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South East Turkey (SET) Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes
Friday, 20 April 2018, 11:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep

Chair(s): Hilary Bowman (UNHCR) / Bahodur Umarov (WFP)

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
<p>Welcome and introduction</p>	<p>Chair(s) welcomed group participants. The minutes from the previous meeting were endorsed. Action points were reviewed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant BN WG members to share PDM beneficiary data with IOM for winter PDM sampling. Completed 2. IOM request support in data cleaning and report writing/data visualization for the PDM. Ongoing 3. Share BN Indicator Guidance for inputs: Completed and finalised 4. Share Shelter Guidelines to BN, LH, PWG: Completed and ongoing 5. Presentation on shelter: Today 6. ISWG Coordinator to share details on planned orientation sessions and capacity-building. Hatay - May; Gaziantep - TBC 7. Share IA Referral Form: Completed 8. WFP to check the possibility of sharing the circular with BN WG Members. N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISWG Coordinator to share dates for Gaziantep capacity building on entry points with local authorities when confirmed.

<p>Social Cohesion sectoral activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN Coordinator presented the outcomes of the social cohesion discussions at the STF and current thinking from surveys and assessments conducted by UN and academia on the topic. • Six key drivers of social tension are identified: Political concerns, Economic issues, Cultural issues, Lack of interaction, Security concerns, Fairness of access to services and assistance. • According to these drivers, sectors should identify activities they implement which contribute to social cohesion and actions to mitigate against harm. • Discussions points form Ankara BN WG were presented (below) <p>Current programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shelter – currently benefits refugees and host community landlords; is a source of empowerment, including local community-level leadership. ➤ Shelter – future planning/guidance recommends using local contractors and favouring those who employ refugees, vulnerable host community members. ➤ Winter assistance - % is provided to host community members. ➤ ESN – use of national systems; harmonization of transfer value with equivalent payments to host community. ➤ SASF and local authority initiatives to neutralize tensions re: assistance i.e. information on ESN and funding source; and one-off reconciliation initiatives in the community. Best practice which can be shared with other locations. ➤ Halk Bank Arabic lessons for staff to better deal with refugee clients. ➤ CSPs in coop. local municipalities – target livelihoods (TR and SYR beneficiaries, joint sessions), social cohesion, bring communities together (inter-cultural events: art, sport, cooking), recreational space (playgrounds). ➤ Turkish classes – across all sectors to bring the communities together, improve cohesion. ➤ Dignity kits are provided to host community also. No discrimination at point of distribution. <p>Areas for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information campaign for host community on assistance which is provided, funding source, levels of assistance etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN Coordinator to share guidance and matrix. Deadline: 23 May 2018 • BN WG Participants to revert with inputs/comments re: social cohesion and their activities. Deadline: 4 May 2018
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analysis required on impact of assistance/finance on host community. ➤ Engage union of municipalities to diffuse examples of best practice. ➤ Gaziantep women’s committees bringing together women of all communities. ➤ Youth tours/touristic events bringing together youth from all communities ➤ Identify and amplify initiatives by local authorities: Sinop PDMM Mardin/Midyat Sub-Governor – efforts to debunk misperceptions. Hatay, Sisli – district leaders engaging with institutions and local representatives to get support for refugees, coordination meetings including refugees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants noted the potential impact of the upcoming presidential elections on 24 June and they may fuel social tensions. Future WGs will look at the impact, if any, of the elections on this issue. • ISWG coordinator noted importance of highlighting specific activities which would be applicable in SET context, alongside national initiatives, within the IS Framework. • Aim should be to include participatory planning in all activities bringing communities together and seeking common solutions and seek ways to better cater to host community in programming. Social Cohesion activities will need to be in line with government-led national plans and initiatives. • IOM noted that Shelter addresses needs of refugees directly and host community/landlords indirectly. Following feedback from local authorities, 10% of programing will be used for host community shelters and this is reducing tension incidents. Cash for Work in Shelter will target refugee and host community members. • WATAN highlighted importance of Turkish language learning. May be adapted to meet the needs of refugees who are working during the week and may only be able to access classes in the evening or at weekend. Similarly schools and universities may offer summer-school opportunities for young people to increase their language capacity. 	
Shelter Guidelines Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN Coordinator presented the chapters agreed upon to-date for the Shelter Guidelines. • Further inputs will be sought from Livelihoods sector (following recruitment of coordinator) and Protection Sector for further guidance. • CARE, IOM, UNHCR and WFP to finalise some aspects of the guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN Coordinator to seek further inputs from LH and Prot Sectors as well as within the Basic Need sector partners. Deadline: Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draft will be shared as soon as completed for final comments. Annex to be added with lessons learned/best practice from the three agencies currently engaged in shelter activities: CARE, IOM, UNHCR. 	
CBI TWG Cash survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On January 2018, BN chairs requested from the CBI TWG for a technical advise regarding reporting of potentially cross-sectorial/“emergency cash” to ensure a common agreement across the sectors. CBI TWG reviewed of all cash-related indicators under the 3RP for 2018-19 in Turkey across the sectors and identified the most appropriate indicators which may best capture the characteristics of “emergency cash”. TWG further requested additional information on availability of similar interventions from partners implementing CBI programmes in Turkey through a wider exercise on mapping of CBI programmes in Turkey. Brief finding from survey suggest lack of common understanding on “emergency cash” though several commonalities exist. CBI TWG drafted the definition, main characteristics and decision tree on reporting and initiated discussions at CBI TWG, IS WG and BN WG meetings in March/April. Next steps include incorporation of feedback received from CBI TWG, ISWG and BNWG partners, in particular preparation of a final 2-3 page guidance note, adopting the definition of the urgent needs from protection sector, inclusion of a brief description on identification of protection related cases from protection sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BN coordinator to share CBI presentation. Partners to share any comments or inputs. Deadline: 4 May 2018 CBI TWG to finalize a guidance note on reporting of Emergency Cash, considering feedback received from different sectors. Deadline: 15 May 2018
3RP Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISWG Coordinator presented on the 3RP 2018-9 which was officially launched on 19 March 2018. The planning assumptions and national 3RP strategy were presented, with focus on the four key objectives of the 3RP, crossing all sectors, including Basic Needs. The Basic Needs sector response, as reflected in the 3RP, was presented, with the activities through which this response will be achieved. The 3RP is available online as required. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly dashboard is being compiled. Narrative inputs may assist in reflecting work completed against long-term projects not yet reflected in Activity info 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNWG Participants to share (short) updates on progress against specific activities not in AI. Deadline: 23 May 2018

Next Meeting: SET Basic Needs Working Group: Thursday, 10 May @ 11H00 – 12H30 UNHCR Sub-Office Gaziantep.