



Inter-Agency
Coordination
Türkiye

National Protection Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Time & Location: Thursday, 26 January 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 hrs / Zoom

Chairs: Lara Özügergin – Assistant Inter-Agency Coordination Officer (UNHCR)

Participants: ASAM, Concern Worldwide, Dünya Doktorları Derneği, Eksi 25, EVSAD, HRDF-İKGV, ICMC, İGAM, KADAV, Kaos GL, Kırkayak, Mavi Kalem, MSYD, MSYDD, MUDEM, Refugee Rights Turkey, Mülteci-Der, Qatar Charity, REALs/JCCP, Relief International, RET International, Save the Children, SEVKAR, SGDD-ASAM, SPI, SRP, Takaful Al Sham, TRC, UMHD, UN Women, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UOSSM, WHH, WVI

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome & Announcements
- II. Progress Against 2022 National PWG Work Plan
- III. Identification of National PWG Priorities for 2023
- IV. AoB

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Announcements

- The Inter-Agency Protection Needs Assessment Analysis for Round 6 is published in [English](#) and [Turkish](#), while all anonymized data collected can be accessed via the [PowerBI Dashboard](#). Round 7 will be initiated around July/August.
- A general Activity Info training was held in January while a sector-specific Activity Info training will be held in February. M&E focal points responsible for Activity Info reporting against the sector framework should participate in the training. 2023 reporting will start towards the end of February to the beginning of March. Details will be shared via email.
- A training on general concepts of Accountability to Affected Populations and the Gender & Age Marker of IASC was recently delivered to 3RP partners. As of 2022 and through the advocacy of the Protection Sector, measures to improve overall accountability of the 3RP in Türkiye were introduced. These include the escalation of AAP specific indicators that were previously under the Protection sector M&E framework to the Inter-Sector Level and all appealing partners were expected to report against these indicators. Furthermore, all appealing partners are now asked whether they have basic AAP mechanisms in place (including an organization-wide PSEA policy, code of conduct, PSEA focal points, and feedback, complaints and response mechanisms). Partners who

do not have such mechanisms in place are provided with relevant resources with the expectation to introduce these safeguards by a certain deadline.

- Last year, the Protection Sector significantly increased engagement with the Livelihoods Sector. Similarly, UNHCR will be leading a project funded by ECHO to facilitate protection dialogues with development actors to increase awareness and support for protection outcomes through non-traditional actors. Updates will be provided throughout the process.
- 3RP Sectoral Coordination Survey was sent to partners via all 3RP coordination platforms. The survey aims to look into what went well in 2022 and what can be improved in 2023.
- For the March National PWG meeting, an online workshop will be co-organized with the Disability Inclusion Task Team (DITT). This meeting will be open to the participation of all sectors. The aim of the workshop will be to introduce various tools to ensure disability inclusion in individual case response as well as service provision/programming. Detailed agenda will be shared with the invitation closer to the date.
- UN Women announced that they are finalizing the report for a Needs Assessment for Women and Girls under International and Temporary Protection in Türkiye. The report will be shared via the mail list once available.

Agenda Item #2: Progress Against 2022 National PWG Work Plan

- An overview of the progress against the 2022 National PWG Work Plan, including finalized outputs/activities as well as pending items, was delivered by the Protection Sector Coordinator. While details can be found in the [Powerpoint Presentation](#), items pending from 2022 include: 1) *Development of sector specific strategy/guidance/roadmap on social cohesion programming;* 2) *Development and dissemination of key messages to influence perception of refugees in a positive manner;* 3) *Identification and compilation of good practices on social cohesion programming and intervention;* 4) *Development of guidance on mainstreaming protection, child protection and GBV in livelihoods programming.*
- Partners were asked if any of the above-mentioned pending items from the 2022 Work Plan should carry over to 2023 as well. Among these, partners suggested that the most relevant to work on in 2023 would be the development of protection mainstreaming guidance for livelihoods partners (i.e. formally now the Economic Empowerment Sector) and development/dissemination of key messages on social cohesion. Some partners also suggested development of sector specific guidance on social cohesion as a relevant output, however no partner committed to take this forward/contribute.



- **Action Point:** IGAM, HRDF and Mavi Kalem committed to contribute to the development of protection mainstreaming guidance for partners from the Economic Empowerment Sector. For the development of key messages on social cohesion, Eksi 25 offered support, whereas IGAM suggested discussing with the Refugee Council of Türkiye (Türkiye Mülteci Konseyi) to inquire whether they would be willing to lead on this. IGAM will inform the National PWG of their response. This output as well as the sector specific strategy on social cohesion programming will be included in the work plan only if additional partners to lead/contribute can be identified.

Agenda Item #3: Identification of National PWG Priorities for 2023

- Some standing items that were also included in the 2022 Work Plan for the National PWG will be carried over to 2023. This includes work related to access to international protection, accountability to affected populations, data collection and analysis, and 3RP planning, implementation and M&E.
- In addition to the items carrying over from 2022, a survey was conducted to identify National PWG Priorities for 2023.
- Partners identify the following unaddressed training/technical capacity development needs within the sector, to be assessed towards inclusion in the 2023 Work Plan: working with persons with disabilities; how to operationalize humanitarian-development nexus from a protection perspective; gender and disability inclusion; refreshment on basic international refugee law; training on staff well-being (e.g. dealing with secondary trauma); advocacy with public institutions on access to asylum and services; strategy and activity plan on community-based protection activities; GBV specific cash-based interventions referrals; training about practices in the field for the non-field workers/administrative workers. A training for 3RP partners on disability inclusion/mainstreaming is being planned by the DITT to be delivered by June 2023; an advocacy workshop can be organized within the sector to share good practices and experiences; need for refreshment trainings on refugee law can potentially be delivered through the Legal Counselors Group; operationalizing the humanitarian – development nexus can be escalated to the National Inter-Agency Coordination Task Team; and, discussions can be held with the MHPSS sWG on delivering a training on staff well-being.
 - **Action Point:** Protection Coordinator to inform sector partners on how training needs can be addressed in 2023.
- Partners identify the following data/information gaps/needs within the sector: livelihoods/employment related information with age and gender breakdown; protection situation/needs of unaccompanied and separated children, intersex children, older



refugees as well as individuals pending registration and documentation; data on new applications, voluntary returns and deportations; future intentions; conditions of temporary accommodation centers; and out of school children.

- **Action Point:** The data/information gaps that can be covered through the Inter-Agency Protection Needs Assessment will be incorporated within Round 7, while data/information gaps related to other sectors will be relayed to relevant coordinators.
- Needs of communities and service providers and gaps in the protection response identified during the 3RP Appeal Process for 2023 – 2025 and IAPNA Round 6 were presented by the National Protection Coordinator. Details are available in the Powerpoint Presentation.
- In addition to the above, partners suggest some of the following thematic areas to be prioritized within the Work Plan for 2023: continued contextual/protection analysis; needs of rural, nomadic and mobile populations; streamlined approaches to advocacy; local coordination; and, introduction of the case management toolkit currently being prepared by the IPA Task Force under the Southeast PWG.

Agenda Item #6: AoB

- Partners agreed to revise the frequency of National PWG meetings from monthly to bi-monthly (i.e. once every two months). Based on need, trainings, information sharing meetings or other activities can be organized in the months where National PWG meetings will not be facilitated.
- The sector M&E training will be held in February. Date will be announced once confirmed.
- The Disability Inclusion Workshop will be co-led with the DITT in March. Date will be announced once confirmed.

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