EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

21st March 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairpersons	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator Ali Ercan Özgür – Needs Map, Board Member
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/Minutes Review 2. Reporting (Sit Rep, Mid Term Review, indicators and reporting timeline - including UN WOMEN to present importance of gender responsive data/indicators.) 3. Assessment (Terra and feedback on the donor conference. IDEMA will provide preliminary findings of its assessment - 10 min), other assessments taking place. 4. Program updates (Hatay working group, debris management, needs, activities, gaps & constraints) 5. Cash Presentation (15 min) 6. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (33 Organizations/Agencies and 124 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bHax0cRGU04MN50EKBI8TwZmDXDE6LTAMc57Wxn8Ujs/edit?usp=sharing

UNDP Focal Points:

- Please kindly reach out to Miki Takahashi miki.takahashi@undp.org for your queries regarding the 3Ws, Partner's Funding Reporting, and Sector Indicators.
- Please kindly reach out to Semiha Bal semiha.bal@undp.org for your queries regarding the ER Sector Webpage, OCHA Sit Rep and overall coordination support.
- Please kindly reach out to Bastien Revel bastien.revel@undp.org for your queries regarding TERRA Assessment and International Donor conference in Brussels.

1. Introduction and Minutes Review

- Inputs for weekly OCHA Sit Report is reminded; partner invited to provide their inputs every week through this link (under Column M&N) with the deadline of Tuesday CoB each week.
    - **Ms. Florian Rhiza Nery** mentioned private sector engagement by underlying the importance of bringing private sector representatives in a working group. The TOR has been submitted on 21st of March to RCO and UNDP Türkiye for review. Upon discussion with the lead of Needs Map and other colleagues, there seems to be an interest in coming up with a private sector planning workshop or an in person briefing.
    - **Action Point:** PS engagement and sub group will be hosted in ER sector but to provide services to all sectors
- **Needs Map** met with chambers of commerce Hatay/Antalya to understand which producers are producing what. They are happy to provide further information on local linkages.
    - **Action Point:** Needs Map will send a short report on local linkages with the names and contact details.
- **Innovation for Development** is working on the first version of this Digital Product which will be finalized next week. The digital product matchmaking platform where people will be able to reach products of the local producers and procurement departments. Call center is contacting producers for their stocks. If there are procedures the ER Partners know that can benefit from it, please contact to I4D colleagues for sharing information (hande.sogancilar@i4d.com.tr).
    - I4D had a meeting with Carrefour and Yıldız Holding (chain markets; Şok and Seç Market). Having the product list, they will be able to show them what exists on the platform.
- Meeting with the Ambassador Hakan Çakıl cancellation update was shared.

2. Reporting (Sit Rep, Mid Term Review, indicators and reporting timeline - including UNWOMEN to present importance of gender responsive data/indicators.)

- **ER** sector coordination team shared updates on Sit Rep and other reporting related issues while referring the links for reporting mechanisms (please see detailed list of links in the attached presentation).
- **UN Women** has delivered a presentation on Gender Sensitive Indicators (please apply as per the attached presentation for further information).
- The importance of Gender Sensitive Indicators in how to identify gaps, needs and vulnerabilities is underlined. **UNHCR** asked if there is LGBTQI inclusion in the indicators:
    - UN Women indicated that this should include both targeting and data collection processes. Specific vulnerabilities need to be measured and monitored. If organizations have intervention in that regard, it is necessary to measure but in practice better to include LGBTQI group in minority group due to sensitivity of the matter.
    - ER sector team reminded partners to report their achievements in the activityinfo. This would help prepare the OCHA mid-term report. If any partners require training to use activityinfo please contact berkin.erol@undp.org.

3. Assessments (Terra and feedback on the donor conference. IDEMA will provide preliminary findings of its assessment - 10 min), other assessments taking place

- Updates on TERRA has been shared by Mr. Bastien Revel:

  - The TERRA report was prepared by the Strategy and Budget Office of the Presidency with support from the UN, EU and World Bank.

  - The report is posted online at: https://www.sbb.gov.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Turkiye-Recovery-and-Reconstruction-Assessment.pdf

  - 200 pages long, extensive report includes sector-by-sector estimates of damages and reconstruction needs. The data presented should be considered as preliminary.

  - Some data from line ministries was not presented in the report in order to prevent discrepancies in damage and loss assessments.

  - The report has two chapters, one focused on damage and loss calculations, and the other on the "recovery vision," building on the same numbers from the first chapter.

  - The TERRA main findings were presented at the donor conference in Brussels on 20 March 2023, together with a more general assessment presented for Syria by the UN (the Syrian Government was not invited).

  - Total funding pledged at the donor conference amounted to €7 billion, of which €6.05 billion in grants and loans for Türkiye and €950 million in grants for Syria.

  - Further work with damage and loss figures and with recovery planning is currently under discussion by the TERRA partners but may have to wait until after the elections.

- **The Needs Map** presented **their Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Report** (please see details in the attached presentation). The report will probably be finalized in 10 days. But the presentation shows the preliminary reflections. Any input/ideas from the partners are welcomed. Other than that NM shared program updates.

  - Needs Map teams monitor the data on the people who are in need and who can provide support. Through the 1K1Y (1 Rent 1 Home), which is NM's one of the grant campaigns, 30.000 families entered data to the system. It's equal to more than 200.000 people's data. This will be also reflected on the report.

  - **Action Point:** A WhatsApp bot for collecting data will be presented in the next meetings.

  - **Action Point:** Mr. Clerc and Mr. Ozgur will share feedback regarding their field visit in Adyaman and Hatay

  - **UNHCR** highlighted the importance of mapping exercises for the community engagement tools as the NM has been already collecting data from the field through **the WhatsApp bot,** including language preferences such as Arabic.
  - For the regional recovery centers, one of the focuses will be **rebuilding the skills and employability** of the people in the region.

- Human resources, finance, and access to raw materials, with good conditions, will be critical parts of the economic empowerment in the region. Therefore, it is essential to match the local and international businesses.
- **UNV,** suggested that the report that Needs Map presented may include **volunteerism and volunteer maps** coordinated with Afet Platformu.
- Needs Map underlined that voluntarism will be one of the components in the report. The needs of the NGOs in the field and their predictions for the future will be also reflected.

4. Program updates (Hatay working group, debris management, needs, activities, gaps & constraints)

- **UNHCR** highlighted the importance of understanding the local cultures in the region, such as Alewi and Arab.

- **Humanitarian principles** have to be understood by government officials and humanitarian and development workers, including professionals and volunteers, at both local and national levels, and early recovery work must be provided without discrimination of language, religion, gender, income, national identity, political opinion, etc. In this regard, trainings, orientation, and briefings are essential.

- **Domestic violence** or risk of **GBV** should be carefully considered.

- Mr. Nuri Özbagdatli from **UNDP,** provided a briefing on debris management issues:

  - Quick action to remove rubbles was taken, but there should be a holistic approach and the humanitarian part should be considered on the removal process as it touches upon people's culture and lives.

  - UNDP mobilized academicians to visit the field to identify the temporary sides in coordination with the Ministry of Environment Waste Management Department.

  - It may be an option to mobilize local people, NGOs, watchers, or volunteers to double check if the sites are still clear.

  - If there is rubble on agricultural land or protected areas or nearby water resources, a plan should be prepared to avoid any health problems that can be raised by asbestos waste dust and including some mid-term and long-term actions as well as recycling the debris.

  - Overall **debris removal** is expected to be completed within **12 months.**

  - Once everything is settled in the sites and proper equipment and machines are ready, **recycling** is expected to take more than **five years**.

  - **Debris management** should be planned at regional level to optimize the transportation, timing, number of trucks, size of trucks etc.

  - There are the challenges with the funding. Unfortunately, there is no proper funding for debris management right now. This issue has been raised in the Donor Conference in Brussels, but no concrete action is taken so far. But in the meantime, UNDP will mobilize

consultants to prepare the technical specifications to speed up the process once more funding is available.

- And in the meantime, the cultural aspect is also in the need for funding to mobilize some resources for some specific cultural monuments. The awareness about both tangible and intangible cultural heritage is critical.

- The government is open for communication about debris, especially the Minister of Environment.

- Opportunities can be evaluated on debris removal mapping regarding the **utilizing technological tools** such as satellite images and other technologies to track the status of the **debris removal.**

5. Cash Presentation

- **Kızılay/TRC** provided a presentation on the Cash Based Interventions (please see the detailed in the attached presentation). Partners posed below questions on the presentation**:**

  - **What is the level of cash used directly? Do you have a perception that more data in cash versus in-kind?** The report says 90 percent of the beneficiaries are actively using the cash assistance which have been distributed after the earthquake. In-kind assistance is also ongoing. Right now, percentage is not provided for the in-kind assistance.

  - **Action Point:** The study of about cash beneficiaries in that affected region will be published soon.

  - **Will you monitor cash transfers for education?** The sectors are going to report their own sector-specific cash assistance under the sector reporting. Only the Cash Technical Working Group is going to be responsible for multipurpose cash assistance, but TRC will map all types of cash assistance in their mapping.

  - **How big will the program with IFRC and WFP the targeting be?** There will be more than 140.000 households, but it depends on the budget from everyone in the sector. It is going to be three months during the vulnerability.

  - **In these new programs will there be the criteria based on MIRRA or TERRA, which groups prioritized for the cash based has been discussed or will there be discussions around?** For ESSN, there will be no change in the criteria and for criteria for vulnerability. There would be demographic changes in the families due to the losses after the earthquake. This will affect their status quo for eligibility. It is important to be aware of this and following who will be excluded or included in the cash assistance that is already ongoing.

6. AOB

- Next meeting time is on the 28th **of March between 13.30 to 15.30**.

Tentative Agenda for the ER Sector Meeting (28th of March 2023)

1. Intro/minutes review

2. Reporting (Sit rep, Mid Term Review, Operational plan, Indicators and reporting)

3. Assessments

   - Assessments taking place

4. Program updates (ER working groups in Hatay and other hubs, Regional Recovery Development Center, Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints)

5. UNICEF Presentation on children and youth facilities-BIRLIKTE Hubs (15 min including Q&A)

6.Genç İşi/Youth Deal Presentation on Assessment Report

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- **Useful Links**

EQ Early Recovery Sector Webpage	https://response.reliefweb.int/turkiye/early-recovery-sector
Link for 3Ws	Turkiye Earthquake Reponse 3W - Who is Doing What Where? (humanitarianresponse.info)
Link for sharing ongoing/competed assessments.	Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool/Kurumlar Arası Analiz Anketi Toplama Aracı (unhcr.org)
Partner's funding reporting	Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal 2023 | Financial Tracking Service (unocha.org)
Link for UNHCR Türkiye Earthquake Response: Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool	https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/275?sv=4&geo=113
EQ Turkiye Early Recovery Sector (Email Group)	tr.earlyrecovery@undp.org
Activity info reporting	Early Recovery - ActivityInfo Partners are encouraged to register and report through this link. Technical Support contact: Berkin.erol@undp.org .