EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

28th March 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairpersons	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator Ali Ercan Özgür – Needs Map, Founder and Board of Directors
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/minutes review 2. Assessments ➢ Assessments taking place ➢ Genç İşi/Youth Deal Presentation on Assessment Report 3. Program updates (ER working groups in Hatay and other hubs, Regional Recovery Development Center, Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints) 4. UNICEF Presentation on children and youth facilities-BIRLIKTE Hubs (15 min including Q&A) 5. Reporting (Sit rep, Mid Term Review, Operational plan, Indicators, and reporting) 6. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (33 Organizations/Agencies and 124 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

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

UNDP Focal Points:

- Please kindly reach out to Miki Takahashi miki.takahashi@undp.org for your queries regarding the 3Ws, Partner's Funding Reporting, and Sector Indicators.
- Please kindly reach out to Semiha Bal semiha.bal@undp.org for your queries regarding the ER Sector Webpage, OCHA Sit Rep and overall coordination support.

1. Introduction and Minutes Review

- ER Advisor Stuart Kefford have been introduced to the ER Sector partners.
- **Ms. Florian Rhiza Nery** shared updates on the private sector engagement of the ER sector:
  - The TOR on PSE has been submitted on 21st of March to RCO and UNDP Türkiye for review.
  - National business constituents consider assessment of basic needs of members particularly farmers and revival of animal husbandry in the affected areas to formulate the support and explore other initiatives such as potential subcommittee for identifying strategy and project priority. Quick attendance of national business constituents in the field is an important engagement opportunity.
  - The tracker tool will be launched soon, and it will serve as an opportunity for energize interest from the private sector and how they engage for the response. Up to now the Tracker provides the data on 121 donations totaling $3.0 B out of which 94 donations are from the private sector donors.
  - **Action Point:** The updates on ToR approval and PS subgroups will be shared asap.
- **Innovation for Development** (I4D) Digital platform which enables B2B matchmaking between local producers and private/public/civil sector procurement departments will be launched at end of March (29-30). There is ongoing work with the local producers with regards to the presale and contracted sales agreement, and different features of the website. Please contact to I4D colleagues for more information (hande.sogancilar@i4d.com.tr).
  - **Action Point:** The system will be also introduced in the upcoming ER sector meetings by I4D.
- Inputs for weekly **OCHA Sit Report** is reminded; partner invited to provide their inputs every week through this link (under Column M&N) with the deadline of Tuesday CoB each week.
- Cash Beneficiaries study mapping (need to follow up with TRC).

2. Assessments

- **Action on complementarity of assessments:** UNDP ER team in cooperation with the Needs Map will provide an analysis of the assessments already carried out to picture what has been done

where and identifying the gaps. Complementarity of assessment findings, activities and implementations are important for programming and funding perspectives

- **Cash based intervention and the market mapping, assessment** remains a missing area and there is a need to work on livelihood and economic dynamics and suitability of cash interventions in the container cities. A LH assessment for the container cities in Nurdağı and İslahiye by IOM in cooperation with Gaziantep metropolitan municipality will be planned this week.

    - **Action Point:** IOM will share updates on this upcoming assessment in the next ER meetings.
- Needs Map had a meeting with EBRD regarding the r**ecovery of infrastructure and economic development opportunities.** EBRD declared 1.2 billion EUR for reconstruction out of which 600 million EUR is allocated for the regional financing, and the remaining for the municipalities for their restructuring.

    - EBRD is open to have project ideas for meeting and negotiation of the relevant parties. EBRD also provides immediate mentor and consultancy support for the SMEs in the region, procurement of equipment targeting micro-enterprises. Further **interaction of ER sector members with EBRD** is necessary for investing in cooperation for the mid-term and long-term interventions, also for support to the Regional Recovery Development Centers.

- The mapping of **specialized services for persons abilities** has been finalized by the disability inclusion task team (IOM/RI).

    - **Action Point:** The task team will be invited next week to present an overview on PWDs situation and the mapping of specialized services they recently did.

- **TERRA** has been finalized and published online at: https://www.sbb.gov.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Turkiye-Recovery-and-Reconstruction-Assessment.pdf

- ILO completed the assessment on employment losses; "**The effects of the February 2023 earthquake on the labour market in Türkiye".** The link for the assessment: https://www.ilo.org/ankara/publications/WCMS_873893/lang--en/index.htm

- **Genç İşi Kooperatifi/Youth Deal Cooperative** delivered a presentation on their rapid assessment **report on cooperatives**. Please kindly use the attached presentation for further information on the assessment.

3. Program updates (ER working groups in Hatay and other hubs, Regional Recovery Development Center, Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints)

- **IOM** shared that they work on the **Cooperative development fund**. They shall provide conditional grants to the cooperatives, specifically for women led cooperatives, operational on agriculture.

  The financial mechanism to be used in the recovery efforts; to purchase equipment as well as raw materials to bringing back producers to the region. Aim to support **60 cooperatives with 10 thousand U.S. dollars.** IOM will be sharing the details once the program is designed and rolled out probably before the end of April.

- It has been underlined that in the coming months, **more focus should be placed on the earthquake region and its victims.** Türkiye is entering into the national agenda for political elections. However, **the focus on the tremendous hardship and loss brought by EQ** should continue by the national and international community**.**

- **Field observations** has been shared on balanced humanitarian presence**:**
    - There is a serious need for balancing ramping up of the operations and presence of humanitarian agencies in terms of sectoral visibility especially in Malatya and Adıyaman, . Mercantile Exchange Association can be considered as the facilitating point for developing engagement of UN agencies and other humanitarian and development agencies for Malatya case.
    - It was raised in the cluster meetings in the region that Wash and Sheltering is still a big challenge Adıyaman as the foods put an extra difficulty on affected people. Location for tent and container city setups are important in the meantime there is also a need for sustaining the workforce of the regional economy and the OIZs.
    - People movement is a changing factor from city to city, for instance, while Adıyaman is still empty, Kahramanmaraş was observed increase of returnees. It is necessary to improve the quality standards of services given in the region per the needs of affected groups though an inclusive approach, supporting entrepreneurship; and thus mobilize all relevant partners and accelerate the response.

- **Regional Recovery Development Center:** Protocols got signed byGaziantep and Adana Chambers of Commerce for the opening of the Centers .
    - The Centers will address the socio-economic development challenges, channeling existing fundings collaboratively, establish business support center, to enable SMEs and cooperatives need financial support, postponement, mentoring etc. for their business recovery.
    - There is a potential for other partnerships. Once the ER sector is established such as in Hatay, the Centers will start operating in their container offices co-working places in few weeks' time.

- **Establishing ER sector hubs and meetings:** Well-functioning ER hub meetings are critical in Hatay and Adyaman with the participations of the Chamber of Commerce, Needs Map, OCHA, UNV, DRC, IOM, UNHCR, municipality and other relevant relief organizations and partners that can operate physically.

    - The partners have been invited to share their ER focal points in the hubs through this link.

- **SMEs and micro-business assistance:** There is economic recovery plan by **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)** already running in Hatay where they established a formal micro-business both technical and financial assistance.

    - The new planning will lead a support to a limited number of affected businesses with in-kind assistance to resume their LH operations. The new activity is planned to perform from April to June.

- The concern is about the location of business operations which Hatay municipality deals with and the newly opening RRDCs would be a key cooperation areas.
- Also, there will be activities in Reyhanlı and Hatay municipalities for a Cash for Work programme in late April for a limited number of beneficiaries in partnership with Hatay Chamber of Artisans with regards to furniture artisanship and vocation.

- As raised by Gaziantep and Adana Chambers of Commerce, some industrial companies as regional players in the economy of the EQ zone are dramatically affected as they are not able to process production. Important challenges for business in rural and urban to access credit from banks and lack of insurance coverage.
- There is a need for lobbying, the macro level decision making by Ministries or the banking sector. Needs for Cash for business to pay workers is another dimension of the cash requirements beside cash incentives/support for the SMEs, farmers activities resumption.

4. UNICEF Presentation on children and youth facilities-BIRLIKTE Hubs

- UNICEF delivered presentation on **Children, adolescents, and family support hubs "Birlikte/Together".** Please kindly use the attached presentation for further information on the hubs. Following points were raised by ER members following the presentation.
  - **Gençlik Alanı/Youth Space:** UNICEF in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports conceptualize the concept of the Youth Space. The space aims to provide opportunities for young people life and leadership skills they need, psychosocial support, mental health, resilience, interactions with their peers.
  - The concept is very **modular multi-purposes as** spaces are limited. Opportunities are available in the container cities in İslahiye and it is possible for rolling up the at least 20 spaces in Nurdağı and Adıyaman in the first phase.
  - **Partnership opportunities:** UNICEF hubs concept has the potential of developing partnership opportunities to connect the activities to another and design more continuous and consistent activities for the youth development.

This can include vocational trainings and job placement, engaging with theatre, music, and other artistic activities. Therefore, there is a need for synergy creation among the interested partners of ER sector and networks i.e. artists both al local and national level, and the cooperation with private sector and UNV and community volunteers.

5.Reporting (Sit rep, Mid Term Review, Operational plan, Indicators, and reporting)

ER sector team reminded partners to report their achievements in the activity info. This would help prepare the OCHA mid-term report. If any partners require training to use Activity Info, please contact berkin.erol@undp.org.

6.AOB

- Next meeting time is on the **4th of April between 13.30 to 15.30**.

Tentative Agenda for the ER Sector Meeting (4th of April 2023)

1. Intro/minutes review
2. Assessments

- Needs Map Assessment (15 mins including Q&A)
- FAO Presentation (TBC-15 mins including Q&A)
- Other assessments taking place

3. Program updates (ER working groups in Hatay and other hubs, Regional Recovery Development Center, WEHA and Cash WGs updates sharing, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints)

4. PWDs situation and the mapping of specialized services (15 min including Q&A)

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- **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
EQ Turkiye Early Recovery Sector (Email Group)	tr.earlyrecovery@undp.org
Activity info reporting	Early Recovery - ActivityInfo Partners are encouraged to register and report through this link. Technical Support contact: Berkin.erol@undp.org .