Winterisation Task Force Meeting Minutes

Time& Location:	1 October 2024, Microsoft Teams
Hosted by:	IOM
Agenda:	1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Overview of Winterisation Task Force Activities 3. Severity Index of the Upcoming Winter 4. Recap of Last Winterisation Assistance 5. Methodology for Calculating Transfer Value 6. Partner Updates 7. Discussion and Next Steps 8. Closing Remarks

Overview of Winterisation Task Force Activities

- The meeting commenced with an introduction to the agenda, key objectives, and activities of the Winterisation Task Force.
- The preparedness and methodology for the winterisation efforts were outlined for discussion.

Winterisation Objectives and Goals

- The primary objective of the Winterisation Task Force is to coordinate partner efforts to assist the Turkish Government in addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable refugee and host communities during winter. This includes:
    - Meeting essential winter requirements.
    - Providing social protection against life-threatening weather conditions.
    - Reducing economic vulnerabilities of the population.
- The main purposes of the task force meetings include:
    - Information sharing.
    - Harmonizing approaches.
    - Joint advocacy.
    - Establishing minimum standards.
    - Improving targeting for vulnerable households.
- The target group for the project is defined as:
    - The most vulnerable Syrians under temporary protection.
    - International protection applicants and status holders.

    - Vulnerable members of the host community, both in urban and rural areas, including populations in temporary settlements.
- Partners are advised to ensure that at least 50% of the total caseload consists of refugees/migrants who are not receiving Social Safety Net (SSN) assistance.
- The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the task force is expected to be finalized to avoid overlap among partners and to identify target provinces.

Severity Index of the Upcoming Winter

- The winterisation project will focus on five provinces significantly affected by the earthquake:
    - Gaziantep (specifically Islahiye and Nurdagi)
    - Kahramanmaras
    - Hatay
    - Adiyaman
    - Malatya
- The project primarily targets individuals living in temporary settlements and refugees residing in foldable containers.

Overview of Last Winterisation Project

- In the previous winterisation project, ten partners engaged to provide cash assistance to 65,000 vulnerable households across the provinces of Adiyaman, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, and Malatya.
- The assistance amount ranged from 4,000 to 11,900 Turkish Lira, calculated using the following formula:
    - MPCA (6,000 TRY) + winter essentials (e.g., heaters at 2,500 TRY) + winter non-food items and utilities (340 TRY) multiplied by family members.
- Partners were presented with various transfer value calculation options for the 2024-2025 winterisation project to ensure harmonization.

Program Updates by Partners

- **IOM:** Planning to implement a winterisation project in Temporary Settlements in Hatay, including top-ups for the MPCA project.
- **STL:** Planning an MPCA top-up in October in Adiyaman, targeting 1,400 households. The assistance will consist of 25% host communities and 75% refugees.
- **UN Women:** Planning to provide winter assistance, either as winter kits or cash assistance, with details to be finalized in the upcoming period.
- **Islamic Relief Türkiye:** Planning to conduct a winterisation project offering clothing e-vouchers, each valued at 3,850 TRY, with a potential shift from vouchers to cash assistance in the next project period.

Any Other Business (AOB)

- Monthly Winterisation Task Force meetings will be held throughout the project period.
- The 4W form will be presented at the next meeting for initial data collection.