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Istanbul Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes Monday, 12 November 2018, 11:00hrs, ASAM, Istanbul

Chair(s): Sebastiaan Der Kinderen (UNHCR) Arzum Karasu (WFP),

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and introduction	UNHCR Chair welcomed group participants.	
Presentation: Current Situation of the Turkish Economy & Post Distribution Monitoring Findings (WFP VAM/M&E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WFP presented recent surveys on the current situation of the Turkish economy as well as the latest round of post distribution monitoring findings.Currency devaluation and high inflation are eroding the purchasing power of refugees. Unemployment rate is on the rise and the growth rate of the Turkish economy is expected slow down considerably in the second half of the year. Worst impacts are expected to be felt in 2019. In line with the deterioration in Turkey's economy, July 2018 survey results show an increase in the use of coping strategies and debt levels since the beginning of 2018, as well as a slight deterioration in food consumption. On the other hand, the improvement for beneficiaries with respect to the baseline data collected between February – May 2017 is discernibly higher than those of non-beneficiaries. Regional analysis shows that the beneficiary outcomes in the South-eastern region overperformed the national average in terms of food consumption, as well as consumption and livelihoods coping strategies. Moving forward, we might see an increase in the more severe crisis and emergency livelihoods coping strategies, without an upward revision in the ESSN transfer value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chairs to share the presentation on the current situation of the Turkish economy and the PDM findings
Presentation of ESSN duplication matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TRC presented the duplication matrix which should be used by NGOs and UN agencies to cross check ESSN recipients in their beneficiary lists. TRC will, on monthly basis, verify the ESSN status of lists submitted through the duplication matrix. For any questions related to the duplication matrix, partners can contact TRC here: SUYveritakip@kizilay.org.tr or ESSNdatacheck@kizilay.org.tr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chairs to share the relevant duplication matrix templates.

AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on 3RP<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNCHR presented the preliminary budget requirements and targets for the 2019/2020 3RP Basic Needs sector.○ Compared to the previous 3RP the number of appealing NGOs has increased.○ Food assistance indicators has been added○ The targets reflect the broader strategy of the Turkey chapter of the 3RP namely to move from humanitarian assistance to resilience activities and increase the support to municipalities.• BNWG TORs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The ToRs have been changed to reflect the inclusion of food assistance. The ToRs have now been endorsed by the Syria Task Force and the final version will be circulated with the minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairs to share the revised ToRs of the BNWG
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