper which would be complemented by advocacy visits to public institutions and other stakeholders; undertaking an inter-agency GBV assessment and participatory assessments; cross-sectoral collaboration on GBV; roll-out of GBV toolkit; and capacity development of partners and public institutions.



- National GBVsWG Meetings will take place on the following dates in 2022: 20 January, 21 April, 5 July, 22 September, 15 December.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion on National Protection Working Group Priorities

- Four different polls were administered during the meeting to identify priority areas and activities for the National PWG in 2022. Responses by PwG members are listed below.

Poll #1: Identification of Thematic Areas for 2022

- Community-based protection;
- Continue targeted advocacy papers based on evidence through protection needs assessment;
- Strategic advocacy should continue for chronic issues, for which a plan is required;
- Refugees with disabilities, including focus on children, rehabilitation services;
- Data collection and analysis;
- Marginalization and criminalization of refugee youth;
- Older refugees;
- Linkages between different regions and sectors to inform protection interventions of sector members;
- Linkages between Livelihoods and Protection;
- Individuals of nationalities other than Syrian
- Seasonal workers/mobile populations;
- Social cohesion;
- Protection mainstreaming;
- Complementarity with public institutions,
- Access to territory and IP/TP;
- Access to justice;
- Empowering LGBTI+ individuals
- Ruh sağlığı ve psikososyal destek ve koruma sektörü arasındaki ortak çalışma alanları
- Durable Solutions

Poll #2: Prioritization of Thematic Areas for 2022

- **1st: Social Cohesion**
- **2nd: Linkages between livelihoods and protection**
- **3rd: Refugees with disabilities**
- **4th: Community-based protection**
- 5th: Linkages between MHPSS and Protection
- 6th: Durable Solutions
- 7th: Access to IP (including registration)



- 8th: Rural populations/mobile populations
- 9th: Individuals of nationalities other than Syrian
- 10th: Protection Mainstreaming
- 11th: LGBTI individuals

Poll #3: Intended Outcomes of and Potential Deliverables for Prioritized Thematic Areas for 2022:

Priority Area #1: Social Cohesion

- Harmonizing parameters of social cohesion activities; reaching a common definition for social cohesion;
- Data collection on rising tensions and incidents related to anti-refugee sentiment;
- Development of key messages, working with local authorities to eliminate false/prejudiced messages through information dissemination/raising awareness;
- Sharing good practices on prevention of and response to social tension incidents, with a focus on models (beyond events) for sustainable and impactful programming;
- Increased focus on language trainings to achieve social cohesion;
- Identifying best practices and developing a repository for pre/post tools measurement of outcome level change;
- Sharing practices and information on inclusion of youth, youth leaders as part of social cohesion interventions;
- Developing a road map on how to work with host community members and CBOs;
- Advocacy and collaboration with provincial level institutions on designing preventive activities;
- Raising awareness sessions with host community on the plight of refugees, including their rights in Turkey;
- Sharing experience and good practices on how to better include host community into protection activities targeting refugees;
- Developing sustainable community-based social cohesion strategies;
- Increased coordination on social cohesion efforts, potentially through a dedicated Task Team.

Priority Area #2: Linkages between Livelihoods and Protection

- Defining “common beneficiary” between the two sectors, common assessment and vulnerability criteria, catchment areas, and how to align approaches;
- Strengthening referrals between the two sectors;
- Facilitating advocacy on ESSN eligibility criteria related to protection as well as graduation from ESSN in the mid term;
- Improving identification and referral of GBV survivors and persons with specific needs to safe and decent working opportunities;



- Ensuring inputs by Protection partners are included in the paper on use of CBI in GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response
- Strengthened coordination with Transition from Social Assistance to Livelihoods Task Team;
- Promoting integrated programming including protection and livelihoods related support, assistance and services
- Dedicated meeting between protection and livelihoods sector partners, including to identify tangible pathways where livelihoods interventions can lead to protection solutions;
- Joint advocacy with livelihood sector on work formalization/legalization and work permits
- Increased advocacy with donors for more livelihoods funding;
- Increasing engagement with the private sector
- Evidence generation and best practice sharing on cash interventions that have succeeded in addressing key protection vulnerabilities;
- Identifying strategies and relevant activities towards increasing women's employment and employment of persons with disabilities;
- Identifying strategies and relevant activities aimed at preventing and eliminating discrimination, violence and abuse at the work place;
- Raising awareness with employers on child labour;
- Identification of home-based and decent working opportunities for women with childcare responsibilities, persons with disabilities, and LGBTI;
- Identifying training opportunities for persons with specific needs to build and mobilize their capacity in finding job opportunities.

Priority Area #3: Persons with Disabilities (PwD)

- Developing guidance on inclusive programming for PwD;
- Continue highlighting challenges with access to rights and services for PwD;
- Hold organizations accountable through an express set of indicators on their commitments to be more inclusive of PwDs;
- Identifying the specific service areas where refugees are and are not included in detail and develop advocacy messages and referral pathways;
- Creating special education opportunities (alternative to special education available through the national system considering capacity and language related barriers in access)
- Strengthening collaboration with local disability-led and expert organizations;
- Advocating for the employment of PwD and dissemination of information on livelihoods programs for PwDs;
- Developing projects on rehabilitation services and medical device assistance;
- Facilitating capacity building within sector on PwD



- Conduct service mapping both at public and NGO levels to facilitate effective referrals to services;
- Facilitating raising awareness efforts among formal social service providers and within refugee and host communities (i.e. targeting persons with no disabilities) on the needs and rights of refugees with disabilities;
- Developing guidance on working with caregivers of persons with disabilities, identifying good practices in this respect.

Priority Area #4: Access to International Protection (including registration)

- Monitoring and generating data on access to IP and TP, as well as particularly on RSD rejections, address control processes to inform advocacy with PMM;
- Strengthening advocacy on the one refugee policy and standardized registration processes, especially with regards to registration of Afghan asylum seekers;
- Facilitating a dedicated discussion on Syrians who have repatriated and then came back to Turkey, as well as for individuals with inactive insurances, to be followed by advocacy with PMM;
- Improving communication with communities on access to international protection;
- Improving access to legal aid particularly for rejected cases, individuals issued with deportation orders (etc);

Key Discussion Points:

- UN agencies are requested to share results of advocacy efforts, whether positive or negative, with PWG members.

Agenda Item #7: AoB

- The next National PwG Meeting will take place on 24 February 2022, during which the draft National PwG Workplan will be presented to the members for feedback and endorsement.
- Aegean Coordination will have the first Inter-Sectoral Working Group Meeting around the theme of "livelihoods". Recommendations will be shared with National PwG members. Organizations interested in joining the meeting can contact the UNHCR Izmir coordination team.
