

ESSN Task Force Gaziantep

Meeting date & time:	12 December 2019 09:30 - 11:00	Location :	WHH Office - Gaziantep
		Meeting Co-Chairs:	WFP: Faruk Acar TK: Hanifi Kinaci
Participants:	UNHCR, TK KIZILAYKART & COMMUNITY CENTRE, WFP, WHH, UNICEF, WATAN, CARE.		
Agenda	Welcome and Introduction 1. Updates on ESSN and its implementation in SET Region. 2. Updates on CCTE 3. 2019 Overview 4. ESSN Referrals Updates 5. AOB:		

Meeting Minutes

1. Updates on ESSN:

- As of December 9th 2019, a total of 2.839.761 individuals registered; 9.635 individuals are unassessed, and 1.058.147 individuals deemed ineligible.
- A total of 1.742.829 beneficiaries received ESSN assistance in November nationwide.
- A total of 251.211 beneficiaries received ESSN assistance in Gaziantep in November.
- A total of 30.578 beneficiaries are disabled and a total of 8.152 are severely disabled nationwide,
- Nationwide eligibility rate is % 55.23 per households and % 62.82 per individuals.
- Top criteria in terms of eligibility is “four or more children in HH” with 57,8 percent.

Area Office Updates

<u>Visits:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ 22 SASF/ TRC SC ▫ 3 PDMM, 2 HB branches ▫ 12 camps ▫ 6 local authorities, 90 HHs 	<u>Surveys:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ 73 VMEs, 92 ACM ▫ 24 PMMs, 3 FGD ▫ 85 SASF allowance
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- Important findings during the visit/surveys follows as:
 - Intensive meetings/ sensitization activities about MUV have been conducted in Urfa, Mardin, Kilis and Adana
 - Outreach activity in Gaziantep is positively impacting vulnerable people in Nizip.
 - Two new protection cases were identified and all of them were referred to related service providers. In total, there are 1,032 cases identified at GAO until now with 473 ongoing, 382 closed and 175 resolved/ closed ones. Current situation is (cumulative)

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 November payment in might be affected. Identified reasons include the failure to retrieve data for the new school year in a timely manner. Implementing partners of the program (including MoNE and MoFLSS) has been working on the problem. The beneficiary families who might be affected will receive a retrospective payment, only if they still meet the eligibility requirements.
- 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 registrations opened as of December 2019.
- To address the limited reach of the CCTE to older refugee children, new CCTE top-ups have been introduced at the beginning of school terms which includes high school students in the national CCTE program (September 2019 and February 2020).
- The new top-ups in CCTE for Refugees program will be applied from Grade 5 onwards.

- 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 (September 2019 and January 2020); the lower secondary school students receive 100 TL motivational top-up; and ALP / high school students receive 150 TL motivational top-up on top of the 100 TL additional payment.

Questions for CCTE:

- WFP and Care focal points reported cases that did not receive the CCTE payments this year. UNICEF CCTE focal point and participants that similar cases needs to be referred to call 168 to make an official complaint and receive accurate information on the current situation of the beneficiaries.
- Care Int's focal point reported that some children were falling off CCTE due to turning 18. UNICEF CCTE focal point explained that this is related to the Social Assistance regulations in Turkey, where the families are assessed as a household; every adult member is assessed regarding their economic conditions. For that, adult individuals need to give written consent while they are applying for the social assistance programs. When a child turns 18, the social assistance of the family is halted until the 18 year old approaches to the SASF to give written consent and eventually the situation of the whole family is re-assessed. It was advised to inform beneficiaries turning 18 to pay a visit to SASFs and update condition.
- Care's focal point reported that Suruc SASF was cancelling the ESSN and CCTE entitlement of the beneficiaries whom were identified with working adults in the household. It was explained that such decisions were up to the SASFs. 168 call center was advised to make the necessary queries regarding this issue.

Child Protection Component:

- 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; Gaziantep child protection teams screened 107 children. 37 of which were in the 10-13 age range while 25 of them were between 0 to 5 years old. %61 of the screened children were boys and %46 of them were girls.

3. 2019 Overview

- Co-chairs WFP and TK put a quick overview on ESSN Task Force year performance and thematic agenda items during bimonthly meetings in 2019.
- A total of 44 ESSN TFs meetings held in 7 locations.
- 91 organizations attended the ESSN TF meetings.
- INGOs have the highest participation rate.
- Key thematic items were prioritised upon the participant's requests regarding ESSN implementation like Call Centre function, Collaboration on DGMM & NUFUS on address registration, new regulation on DHR.

4. ESSN Referrals Updates

ESSN referral mechanism presented to participants covering November 2016 -2019.

- WFP, TK Community Centre and Kızılaykart drew a clear picture of ESSN Referrals under 3 sections;
 - WFP - all types of referral cases
 - TK Community Centre - Only protection-based cases
 - TK Kızılaykart Referral and Outreach - referral cases under advocacy, sensitization and Referral including protection referrals and access to basic services.
- Statistics and how these mechanisms functions in ESSN is described in attached presentation.
- WFP described how protection and referrals work under the ESSN Programme.
- WFP, TRC Protection and TRC Referral and Outreach teams presented their activities with statistical support.

- WFP Field teams identified and referred 2,193 cases as of Q3 2019 (more than 70.000 individuals). Main referral reasons are registration and ID related (27%) and access to health including medical equipment needs (27%). The province with most of the identified and referred cases is Istanbul with 17% of all cases.
- Since the beginning of ESSN, TRC Referral and Outreach teams have referred more 47.000 cases to basic services and 5200 cases to protection.

5. Any Other Businesses:

Care representative participant raised questions on “stopped ESSN assistance in Suruç and Birecik” and “gab between the refugee number and ESSN applicant number”

- 1- In Suruç and Birecik, Syrian teachers have applied to the programme but their assistance cut by SASF in Suruç justified by their income. If these people are teachers, they are legally working and have SGK record. That is why their assistance may stop, for exact reason, similar cases need to reach 168 TK Call Centre or to check their ineligibility SMS.
- 2- There are more than 5 million foreigners living in Turkey, 4.3 millions of those are refugees under TP and IP. ESSN is a nationwide project and aiming to cover all vulnerables. Is there a reason for the gap between the numbers of assisted people and Turkey refugee number?
Meeting chairs agreed with raised point, and added that; not all of these people are vulnerable, many do not fit the criteria. And many have never applied, some face application barriers.
No available study on similar details but suggestion will be circulated internally.
- 3- The average HH count in terms of eligibility and application. As of end of November HH member average was 4,7 and according to the November payment, eligible HH member average was 5,7.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in February (TBC). The venue, time and agenda will be shared accordingly.

Attachments:

1. ESSN Task Force Gaziantep Presentation
2. CCTE presentation