

Basic Needs Working Group

National Meeting Minutes

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Action Points and Announcements

- Partners were encouraged to share findings from **needs assessments** conducted in the field. It was also reiterated that such assessments and announcements can be disseminated to stakeholders through the Basic Needs Working Group.

2026 Sector Outlook: Overview of the Sector Appeal and Next Steps in the 3RP Planning Process

- **Draft financial requirements and target figures of the sector** under the **3RP 2026 appeal** were shared. These figures are not final and will be finalised after the consultation phase with public institutions. *Please refer to the relevant slides for details.*
 - The draft 3RP report will be shared with **public institutions** for feedback. As public institutions are expected to engage more actively this year, additional consultation meetings with them are anticipated. Following these processes, the 3RP report and appeal details will be finalised.
 - Once the process is completed, the launch of the 3RP 2026 is expected to take place in **late February or March**.
- Under the 3RP 2026 appeal, the highest financial requirement (**USD 110 million**) has been identified under the Basic Needs Sector.
 - Due to funding constraints, planned programmes have shifted away from a national scale and are primarily focused on the locations where needs are highest, namely the **southeast, Istanbul, and Ankara**.
 - Compared to previous years, the presence of NGO partners within the appeal has decreased.
 - Under **the first sector objective related to fundamental humanitarian assistance**, the largest financial requirement relates to **cash assistance for transportation** in the context of **self-organised voluntary returns**. Such assistance specifically targets the provision of transportation support and therefore is not planned under Multi-purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA).
 - Separately considered **MPCA** interventions also constitute a significant share of the overall financial requirements.
 - This is followed by **hygiene and dignity kit distributions**.
 - **Shelter and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)** activities, targeting approximately **11,000** beneficiaries, also represent a significant share of the overall request. As of the end of 2025, it was announced that due to reduced partner presence in these areas resulting from funding constraints, coordination for shelter and WASH will no longer be conducted through separate sub-working groups and will instead be carried out under the BNWG.
 - These are followed by **core relief items (CRI)** and **food assistance**, the continuation of which remains dependent on available funding.
 - Under the **second sector objective focusing on resilience, support to municipalities and public institutions** has **contracted** compared to previous years due to chronic funding shortfalls.

Mapping of Municipal Support

- The **third round of the mapping exercise** which has been initiated in December 2025 and focusing broadly (beyond 3RP) on partners' support to **municipalities**, is ongoing. For reference, the [data dashboard](#) and [summary note](#) from the **second round** were shared.

- The mapping aims to identify municipalities receiving support and those not yet supported; and analyse whether support focuses on infrastructure investment or capacity strengthening for service delivery. The exercise is expected to also help **identify and share good practices and promote peer learning**.
 - The data collected through this exercise provides more detailed information than the sector's current reporting based on municipal support indicators and contributes both to good practice sharing and advocacy on municipal support.
- Following partners' requests, the data entry deadline was extended from **16 January to 23 January (Friday) close of business**.
- **11 organisations** expressed interest. **GIZ, ILO, SARD, UNHCR, and WFP** have completed data entry; **ICMPD, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, SGDD-ASAM, and TRC** are in the process of finalising their entries.
- Organisations interested in participating in the mapping and with municipal support programming are kindly requested to contact the Basic Needs sector coordination team.

Programme Updates

2025–26 Winterization Response Update

- **IOM** completed its winter and MPCA assistance programme in **Iskenderun Yıldırımtepe camp** in late December, reaching **387 households (1,732 individuals)** including Syrians, Turkish citizens, and dual nationals.
 - Subject to obtaining the necessary governorate permit, **IOM** plans to provide winter and MPCA assistance in **two additional camps in Kırıkhan, Hatay**, with completion expected before Ramadan.
 - In addition, **IOM** is planning a separate activity providing MPCA only.
- In addition to IOM, **STL** also has a winterisation programme.
- **Human Appeal** will meet with the Winterisation Task Team this week to discuss its planned activities.
- Winterization Task Team's [advocacy document](#) disseminated at the end of 2025 was re-shared for reference.
 - The document aims to address a common perception among donors that, since Türkiye is considered a developed country, winterisation needs are assumed not to exist. It underscores that needs persist in the field and must be highlighted. The document can therefore be used as a reference in partners' engagement with donors.
 - The overall need for the 2025–26 winter period is estimated at approximately **USD 5.5 million**.
 - **January–March** is the peak period for winter-related needs, and assistance during this timeframe can still deliver high impact.
- Winterisation Task Team meets regularly. Partners wishing to join are requested to contact Dilan Balcı (davci@iom.int) and Ahmet Ünver (unver@unhcr.org).

SSN Programme Updates

- **TRC** shared updates on the **Kızılaykart** programmes. *Please refer to the relevant slides for details.*
 - Following **changes to SUY eligibility criteria**, the **dependency ratio** for the SSN caseload increased from “**≥2**” to “**≥2.5**”, resulting in a decrease in the number of beneficiaries.
 - However, under the discretion of the **Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations**, the **additional quota** allocated to the programme has **increased from 4% to 6%**. As a result, households that do not meet the eligibility criteria but are assessed as vulnerable have been able to benefit from the programme within the scope of this discretionary quota.
 - Under the **TRC and WFP** collaboration, **in-camp food assistance** continues in two camps due to the gradual closure of camps: **Adana and Elazığ Temporary Accommodation Centres**.
 - As of **September 2025**, following the decision of the Presidency of Migration Management to gradually close the camps, an additional **transition support** was provided to facilitate **beneficiaries' move to urban life**. In line with this decision, individuals departing from the **Hatay/Boynuyöğün, Osmaniye, Hatay/Yayladağı, and Kahramanmaraş Temporary Accommodation Centres**, which were closed in

phases, benefited from this support. The assistance was implemented for a period of **three months**, covering **October-December 2025**, with the final payment made in December. In **December 2025**, a total of **7,980 beneficiaries** received this support.

- Within the framework of the agreement reached with **WFP**, a contract has been signed to continue the programme in 2026. A **monthly cash support of TRY 1,050** will be provided to **beneficiaries who remain in camps and are identified by the PMM as “Persons with Specific Needs.”** In addition to **Adana Sarıçam and Elazığ TACs**, **Gaziantep/İslahiye** has been included in the programme as of **January 2026**. The beneficiary caseload for Gaziantep/İslahiye will be confirmed once the final list is provided by PMM.

Partners' Programme Updates

- **UNFPA**, under its 2025 emergency funding and preparedness planning, deployed part of its hygiene and dignity kit stock to **Van**, integrating elements aimed at reducing GBV risks and addressing menstrual hygiene needs. The remaining kits are retained as contingency stock for potential future emergencies.
 - For **2026**, **UNFPA** has finalised planning with **ASAM** and **KAMER** for a **menstrual hygiene management voucher programme**. Activities will be implemented with **KAMER** in **Adıyaman** throughout the year, and with **ASAM** in **Hatay and Adıyaman** during the first part of 2026.
- **IOM** continues activities carried over from last year.
 - Referrals received from **ASAM** were addressed.
 - A container was provided for one household with shelter needs in **Reyhanlı**. In addition, **shelter support kits** were distributed to referred households in **Reyhanlı and Antakya**, and a portion of kits was handed over to the district governorate for distribution.
 - **Household-level WASH improvements** will be initiated in **İslahiye Site 2**.
 - The **shelter rehabilitation** project is ongoing. Repairs were completed for 31 houses last month, and repairs continue for approximately 160 houses.
 - Shelter support is currently focused on **Gaziantep**, and activities are expected to be completed next month.
- **WFP** continues **cash for food assistance** for beneficiaries who remain in camps and those transitioning to urban areas following camp closures, with support expected to continue **until May**.
 - As of **January**, a **cash for food** project has been initiated by **WFP** in partnership with **STL**, targeting **10,000 beneficiaries**. The programme may extend **beyond May** if additional funding is secured.
- In addition, a pilot initiative is being implemented under the **self-organised voluntary return context**, with an expected focus on border points. Under this initiative, **5 kg ready-to-eat food parcels** will be distributed in **Adana, Elazığ, and İslahiye camps** before Ramadan.

SSN Programme Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)

- **TRC** presented updated MEB figures. *Please refer to the relevant slides for details.*
 - While the pace of inflation has slowed compared to previous periods, inflation levels remain high and MEB amounts have increased accordingly. As of **December 2025**, the MEB is **TRY 6,690** for **SSN** beneficiaries and **TRY 8,763** for **C-SSN** beneficiaries.
 - As in previous periods, the categories with the highest inflation remain **food and rent**.

Action Points

- Needs in **shelter and WASH** remain high, and available support continues to be insufficient due to limited funding. It was therefore suggested that the next meeting should include a dedicated discussion on current needs, ongoing support, and the critical gaps between the two.