



## Basic Needs Working Group

### Gaziantep Consultation Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Location</b>	25 October 2023, Hybrid Meeting
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AAR Japan, CARE International, Caritas, Concern Worldwide, Development Foundation of Turkey, DG ECHO, DRC, El-Bir Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği, IBC, IFRC, IOM, IRC, Islamic Relief, JICA, Medair, PIN, Samsun Engelliler Federasyonu, SARD, SGDD-ASAM, Support to Life, TRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, Watan Foundation, WHH	
<b>Agenda</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</li><li>2. <u>Review</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is 3RP?</li><li>• How does the Basic Needs Working Group work?</li><li>• What are the activities, what indicators do we have under BN?</li><li>• What do we expect to get out of this consultation meeting?</li></ul></li><li>3. <u>Discussion</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I. Needs, priorities and gaps in Basic Needs sector under 3RP for Gaziantep area of responsibility.</li><li>• II. Plans and capacities of partners to respond current needs in 2024.</li><li>• III. Potential areas of alignment and harmonisation with WASH, TSS and Shelter/NFI sectors.</li><li>• IV. Potential changes in indicators to align the 3RP BN with EQ sectors.</li></ul></li></ol>	
<b>Relevant Documents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of BNWG Consultation Meeting</li><li>• IM reporting training video</li><li>• Draft Narrative</li></ul>	
<b>Review</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3RP's structure, role, strategic objectives and principles of implementation were introduced to participants.</li><li>• 3RP is a government-led plan responding to the humanitarian, protection and assistance needs of Syrians under temporary protection, and vulnerable members of the host community, and institutions in the five hosting countries with three main strategic objectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ S.O.1. <b>Contribute to the protection</b> of Syrians under temporary protection and persons under international protection</li><li>➤ S.O.2. <b>Promote inclusion and access to services</b>, including health, education, social services, as well as municipal services and local solutions</li><li>➤ S.O.3. <b>Promote harmonization</b>, self-reliance and solutions</li></ul></li><li>• For detailed information on 3RP, please see <a href="#">Slides 4-9</a>.</li></ul>	
<b>2023-24 Timeline</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timeline for launching the final version of 3RP was presented. The narrative for Basic Needs sector as well as others is crucial and requires time for reflecting changing needs in Türkiye with the earthquakes hit 11 provinces on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Inter-sector coordinators are expected to deliver the final draft of sector narratives until November 8<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>	



- An **appeal workshop** will be held **on October 31<sup>st</sup>** by 3RP Information Management Team.
- After national consultations in late October, the **appeal process will be commenced on November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and will be closed after 10 days.
- Becoming a 3RP partner comes with responsibilities and partners have to fit in the humanitarian values and reporting responsibilities of this plan such as monthly reporting of progress.
- For detailed information on timeline, please see [Slides 10-11](#).

### **How Basic Needs Work in 3RP**

- In the funding structure, there is an additional column for ESSN and C-ESSN because since the ESSN was moved to IRFC and TRC, it became a program not appealing through 3RP. However, BNWG and ESSN coordination kept their collaboration and even though 3RP do not necessarily coordinate ESSN, the coordination teams still work together and closely. For detailed information please refer to [Slide 14](#).
- The Basic Needs Working Group include all the relevant stakeholders from RC/RC communities, municipalities, I/NGOs and others.
- The BNWG gathers quarterly and also provides bilateral support to partners.

### **Coordination Structure**

- Within the Inter-Agency Coordination Structure, Basic Needs has National, Southeast, Istanbul and Izmir platforms. In addition, CBI TWG stands as an inter-sectoral working group in the diagram.
- ABC was established during the transition period from the EQ response. Examining the two coordination structure might be challenging as they can be perceived as overlapping structures. The two structures collaborating and preventing the overlap of work as much as possible and technical support is provided for efficient coordination.
- Within the EQ response, WASH support is provided by a dedicated WASH group and same goes for Shelter and CBI TWG coordinates the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA). What is left for Basic Needs is to provide institutional support and capacity building.
- For the Southeast region context is very different from the rest of the country and Basic Needs sector is willing to make sure that the sector is capturing all the present needs.

### **Indicators**

- Basic Needs sector have 11 indicators under 4 outputs and 2 overarching objectives.
- The first objective aims to “improve living conditions of the most vulnerable Syrians under temporary protection, international protection applicants and status holders, and vulnerable members of the host community”.
  - Output 1.1 encompasses WASH and Shelter support while 1.2 covers CBI which is the biggest line of the BN and 1.3 concerns livelihoods services as BN have self-reliance mandate as 3RP.
  - Output 2 is about supporting national capacity and partners report the number of institutions they support under this output.
- For detailed information on Basic Needs indicators, please see [Slides 12-13](#).

### **Expectations from the Consultation Meeting**

- Partners shared their questions regarding 3RP processes and stated their views on possible changes concerning the logframe and narrative.
- 3RP was originally planned for two-years period, however the last plan was created for three years. Due to the fact that needs and context change every year, 3RP coordination annually checks back with the partners and provide them with the opportunity to revise their appeals to meet most current needs.
- 3RP do not directly funds the programmes but the appeals of the partners are collected through Activity Info.



- Appeal database Activity Info was presented by UNHCR IM. Partners are expected to report their progress under 3RP indicators monthly. IM has a training video about reporting and also they are conducting regular trainings. Every 10<sup>th</sup> of the month is the deadline for data entry and the IM check every data and if any disruptions are detected, partners are asked for correction. When there is a new program, IM shares relevant information during the sector meetings and create additional discussions.
- After the data collection deadline for monthly reporting, the data portal display activities and progress publicly and the IM creates sectoral IM products based on the provided information.
- For the financial tracking the 3RP database is utilized and there is a funding tracker with dedicated folders with each year. This year, partners reported cumulatively and partners shared the data as of that quarter. Next year the IM is planning to make slight changes. Partners are shared a data collection link and with that link they can reach the funding tool without their credentials.
- Collected data can be followed by the public dashboards shared by the IM. If partners are willing to reach more information regarding the progress, they can reach actual achievement under 3RP such as the progress of the ESSN programme. ESSN still enter their achievement data but not as a 3RP partner. With the data collected, necessary analysis is made and the sector works on advocacy paper for donors and ignite discussions on the gaps.
- Due to time constraints, further discussions on the indicators will be held soon for revising them as necessary.

## Discussion

### Plans and Capacities of Members

- Many partners expressed their interest in providing shelter support and multipurpose cash assistance.
- Challenges related to accessing personal data and verification for multipurpose cash assistance were discussed in and after the meeting.
- WASH partners plan to provide both humanitarian support and longer-term infrastructure assistance, such as water treatment plants and distribution facilities.
- NFI partners are continuing their core programs, including providing gender-specific hygiene kits, but anticipate increased needs.
- There's no clear differentiation between the 3RP and earthquake response in terms of targeting, i.e. 3RP programs will include Turkish citizens as usual and EQ response will include refugees inevitably.

### UNFPA

- UNFPA has been working on GBV under 3RP and after the EQ response they continue to work on GBV under the EQ response.
- UNFPA would like to continue their core works such as working with women and girls in different types.
- They are currently working with implementing partners and ministries. Under a current project they work with DGSS regarding women and girls' safe spaces and hold consultations and provide GBV services such as distributing dignity kits. For GBV survivors, UNFPA provides cash assistance within the GBV case management aiming to address GBV related needs with unconditional and unrestricted MPCA. They assume that beneficiaries will use this assistance to cover their basic needs and clearer results will be published after the PDM.
- They added blankets into the dignity kits and this overlapping with the winterisation goals as GBV survivors have a lot of needs and it is difficult to meet their needs with only in kind or cash assistance. It is crucial to reach these cases from a comprehensive perspective.



- BN coordinator highlighted that vulnerabilities are complex and one kind of assistance might not be adequate and providing more than one type of assistance should not be considered as duplication because for some cases this is a crucial need.

#### WATAN Foundation

- WATAN Foundation was focusing on Syria program until 2-3 years back and as the EQ response commenced, they started to conduct shelter projects in multiple locations such as Göksun, Gaziantep and their largest project is in Hatay aiming at building 500 shelters in Yayladağ, Samandağ and Kırıkhan.
- In, 2023 they spared USD 5 million budget for programs focusing on refugees and host communities in the EQ affected areas. In Göksun, they have 2 projects targeting for basic needs such as distribution of food baskets, etc. One program will start soon in Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa focusing on food basket distribution within the scope of the EQ response.
- WATAN Foundation's plans for 2024 is to establish a separate mission for Türkiye that will start in early 2024. Right now, they are conducting a survey in Gaziantep and planning to conduct the same survey in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş to detect the current gaps and needs. For Gaziantep, they have data collected from 2000 Syrian family and preliminary results signal for grave need for basic needs assistance. Once the rapid assessment is completed, results will be shared with all members and WATAN is willing to collaborate with various partners to meet the needs.

#### IOM

- IOM operates under each sector with wide range of activities. They currently operate under both 3RP and EQ response targeting both refugees and host communities.
- For 3RP, they have nation-wide coverage and for the EQ response they operate in 11 EQ affected provinces.
- IOM plans to continue their activities under both appeals for the vulnerable HHs.

#### CARE

- CARE have their regular projects ongoing in Şanlıurfa and Gaziantep targeting 1000 HHs for shelter needs both host communities and refugees.
- In addition, they have programs under EQ response in Hatay, İslahiye and Nurdağı. CARE disseminated tents, containers, NFI kits and hygiene kits. Their head of response will join the 3RP Basic Needs sector meeting for further collaboration.

#### DRC

- DRC is supporting groups from SUTPs and host communities under 2 main protection and ER programs. For ER, they are planning to extend their support under emergency ER platform in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis and Şanlıurfa and durable solutions project in Istanbul.
- DRC is considering integrating the target groups into the market. When it comes to early recovery response, they are planning to keep the response under MPCA with CVA approach. For the voucher for shelter, there is a need especially in the cluster of tents especially in Hatay.
- Within the winterisation assistance, they plan to extend the distribution of vouchers in Kahramanmaraş and Hatay. They distribute voucher for shelter out of camps clusters with an aim to improve conditions of these shelters. These vouchers concentrate on providing NFI and household appliances.



### MEDAIR

- MEDAIR started their programs in Türkiye after the earthquakes and provides CVA and shelter assistance. They have 3 implementing partners in Hatay, Nurhak and Adiyaman. They provide culturally appropriate assistance and 3 rounds of MPCA since the EQ. They still have discussions regarding their 2024 plans in Türkiye.

### WHH

- WHH has a protection and cohesion project in Mardin. They are providing MPCA in Mardin, Adiyaman, Hatay and Gaziantep and they have nutritionist and PSS experts working with families in the EQ affected areas. They distribute hygiene and baby kits in these areas as well until the end of the year but the programs might be extended. Discussions are ongoing.

### People in Need

- PIN is planning to conduct a shelter project in the EQ affected areas in 2024. Currently, they are implementing some projects under Livelihoods and distributing latrines, vouchers hygiene kits under WASH in Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep and Adiyaman both for refugee and host communities.
- They are providing cash grant to small business holders delivering and collaborating with relevant options and this grant s planned to be extended to 2024. They are also working on raising awareness and capacity building. Their winterisation assistance is still under discussion.

### Support to Life

- STL continues their WASH, Shelter and NFI programs in Hatay, Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş and planning cash for winterisation in these provinces in the beginning of 2024.
- Their main activities within the scope of WASH are distributing different kits such as dignity, hygiene and kitchen.
- STL foresees a need for cash for shelter and suggest that providing support to repairing lightly damaged houses. CARE indicated that they have been conducting shelter rehabilitation programs over 6 years and they can support organizations planning similar programs.

### IBC

- IBC provided 20.000 beneficiaries with regular hot meal in the EQ affected provinces and built a container city in Kırıkhan, Hatay. They will start providing CVA within 2 months in collaboration with GIZ. Their MHPSS program in Şanlıurfa, Kilis, Elbistan, Nurdağı and Hatay will also continue.

### SARD

- SARD has a program in Adiyaman providing hygiene kits and MPCA for 450 HHs and planning to commence more programs soon such as implementing winterisation assistance and shelter activities.
- Members are encouraged to join sector-specific meetings to prevent duplication and ensure constant information sharing.

### Potential Areas of Alignment

- Potential areas of alignment and harmonisation with WASH, TSS and Shelter/NFI sectors were discussed.
- In terms of appeal and coordination common challenges were identified, particularly in the areas of shelter, food, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), and multipurpose cash assistance.



- MPCA provided within the 3RP perspective falls under Basic Needs such as the ESSN programme that has been years of running MPCA targeting refugees. Therefore, any MPCA targeting refugees will be considered under Basic Needs. Other programmes such as Cash for Shelter, livelihoods, protection, etc are considered as sector specific cash programmes. CBI TWG is here to provide technical support to any organization conducting any of the cash programmes.
- Some of the programmes are core 3RP programmes and they will continue. In terms of indicators, the aim is to have more breakdowns and explanations to make them speak to the sectors like shelter.
- To be more inclusive and compatible with the Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) approach, youth needs can be added to the narrative. Members are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft narrative to determine gaps and areas of improvement.
- Indicators will be drafted in a couple of alternative ways and shared with members to see which one is addressing the needs and easier to collect data on.
- Appealing members can contact Basic Needs Coordination for clarification and support.