EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

7th March 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Introduction and minutes review 2. Co-lead proposition 3. Assessments (Terra, Field visit, other assessments) 4. Thematic updates needs and gaps (as per the Flash appeal): debris management, support SMEs, short term livelihood, community infrastructures, cultural heritage, focus on achievements, funding, challenges/issues, advocacy, 5. ER IM (reporting, information sharing) 6. AOB – WEHA WG – ER focal points in Gaziantep and Hubs

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (30 Organizations/Agencies and 110 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bHax0cRGU04MN50EKBI8TwZmDXDE6LTAMc57Wxn8Ujs/edit?usp=sharing

1. Introduction and Minutes Review

- The meeting has started with welcoming attendees and informing the participants on the agenda of the meeting. Inputs in the agenda is recommended.
- The sector coordinator has been underlined that it is important to keep same focal point from each agency and organizations for the early recovery sector meetings as much as possible.
- Updated ER Sector ToR has been shared with the partners.
  - **Action Point:** Comments/feedback have been requested on ToR by Friday CoB. If no feedback shared by Friday CoB the ToR shared will be accepted as the final version.
- Early Recovery Advisor hiring process is ongoing. CVS are collected. This position is going to be a strategic in mainstreaming/developing early recovery strategies for donors, governments across sectors etc.
- Touched upon ER Reporting outside flash appeal. It is in progress. Financial Tracking System (FTS) outside of the flash is difficult to follow hence the need to have a mapping exercise
  - **Action point:** Mapping exercise should be done to capture activities and funding outside of the flash appeal to provide a more comprehensive picture of ER activities/funding (Miki)

- The early recovery sector has a website under the relief web OCHA web page (the link at the bottom of the document under useful links).
    - **Action Point:** Partners reports, assessments, statements etc. are welcome to be shared. They will be put to the webpage by IM focal point, Semiha Bal.
    - **Action Point:** The partners urged to share 3Ws link with their ER partners (the link at the bottom of the document under useful links) for them to register and share their work related to ER.
- MIRA dashboard/first factsheet has been released. Final report may be consolidated by the end of the week.
    - **Action Point:** The ER Coordination team will share the fact sheet with the partners.
- The ER sector is cross sectoral. Emergency phase and medium/long term phases of the response requires different approaches.
    - **Action Point:** The ER sector Coordinator, Mr. Clerc, will develop key messages will be for each sector; education, WASH, protection and will be shared with you for your inputs as soon as possible.
- The private sector meeting/workshop conducted on 7th from 5 to 8 pm with 230 participants. Capturing private sector contribution is the aim. Registration link for the workshop shared.
    - **Action Point:** By next week Private Sector contribution dashboard or tracker will be shared with the partners (by Florian Rhiza Nery). The ER partners welcomed to share their engagements with PS, as cash, in-kind etc. to capture in tracking and 3W reporting.
    - **Action Point:** Ms. Nery will clarify if there is an inclination for forming a PS sub working group in Gaziantep.
- Proactively reaching out also **Syrian businesspeople** who has been operating in the field before the EQ to provide support for them in Hatay and other places has been highlighted as it is cross cutting and related to social cohesion.
- The assessments Development Agencies are conducting in the region, in Gaziantep. The reaching out to reports/results is a pending issue.
- The **useful links** are placed on the bottom of the minutes in a table. Please see useful links table for visiting links and reaching out to relevant useful resources including essential UNHCR's Türkiye Earthquake Response: **Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry** Tool page.

2. Co-lead Proposition

- The information page has been shared with the partners about İhtiyaç Haritası/Needsmap prior to the meeting; during the meeting background information has been shared with the partners by going through the info page.
    - For more information on Needsmap, please refer to the **ER sector proposition info page had been shared alongside the last week's minutes** and visit their website: https://www.needsmap.coop/

- **Decision taken:** ER sector approved the proposition for **3 months** with the Needsmap upon future revision.

3. Assessments

- **PDNA** (Post Disaster Needs Assessment) updates has been shared:
  - **TERRA** Türkiye Earthquake Reconstruction and Recovery Assessment. It is preliminary report.
  - For PDNA, focal points from the UN agencies and the World Bank have been identified.
  - The initial draft was prepared by Presidential Strategy and Budget Office.
  - 17 different sectors teams and discussing the work from the international side which means UN agencies and work World Bank
  - The inputs will be consolidated **by 8th of March COB.**
  - The main focus will be recovery strategy priorities and cost implications. Economic sectors infrastructure sectors, crosscutting issues have been discussed and everything will be consolidated beforehand the donor conference on 20 of March (final announcement).
  - It has been underlined that this assessment is a very broad assessment; the process is rush as it must be ready for the donor conference; particularly relevant for early recovery. 100 people attended on the training; it shows that there is a success on mobilizing people for the assessment.
  - Probably there will be chance for final checks on chapters of the report before presenting in the conference, if there is time.
  - For the cross sectoral issues, the last divisions will be made. The partners expressed that it is good there will be divisions as turn might be overlapping for some sectors especially between, they employment, housing, infrastructures etc.
  - More funding is coming for emergency and particularly in flash appeal early doesn't get so much attention; this assessment will bring more visibility in ER sector as we need more funding and international support.
- **IOM** conducted a Türkiye **EQ Rapid Site Assessment**. They are invited to register to the assessment link (under the useful links). The link for the assessment page placed under the link of ER Sector - Snap shot of Activities.

4. Thematic updates needs and gaps (as per the Flash appeal): debris management, support SMEs, short term livelihood, community infrastructures, cultural heritage, focus on achievements, funding, challenges/issues, advocacy,

- Mr. Philippe Clerc shared his feedback, based on interviews from his field visits to Hatay, Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş.
  - The EQ impacted all region but not every province and districts are impacted on the same level and the capacity of recovery is not equal for all cities and districts.
  - Hatay, Kahramanmaras and Adiyaman are most affected; they need more external resources, more support; some of them will need three to five years to recover.

- For the buildings, in Hatay thinking about utilizing solar energy, geothermal energy, stronger but also environmentally friendly buildings.
- Also mentioned the importance to invest in disaster risk reductions, disaster management, disaster governance. Therefore, possible assistance/funding to support the government on disaster reductions may be a subject in the future.
- Exodus is a current issue. The concern is how to retain and attract back people will leave soon from the cities. People who did not leave stay in tents, big containers.
- The early recovery and others need to play a role in funding in urban trade, economic recovery, supporting local procurement, social protection.
- Strong cultural heritages are affected very strongly, and this will affect the tourism sector in the region. It is very important element to consider. UNDP wants to invest on cultural heritage protection and possibly support recovery.
- Finally, orphans, elderlies, person with disabilities are in high numbers. We need services, equipments, psychological support. Big concern about refugees (there is no concrete plan/policies for them yet), gypsies; social cohesion is very important and we need to mainstream social cohesion in our interventions.

- **Other organizations feedback**
- Observations from the side of **academic civil society** had been shared. Main concern is the bulk of interest doing research in the field; this may create of tiredness and neglection on **research ethics** as well as lack of feminist research perspective.
- Existing **class-based differences** is related to social protection system currently – the actual class related system is not working in these conditions as well as **social protection system** is not working. The solidarity among people – the immediate action taken by the civil society.
- Alongside migration from provinces to other provinces also **inside city movement** is the case from the city centers to the rural areas. This may lead further housing needs in rural areas.
- There are some concerns on **specific ethnic groups, religious groups, minorities** settling in very crowded central area excluded and this communicated not only refugees but also other minority groups. If the government doesn't give hope for being back to affected people, the **agriculture** will be affected severely.

  For I4Ds Innovation for development **(I4D)'s social procurement platform** updates please see the link of ER Sector - Snap shot of Activities.
- Two important crosscutting issues have been underlined by UNHCR:
  - **Access to information** about services assistance for rural populations, SuTPs, IP status holders and locals.
  - **Social cohesion** or harmonization is another issue. New tensions exist besides very good practices of solidarity.
- Working with community-based organizations, having presence in the districts many international or local NGOs don't go, should be considered.

- The ER sector should consider working together in cooperation with protection sector for some advocacy with regards to social cohesion and inclusion. **UNHCR** has already started **mapping community-based organizations** with which they did not work together before the earthquake.
- Information sharing and advocacy is essential for social cohesion; for the protection sector UNHCR will lead in information sharing but open to collaboration with other sectors.
    - **Action point:** Messages on Asbestos to go through UNHCR. Partners should use existing system to convey messages to community.
- **For the Advisory services tool of UNHCR** which is an online tool essential for organizations on the ground to coordinate their referrals effectively please see the link https://Turkiye.servicesadvisor.org.
- Human Development Center **(INGEV)** Conduct **a rapid assessment** on Syrian Entrepreneurs in the EQ zone, and they conduct another rapid assessment for both **Syrian and Turkish entrepreneurs** for identifying needs; following this they plan to build up a need map company by company and needs by needs on micro level.
    - **Action Plan:** Any partner would like to share their assessments like this one is welcome to share them by providing a short presentation – few slides etc.
- **Danish Refugee Council**, in cooperation with INGEV, reached out their microbusinesses they established in the last three years and the initial observations are Early Recovery or livelihoods revitalization activities in some areas are urgently needed.
- At least 70% of the businesses are temporarily closed specifically in Hatay, Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş. 16% are not able to make plan for future need through location assistance.
- Points on displacement (refugees/IDSP). Unclarity is the case for the **refugees**; within this context, for the early recovery sector planning and policy clarity is essential with potential advocacy.
- Regional local authorities' collaboration is essential; container cities are on the verge of establishment; it is important to operationalize **economic activities in container cities** as this can also reduce displacement of the people from the region.
- Regarding refugees there are restrictions in certain other cities currently up to 60 days they can stay in other cities. Central Anatolia maybe a potential area to move; therefore, socioeconomic profiling is another need; social tolerance can be also different from the EQ region in the CA.
- **Cash:** UNHCR and TRC is coordinating multi purposes and sector-based cash assistance in cross relationship with the inter sectoral coordination hub. It is important for colleagues to contribute to CBI working group. It is relevant to social cohesion, and it is a crosscutting issue.
- For the **WFP, PIN and IOM's sectoral updates** please visit the link of ER Sector - Snap shot of Activities.
- It has been underlined that all the assessments on **SMEs** are coming up with different priorities; it will be great if we would have **clarity on priorities**, priority sectors, major players, which sectors we have to focus on.

5. ER IM (reporting, information sharing)

- Partners are encouraged to register 3Ws as it helps identify on-going activities and the gaps for the sector. So far, one organization registered please kindly find the link under the useful links.
- Please register online for the assessment through the link provided under the useful links
- Currently the Earthquake response is funded at 9.8% and 0%received for the ER activities. Encouraging partners update regularly.
- The **ER sector indicators** has been prepared and shared (please see detailed list in the attached presentation) based on Flash Appeal. **Six main activity areas** have been identified: Debris removal, critical infrastructure for the public offices, provide vocational trainings, restoring LVH activities through different support in kind or cash and repair and rehabilitation new community infrastructure and cultural heritages.
    - **Action point**: The indicators will be shared with the partners following the meeting and partners feedbacks and comments are very welcome (Feb 10/Friday COB) for the sector indicators.
- **MIRA** updates have been shared: Damage assessment indicated that
    - 9 districts reported very severe building damage (over 50%)
    - Additional 19 districts reported severe building damage (26-50%)
    - **Action Point:** The MIRA Factsheet will be shared with the partners.
- **FS and Livelihoods** needs based on MIRA results: 7 districts are unable to continue their income-generating activity (75% or higher); 9 districts are reported 50-75% unable to continue their income-generating activity. Depending on the severity of impact, the sector could provide different activities to support resuming livelihoods activities.
- OCHA is asking to have a operational plan in line with flesh appeal. UNDP and Flash appeal partners are working on a draft which will be presented at the next meeting.
    - **Action Point:** Flash appeal ER partners meeting to be organised. Once consolidated operational plan will be shared with all the partners.

6. AOB

- WEHA WG (Women Empowerment in Humanitarian Action Working Group): Gender advisor asked for sharing focal point by CoB today.
    - **Action Point:** If somebody is interesting about this very important issue to be good to have somebody representing us in this working group, please let us know.
- ER focal points in Gaziantep and different hubs: who is your focal point in the region; where is she/he located.
    - **Action Point:** A follow up email will be sent to the partners requesting their ER FPs in the EQ zone.
- Next meeting time on **14th of March between 13.30 to 15.30**.

- **Tentative Agenda** for the next week's meeting:
    - Introduction and minutes review
    - Co-lead introduction
    - Assessments (Terra, Field visit, other assessments)
    - Thematic updates:
        1. UNHCR update on regulations regarding affected TP/IP status holders and applicants
        2. TRC update on CBI TWG and the use of cash within Early Recovery activities
    - ER IM (OCHA operational plan, reporting, information sharing)
    - AOB
- **Useful Links**

EQ Early Recovery Sector Webpage	https://response.reliefweb.int/turkiye/early-recovery-sector
Link for 3Ws	Turkiye Earthquake Reponse 3W - Who is Doing What Where? (humanitarianresponse.info)
Link for sharing ongoing/competed assessments.	Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool/Kurumlar Arası Analiz Anketi Toplama Aracı (unhcr.org)
Partner's funding reporting	Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal 2023 | Financial Tracking Service (unocha.org)
Link for UNHCR Türkiye Earthquake Response: Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool	https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/275?sv=4&geo=113
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