



Inter-Agency
Coordination
Turkey

Basic Needs Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Time & location:	19 April 2017, JMC WFP/TRC Office, Park Oran, Ankara
Chaired by:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR) and Dina Morad (WFP)
Participants:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR), Dina Morad (WFP), Gonca Savas (WFP), Steve Dennis (WFP), Orhan Esat Akgun (TRC), Hanifi Kinaci (TRC), Elif Saka (ASAM), Oya Otman Obuz (UNHCR), Bastien Revel (UNDP), Livio Mercurio (UNHCR), Bora Ozturk (UNFPA), Erekle Koplataдзе (IOM); Ozgecan Yelezer (ASAM)
Minutes prepared by:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR)
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome and introduction○ Action points from February meeting○ Basic Needs & Livelihoods sector linkages○ CBI TWG Cash survey○ Social Cohesion sectoral activities○ AOB



AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION	ACTION POINTS
Welcome and introductions	Chair(s) welcomed group participants.	
Action Points from February BNWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities and plans for 2018: LH actors/sector coordinator maybe invited to next meeting in April. To be discussed when new LH coordinator joins • Work plan – Feedback by 2 March. Completed – Work plan endorsed • STF NGO representative for BN sector – nominations open. ASAM agreed for 2018. • Shelter workshop presentations – Shared • Basic Needs indicator Guidance – shared for inputs. Completed – to be shared and uploaded to portal. • Beneficiary cross-checking – SOPs shared. No feedback of interest – removed from agenda 	
Basic Needs & Livelihoods linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2017 initial discussions with LH sector on linkages. • 3RP indicator in BN chapter re: referrals to LH sector actors. • In 2018, discussions initiated, pending arrival of LH coordinator. • Proposal to start mapping in BN sector of beneficiaries to understand how many could benefit from LH support and where. • Proposed mapping to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beneficiaries who are over 18 and able to work (excluding those with physical/mental disabilities excluding them from being able to engage in employment). ○ Levels of educations/skills ○ Previous work experience/level of engagement with employment: in Syria and in Turkey 	BN WG Participants to share level of information currently available/possible sources of information. Deadline: 10 May 2018.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location with Turkey. ● Information on market gaps for Syrian workforce, relevance of specific skills will be sought from LH sector. ● This exercise is a first step in making the link with LH sector. It is part of a bigger discussion of resilience ● Some information may already be available from Activity Info: location, gender and age but not on education, capacities etc. ● Aim to inform initial discussions on the linkages. 	
CBI TWG Cash survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CBI TWG conducted cash survey following requests for clarity on reporting of CBI and “emergency cash”. ● Brief finding from survey suggest lack of common understanding on “emergency cash” though several commonalities exist. ● Proposed definition of “emergency cash” drafted by CBI TWG. ● Decision tree re: CBI reporting drafted. 	BN WG Participants to share comments and inputs on “emergency cash” definition and decision tree. Deadline: 10 May 2018.
Social Cohesion Sectoral activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNDP consultant, Bastien REVEL, 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. <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. 	BN WG Participants to share any further inputs to the matrix. Deadline: 10 May 2018



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Shelter – future planning/guidance recommends using local contractors and favoring those who employ refugees, vulnerable host community members.➤ Winter assistance - % is provided to host community members.➤ ESSN – 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 ESSN 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.➤ 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.	
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AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Needs Working Group ToRs have been updated.• Quarterly dashboards – narrative inputs	<p>BN WG Participants to share comments on ToRs. Deadline: 10 May 2018</p> <p>BN WG Participants to share inputs to quarterly dashboard narrative, in particular for activities not reported yet in AI. Deadline: 20 April 2018 COB.</p>
	Next meeting: Third Tuesday of the month – 21 June 2018	