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Gaziantep

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Hosted by: WFP and FAO
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Agenda:

1. Welcome and review of the action points from the previous meeting
2. Tour de table (partner updates)
3. Briefing on WFP-FAO meetings in Mardin and Sanliurfa (17-19 October)
4. Initial results of survey on capacity building needs
5. Setting up and running micro-, home- and school-gardening
6. A.O.B.

Summary of Action Points

- ✓ WHH, in coordination with WHH and UNIDO, to initiate preparation of a presentation on alternative heating systems for greenhouses. **Deadline: January, 2018.**
- ✓ SWG Coordinators to share notes from October mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin. **Deadline: 28 November.**
- ✓ SWG Coordinators to consider findings of the survey on partners capacity building needs while developing the sectoral work-plan for 2018. **Deadline: January, 2018.**
- ✓ SWG members to provide feedback to SWG coordinators on the draft LH-FSA joint work-plan. **Deadline: 8 December.**

1. Welcome and review of the action points from the previous meeting

- The meeting co-chairs, WFP and FAO, welcomed participants and shared a brief update on action points from the previous meeting as follows:
 - ✓ SWG Coordinators to incorporate agency inputs to the consolidated 3RP FSA results matrix and circulate the final version to all partners. **Status: Completed**
 - ✓ SWG Coordinators to prepare and circulate to sector partners a short guidance note on legislation related to agriculture in Turkey (e.g. list of regulations, laws, etc with short description of the content). **Status: Completed. The links for resources in Turkish and English were sent to partners by email.**
 - ✓ SWG coordinators to provide a debrief on the joint WFP-FAO mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin to all partners. **Status: Completed. (WG coordinators provided a briefing under the meeting's third agenda item).**
 - ✓ All partners to share their responses to the FSA Capacity Building survey. **Status: Completed. (WG coordinators presented initial findings on results of survey under the fourth agenda item)**

2. Partner updates

- **WHH:**
 - a. In cooperation with Yayladagi Kaymakamlin, efforts are underway to complete the design for greenhouse construction for 400 refugees living in TACs.
 - b. Preparations are ongoing to launch a project to provide 250-300 beneficiaries with land in Elbeyli. Along with 5 acres of land, refugees will be assisted with seeds, irrigation systems, and other tools, enabling them to undertake agricultural activities for the purposes of income-generation.
- **IOM:**
 - a. Consultations continue with line ministries to develop sustainable projects in the agriculture sector.
 - b. A project proposal is being developed to support income-generating activities for refugees in Kilis.
- **FAO:**
 - a. Preparations are underway to arrange job fairs in five provinces over the coming weeks. The job fairs will target beneficiaries who participated in vocational training activities.
 - b. Efforts are ongoing to start soon with greenhouse project.
 - c. Assessments related to agricultural livelihoods, carried out in partnership with Ankara University, are currently under finalization. The initial report will be shared with WG members shortly.
- **AI-Resala (welcome to FSA WG!):**
 - a. Activities are concentrated in Kilis and include vocational trainings and activities linked to food processing. Future plans will focus on linking existing projects to agricultural value chain activities.
- **UNDP:**
 - a. Greenhouse projects in Kilis are ongoing, in cooperation with local municipality and university, along with provision of vocational trainings.
 - b. A food processing facility has been established, providing work opportunities for 20 women from refugee and host communities.
 - c. A greenhouse project in Sanliurfa will commence next month to provide income-generating opportunities for 10 families, including refugees and vulnerable members of host communities.
- **UNIDO (welcome to FSA WG!):**
 - a. The plan is underway to initiate programs in the agriculture sector in 2018.
- **PARCIC:**
 - a. Efforts are being taken to involve the most vulnerable groups of refugees (especially children) in micro-gardening activities, with interlinked with protection components.
 - b. An assessment is being carried out to determine the breakdown of food expenditure and consumption among the beneficiary families. It is thought that up to half of the transfer value (62 TL / month) may be being spent on tea and sugar.
- **WATAN:**
 - a. In addition to existing projects, preparations and assessments are underway to design projects focusing on livelihoods and agriculture.
- **Takamul (welcome to FSA WG!):**

- a. Most of the current projects are undertaken and implemented inside Syria. The concept note for projects in Turkey is under preparation.

Action point:

- FAO, in coordination with WHH and UNIDO, to initiate preparation of a presentation on alternative heating systems for greenhouses. January 2018.

3. Briefing on WFP-FAO meetings in Mardin and Sanliurfa (17-19 October)

- The SWG Coordinators briefed partners on results of Joint WFP-FAO mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin in October. One of the main aims of the mission was to reach-out new potential partners and counterparts for FSA.
- During the visit to Sanliurfa Municipality, the general secretary noted the importance of agriculture in the province and offered to support FSA programming, where possible. It was noted that the municipal council is now establishing departments of agriculture and irrigation. These departments may represent valuable technical counterparts to FSA partners, once up-and-running. Partners were encouraged to prepare a collective concept note for their planned activities in Sanliurfa, which can be further shared by SWG coordinators with Sanliurfa Municipality to seek possible cooperation.
- During the meeting with GAP (an integrated regional development programme) in Sanliurfa, the program coordinator stressed that under the Agricultural Training and Extension Project, which commenced in 2011, GAP is seeking to improve agricultural training and extension services and to build related capacities among governmental and non-governmental organizations and farmers in the areas which are open and/or will be opened to irrigation in the southeast region. GAP emphasized that the humanitarian community's emphasis must be placed on creating and expanding employment and business opportunities in the agricultural sector (e.g. through alternative products and value chain strengthening) rather than upskilling Syrians in a manner which will later see them competing with Turkish nationals in the agriculture sector (driving down wages and prices).
- SWG coordinators also met with members of Case Management working groups in Sanliurfa and Mardin, providing them brief information of FSA plans and focuses in 2018. CM WG members in Mardin raised the issue of observed cases of child malnutrition in province. One of the reasons that malnutrition is now being raised as an issue is that supplements had previously been provided free-of-charge through the public health system; however, as healthcare practitioners grew concerned about refugees selling the nutritional supplements prescribed to their children, this was discontinued. SWG coordinators agreed to follow up with relevant UN partners to determine whether a more in-depth scoping mission is needed.

Action point:

- SWG Coordinators to share notes from October mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin. Deadline: CoB, 28 November.

4. Initial results of survey on capacity building needs

- WFP presented the initial results of survey on capacity building needs in the FSA sector, which aimed to identify current needs, priorities and ways to strengthen the capacity of partners in the Food Security and Agriculture sector (attached).
- Main findings of the exercise include that more than 91% of respondents are interested in focusing on activities linked to both FS and Agriculture; that the number of partners with access to training and other CB resources is low, especially in FS (17%); and that trainings, workshops, courses (including e-learning) and consultative support/technical assistance are among the preferred modalities of support provision.
- Recommendations include: i) that the strategy for strengthening of the capacity for FSA programming in Turkey should include both Food Security and Agricultural components; ii) that at least 4-6 training

modules in English and Arabic should to be developed for partners, covering main topics of interest, such as: assessment and analysis of vulnerability and nutrition status, introduction to school feeding programs, sustainable agriculture, agriculture-focused labour market, agricultural value chain, mushroom production.

Action point:

- SWG Coordinators to consider reflection of findings of the survey while developing the sectoral work-plan for 2018.

5. Setting up and running micro-, home- and school-gardening

- FAO delivered a presentation on Setting up and Running Micro-Farms, covering the topics on introduction to micro farms; objectives of micro-farm production, their benefits and cost effectiveness, available technologies, site selection criteria, processes for micro-farms production and recommendations/lessons learned from previous micro-farming projects (presentation is attached).

6. A.O.B.

- The FAO SWG coordinator provided a brief update on FSA-LH Sector collaboration matrix, which includes description of common processes and mapping of joint activities. Partners were encouraged to provide their feedback on the draft LH-FSA joint work-plan, which will be shared with them by SWG coordinators.
- Bahodur Umarov was introduced as a new WFP TWG co-coordinator. SWG members expressed their thanks and acknowledgment to Siobhan Simojoki for her great impact on scaling-up FSA activities and wished her success in her future professional career.

Action point:

- SWG members to provide feedback on the draft LH-FSA joint work-plan. **CoB: 8 December.**

Next meeting: 13 December 2017 (TBC)