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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
FSA Sector members Update on COVID-19 impact on the field activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESN Updates by Ayman Alhalb (Turkish Red Crescent - TRC); Covid-19 didn't impact the implementation of the ESN programme. - Updates from GOAL International by Ece Hazal Uluç; GOAL is implementing 3 Protection projects in Gaziantep, Sanliurfa and Adana. Social Support centers are closed in response to the Covid-19 measures and all field activities have been postponed. Activities like Translation, Legal counseling and Covid-19 information dissemination are conducted by phone. Planning to distribute Food baskets. - Updates from IOM by Mohanad Ameen; IOM has suspended 3 projects (Shelter Project, Rehabilitation project with the Gaziantep Municipality and the Livelihood Project Cash Grants) as a Covid-19 preventive measure. IOM is providing Hygiene Kits to seasonal workers in Adana and Mersin, Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) to the Municipality workers and to beneficiaries upon their request, Food Basket distribution in Izmir and Cash Assistance in Gaziantep. - Updates from (DRC) by Kingsly Atem; DRC is conducting online training for beneficiaries, distributing Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) in Sanliurfa and in the process to roll out E-vouchers to beneficiaries from the host communities and refugees in Hatay, Sanliurfa, Kilis and Kahramanmaras. 	The last Meeting Minutes to be shared with Ayman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates from (WHH) by Duru Neccar; WHH is conducting activities in 2 provinces Mardin and Hatay. Permission to conduct field/greenhouse visits during curfew was requested and obtained from the provincial directorate. Hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries. Covid-19 kits will be distributed upon receiving approval. - Hydroponic kits updates from (UN Women) by Özgür Koç; in 2019 UN women distributed the Hydroponic kits for the indoor/micro gardening. Plans to distribute Hydroponic kits with summer seasonal seeds to target 4,000 families. The distribution mechanism is still ongoing. - Updates from (Strategy Studies Center) by Ahmad Baccoura;The Turkish Syrian Committee in coordination with DGMM is preparing a list of 300,000 families in Ankara to receive government support against Covid-19 	
<p>Updates on 3RP appeal and other parallel processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated from (FAO) by Sheikh Ahaduzzaman; in consultation with sector partners, the needs were identified and submitted a joint appeal under 3RP. The Appeal amount for FSA is about 2,500,000 US Dollars. We received appeals from FAO, UNDP, UNIDO, Concern Worldwide, SHAFAK WHH and Rahma. - The Major appeal Activities proposed in response to Covid-19 are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand the awareness-raising activities and general awareness measures on infection, prevention and control, occupational and safety hazards and the importance of health and safety standards to cover the current context. 2. Develop online distance learning incentivized training courses and good food practices and healthy dietary habits. 3. Support home based Agri-food business and income generate programme, especially for women, to support the rural poor in agriculture sector. 4. Provision of Personal Protective Equipment for seasonal agriculture workers and those who are not able to access hygiene kits such as (seasonal agriculture workers and the rural poor). 5. Delivering cash based assistance support porgrammes in food security and agriculture sector such as (on-the-job training programs). 6. Provide agricultural vocational live skills training including language skills through distance learning programs decreasing the physical movements of beneficiary and staff. 7. Support home based agro-businesses and income-generating activities, especially for women, to support the rural poor in agricultural sector. 	<p>UNHCR and UNDP will share the appeal with the 3RP regional team by 28 April 2020.</p>

	8. Promoting e-agriculture, e-business and e-commerce platforms by using a wide range of business processes in Food and Agriculture such as (electronic ordering, supply chain management etc..)	
Updates on MOAF circulars and Covid-19 measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from (MoAF) by MoAF representative Burak Guresinli; as an action point from the last FSA WG meeting, MoAF was supposed to share legal documents/circulars with sector members but after internal deliberation, they decided to hold off at this stage as its more linked to the Directorate work instead, they are working on contextualizing those legal documents and measures to better serve sector members meanwhile, Burak would be able to answer any questions related to the new measures. - Updates on the Covid-19 measures prepared by The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The agriculture activities are still ongoing, the agricultural workers working in the field under strict health and safety measures - Stockpiling is closely monitored to prevent price inflation. - MoAF strictly monitors the stock and marketing of fertilizers. - Agriculture support payment to the farmers has been disbursed earlier this month (third week of March). Seasonal workers are not included in this payment. - Covid-19 tests on wastewater are being conducted in big cities such as Istanbul and Ankara. Ministry has not yet finalized all tests, but for those who are completed, they were negative (no virus was detected). Further information on tests will be shared with sector members. - Vendors continue to seal fresh vegetables and fruits to reduce hand contact by customers. - Pazar's remain to keep the safe distancing by having a 3 meter space between stores (stands). - MoFA is in close coordination with FAO to summarize and translate FAO's policies protocols related to Agriculture and Food security. - MoFA and FAO are discussing new e-learning activities. Currently they are collecting proposals related to Covid-19 from their departments. - In provinces where there is a mobility restriction on seasonal workers harvesting Tea and Nuts, the Provincial directorates are working to find a solution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burak to share new measures with sector members - Burak to update sector members on the remaining waster water covid-19 tests - Burak to update sector members on mobility restriction for Tea and nuts seasonal workers
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Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: 21st May