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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Updates of FSA sector partners and COVID-19 updates and its impact on the field activities	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF) representative Mr. Burak Guresinli gave a briefing to the FSAWG members on the measures taken by MoAF during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- COVID-19 Science Committee was established by the MoAF. The members of the Committee are high-level officials and academicians. The Committee will assess the negative impacts of the outbreak and to give recommendations to the relevant authorities.- Additional measures will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of seasonal workers against the COVID-19 as they migrate to the country's agricultural regions for the harvest. Seasonal farmers' access to agricultural areas will continue during the outbreak to prevent any disruption in the nation's food supply. All kinds of activities of agricultural production including sowing, irrigation, harvest, use of fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide will be sustained.- The necessary measures will be taken to regulate the transportation of farmers and seasonal workers to farms and agricultural products and foodstuffs to markets to ensure the uninterrupted marketing and food supply chain. Seasonal workers will be supplied with additional hygiene and personal protection products, and their safety will be ensured during their transportation to agricultural areas and accommodation at the farms. Farms, greenhouses, and gardens will be inspected by officials to ensure farmers' access to fertilizers, crops, and agro-chemicals, officials will do stock controls and inspections at agricultural fertilizer distribution and sales points.	<p>MOAF circulars to be consolidated and shared with FSA WG members</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A unified online digital platform was established in which farmers and other beneficiaries could submit their claims for next year's support payments. The repayments of the principal and interests of the loans, which will become due on April-May 2020, will be postponed for 2 months without interest. - The Ministry of Interior adopted a circular regarding the local bazaars and marketplaces restricting them to sell food items only and to keep at least 3 meters of distance between each stall. Fresh vegetables and fruits sold unpackaged in marketplaces must be packaged by the sellers, avoiding customer contact with the items. - WHH is distributing hygiene and sanitation kits (masks, gloves, and goggles) for its project beneficiaries as well as advising them to maintain physical distance and WHH is communicating with them through social media (WhatsApp, facebook) - IDEMA continues to support the LIFE project beneficiaries in entrepreneurship skills through its online classes, video lessons and regular one to one and group virtual meetings. IDEMA is using these online tools for collecting survey data from Syrian and Turkish members. IDEMA is also using 'NeedsMap' platform to respond to the urgent health materials need of the health workers and medical students working under COVID-19. There are other NeedsMap projects which will be launched very soon, targeting the needs of the education sector and fostering the neighborhood solidarity globally. - Together Relief and Development (TRD) started a campaign for raising funds to support vulnerable people who have recently become unemployed due to COVID-19 crises. TRD is planning to conduct a needs assessment under its project for Syrian-owned SMEs to expand their business and sustain their jobs including food processing firms. - Concern WW, within its education project, started distance learning programme for the children through social media and is further planning to develop the online training modalities for the adults and hence planning a needs assessment on this issue. 	
<p>Case Study: Nutrition assessment results (AAR Japan presentation)</p>	<p>The Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AAR Japan) conducted a presentation on the findings, achievements, and lessons learnt under FAO project "Resilience Building via Increased Livelihood Opportunities and Strengthened Social Cohesion for Syrian Refugees and Host Communities". Under this project trainings and events on Nutrition, Healthy Diet and Chronic Diseases and Problems were conducted related to malnutrition and obesity, during 2018-2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the quantitative results, 45.8% of beneficiaries who attended both, the training and the cooking events positively improved their dietary habits. 	<p>Presentation to be shared</p>

Presentation of Agricultural report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Kemal Kirişçi from Brookings Institute Washington DC presented his report on “How the EU and Turkey can promote self-reliance for Syrian Refugees through agricultural trade”. - Further to consultations and discussions with European Commission & Turkish officials, the representatives of UN agencies and NGOs developed a set of policy recommendations both for the EU and Turkey. - A Preferential Trade Agreement was recommended on the report for fresh agriculture products that could be monitored, certificated and exported from the industrial zone available in Kilis to the foreign countries. 	<p>The report is available at https://www.tent.org/resources/self-reliance-for-syrian-refugees/</p>
AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A combined emergency strategy to be developed for both refugee response and COVID-19. - Specific Fund was requested to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on SRRP Programmes currently running by the sector partners. 	

Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: 20 May 2020 @ 14H00