Basic Needs Working Group

National Meeting Minutes

Date & Location	20 October 2022, National Virtual Meeting
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Participating Agencies

ASAM, Concern Worldwide, DDD, Global Communities, IFRC, IOM, MoFSS, Positive Living Association, MUDEM, Syrian American Medical Society, TRC İstanbul Anatolian Side Community Centre, Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, TRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, Violet Organisation, WALD, WHH

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions *(5 mins)*
2. Review Action Points & Share Announcements *(IA, 10 mins)*
3. Review Sector Achievements *(IM, 10 mins)*
4. Share Programme Updates *(25 mins)*
   a) Present ESSN and C-ESSN Updates *(IFRC/TRC & MoFSS, 10 mins)*
   b) Programme Updates *(Other partners, 15 mins)*
5. Survey: Coordination Workshop *(All partners, 10 mins)*

mini break (5 mins)

6. Basic Needs Planning 2023-25 *(60 mins)*
   a) Current Situation *(10 mins)*
   b) Overview of Field Consultations *(10 mins)*
   c) Consultation: Sector Strategy & Narrative for 2023-25 *(20 mins)*
   d) Consultation: Logframe & Indicators for 2023-25 *(20 mins)*
7. AOB *(5 mins)*

Action Points

- Partners to fill the **Basic Needs Working Group Coordination Workshop Survey**
- Partners to provide feedback on the Draft Sector Narrative and Logframe by **CoB, 20 September**
- Update on the recent developments of the possible **coordination workshop** will be provided when ready
- Basic Needs Sector Q3 2022 Dashboard will be shared when finalised

Related Documents

- Basic Needs Working Group Shelter Note: Refugees' Access to Shelter in Türkiye
- Inter-agency Summary Guidance Note on Post-Distribution Monitoring in the Context of Cash-Based Interventions
- Basic Needs Working Group Coordination Workshop Survey (EN/TR)
- Basic Needs Sector Monthly Dashboard - September 2022
- Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Refugee Women and Girls in Türkiye Research Report (TR)

Review Action Points & Share Sector Announcements

- Partners to provide feedback on *Draft Basic Needs Sector Narrative and Logframe for the 3RP 2023-2025 Türkiye Plan*, deadline **20 September CoB – In Progress**

- *IAPNA – Round 6* encompasses crucial points regarding shelter situation and all partners are suggested to review the document when it is disseminated.
- In line with the recommendatios of the *IA Summary Guidance Note on PDM in the Context of CBIs*,partners are encouraged to share their lessons-learnt.
- 3RP Appeal Workshops will be held on 20-21 October. It is important for appealing partners to join the workshops.

Review Sector Achievements

- The sector achievements as of September were presented by the BN IM focal point.
- Possible underreporting was detected for several indicators including transportation support, food assistance, CRI and hygiene kit distribution, and WASH support (*see* slides 6 – 8).
- The quarterly dashboard is underway, and will be shared shortly. Partners' comments are welcomed once the document is disseminated.
- BN IM focal point Ozgur Savascioglu (savascio@unhcr.org) should be contacted if there are any questions regarding reporting or any other related issue.

Share Programme Updates

ESSN & C-ESSN Updates

- Households that cannot meet the ESSN criteria are referred to SASFs as their discretionary quota has been increased from 5% to 10%, making it possible to include those who were previously excluded due to being under the category B.
- With the novel changes, ESSN has only one criterion now, which is the *adjusted dependency ratio*.
- Severe disability payment is provided on a monthly basis to the relevant beneficiaries under C-ESSN. In May 2022, ESSN beneficiaries received top-up payments, which were and mentioned and discussed in previous meetings.

UNFPA

- **Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Refugee Women and Girls in Türkiye Research Report** has been published recently.
- The result of the assessments is expected to guide UNFPA and stakeholders on what actions to take to increase menstrual hygiene awareness.

IOM

- IOM is providing WASH and shelter rehabilitation support to nearly 1,500 households in 9 provinces.
- IOM is planning to provide **cash for shelter** support through vouchers adopting the modality of restricted and conditional CBI to 600 beneficiaries in Şanlıurfa and Hatay.
- A101 market cards are distributed in different provinces such as Istanbul, Hatay, Osmaniye and Şanlıurfa to 3,000 households. In Istanbul the focus is on Ukrainians and 300 families are supported with A101 cards.
- IOM will continue to provide winterisation support in Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Kilis and to a small group of Yedizis in Mardin.
- IOM is in close coordination with municipalities regarding the distribution of hygiene kits. They have a budget to cover approximately 4,000 HHs.

Survey: Coordination Workshop

- The survey to gauge partners' interest and needs with regards to a coordination workshop that may be co-organised with TRC, and other interested agencies, was shared.
- More information will be provided upon further discussions.

Basic Needs Planning 2023-25

- The overview of field consultations held in SET and Istanbul was presented.
- Field consultations highlight comments by partners for 2023-25 3RP on providing CBIs targeting shelter, focusing on niche areas to secure funding, cooperation with institutions such as AFAD to act proactively for disasters and preventing duplication and so on. (*see* slides 40 – 41)

Consultation: Sector Strategy & Narrative for 2023-25

- A summary of ***Draft Basic Needs Sector Narrative*** was shared with the partners whom were encouraged to share their inputs/comments on the document.
- For the 2023-25, the Covid-19 emphasis is toned down now that it is mainstreamed in the BN Sector.
- Menstrual poverty is in the Narrative for the first time ever this year.

3RP Planning 2023-25 Indicators

- Changes in the indicators for 2023-25 3RP were presented.
- Indicators that have been added and removed can be seen between *slides 46 – 51*.
- The logframe for the upcoming period is lighter than the one for 2021-2022. Partners are encouraged to share if there are any new programmes that they are planning and are not covered by the indicators.

Discussion

- Partners suggested that under the *Strategic Direction* sub-chapter of the sector narrative, the significant decrease in the funding can be reflected. BN activities can be linked to the other sectors as relevant in line with the inter-sectoral approach to increase the likelihood of getting more funding.
- BN sector can communicate with the Disability Inclusion Task Team (DITT) to get assessments and/or reports to make targeting niche areas more feasible and effective.
- Basic needs with regards to rent, shelter, increasing utility prices etc. were discussed during the consultations of the Protection sector. Some of the programming is planned to address basic needs from a protection point of view.
- Social cohesion should be stressed when preparing the BN Sector Narrative in a harmonised way with the other sectors.

AoB

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