

ESSN Task Force Istanbul Minutes

Meeting date & time:	10 December 2019 09:30 - 11:00	Location:	TK Kizilaykart Istanbul Area Office
		Meeting Co-Chairs:	WFP: Arzum Karasu TK: Faruk Shaban

Participants: Unicef, WFP, TK Kızılaykart, TK Bagcilar Community Center, TK Sultanbeyli Community Center, AAR Japan, IOM, Mudem, Asam, UNFPA, WALD, Sevkar, DDD, RIZK, Maan and Rosam

Agenda	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates on ESSN and its implementation in Marmara Region 2. Updates on CCTE 3. 2019 Overview 4. ESSN Referrals Updates 5. AOB
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1. Updates on ESSN and its implementation in Marmara region:

- As of 30th November 2019, a total of **2.835.334** individuals were registered; 9.813 individuals are unassessed and 1.060.844 individual ineligible.
- **1.742.829** beneficiaries received ESSN assistance nationwide.
- A total of **392.827** beneficiaries received ESSN assistance **in Istanbul**.
- A total of **30,578** beneficiaries received the disability allowance and **5.538** of those in Marmara Region. 8.152 are severely disabled nationwide with 1.394 located in Marmara Region.
- More statistics and figures available in the enclosed main presentation.

2. Updates on CCTE

- Details about the November 2019 CCTE payment can be found in the presentation.
- Due to some technical problems around 50,000 student's payment in November 2019 might be affected. due to: failure to retrieve data for the new school year.
- Implementing partners (including MoNE & MoFLSS) have been working on the problem. Beneficiary families who might be affected will receive a retrospective payment, only if they still meet the eligibility requirements, in the next payment months.
- Due to continuation of negotiations between UNICEF and MoNE about the future of the ALP program, new registrations to the program had been halted in October and November. The ALP program will continue in 2020 and the registrations opened again as of December 2019.
- To address the limited reach of CCTE to older refugee children, new CCTE top-ups have been introduced at the beginning of school terms. A top up for high school students was also introduced in the national CCTE program (September 2019 and February 2020).
- The new CCTE top-ups for Refugees program will be applied from Grade 5 onwards as it was found that deterioration of regular school attendance and increased risk of dropping out already begins in lower secondary school for refugee children.
- However, refugee children in Grades 9 onwards and ALP will get slightly higher top-ups (+150 TL) than refugee children in lower secondary (+ 100 TL). While the primary school students (from kindergarten up to 4th grade) will continue to receive 100 TL additional payment at the beginning of each school term the lower secondary school students receive 100 TL motivational top-up; and ALP / high school students receive 150 TL motivational top-up additional to the 100 TL payment.

Child Protection

- As of October 2019, child protection teams screened 71.114 children and 13.273 of which were identified with protection needs.
- 6.441 screened children were referred to specialized services.

- In September/October period; Istanbul child protection teams screened 104 children (ALP students). 39 of which were in the 10-13 age range while 28 of them were between 0 to 5 years old. %52 of the screened children were boys and %48 of them were girls.

3. 2019 Overview

- The Co-chairs have presented the 2019 overview in relation to the ESSN TF meetings in all seven locations across Turkey. Topics that were discussed and statistics figures in relation to the attendees have been shared:
 - A total of 44 ESSN TF meetings were held in seven location.
 - 91 organisations are ESSN TF meetings' members
 - INGOs have the highest participation rate., 21 organisations have an attendance ratio of 86 %, 6 of those attended more than one location.
 - Meeting topics were determined as per members' requests and according to the latest developments.

4. ESSN Referrals Updates:

- WFP, TK Protection and Kizilaykart Outreach Teams described what is the role of protection and referrals in the ESSN Programme.
- As of September 2019, **5.273 cases** were referred by TK Kizilaykart and WFP teams to TK Protection Programme. Majority of cases were referred from TK Service Centers and 168 Call Center. New breakdowns (ESSN Social Media Tools and ESSN SASF personnel) are added with the usage case management database thus, numbers are relatively low in comparison to other resources.
- After assessment, cases are accepted or rejected. Rejected cases are referred back to ESSN teams for referral to other institutions. Accepted cases are referred to related institutions.
- Contact information for WFP Protection Focal Point for Marmara Region and nationwide TK Outreach team can be contacted through amal.abubakar@wfp.org and kizilaykartdiserisim@kizilay.org.tr

5. Any Other Businesses:

- **WFP IAO colleagues mentioned an increase of 4000 in the number of Syrian (TPs) who registered in Istanbul** during the period of October and November. This may be linked to the latest Istanbul related circular.
 - **Details of the ALP (CCTE)**
The Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is provided to children who have dropped out from education for three or more years. Children who fit in these criteria and who are between the ages of 10 and 18 may apply for the program regardless of the province and district they live in. The Public Education Centres where the ALP program takes place are indicated in the CCTE presentation.
 - **Details of the payment amounts for CCTE was required**
The CCTE Program for Syrian and Other Refugees is an extension of the National CCTE Program operated by MoFLSS. The payment criterion of different payment amounts for girls and boys have been determined when the program was designed and implemented in 2003.
 - Non registration of some Syrians at DGMM resulted in some being sent back to Syria within the context of Istanbul operations. Information reported by MAAN NGO.
 - Participants have been reminded that Provincial Relocation Response Task forces were held in Ankara and that relevant updates could be shared when needed.
- Co-Chairs have reminded the audience that agenda items suggestions are welcome for the next sessions.

Attachments:

1. ESSN Task Force Marmara region Presentation
2. CCTE presentation

Contact Details:

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