



Inter-Agency
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Turkey

Istanbul Basic Needs Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Time & location:	9 July 2017, TRC Area office, Yenibosna, Istanbul
Chaired by:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR) and Muhittin Salem (WFP)
Participants:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR), Muhittin Salem (WFP), Sahnur Soykan (WFP), Ozgur Savascioglu (UNHCR), Berna Yekeler (DDD), Aysegul Kanal (HRDF), Sule Celik (Mavi Kalem), Ecenur Gokce (STL), Hanifi Kinaci (TRC), Tugba Bakirci (Yuva), Ozgecan Atasoy (UNHCR), Faruk Shaban (TRC), Nidjad Khamedov (AAR Japan), Shereen Nasef (WFP), Melda Dogan (TRC).
Minutes prepared by:	Hilary Bowman (UNHCR)
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome and introductions○ Action points from May Working Group○ Winter Post-distribution monitoring - initial findings○ IM update & Mid-Year Indicator Review○ AOB



AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION	ACTION POINTS
Welcome and introductions	Chair(s) welcomed group participants.	
Action Points from May BNWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN partners to revert with feedback/comments re: emergency cash definition and decision tree. Finalised – to be presented today • BN partners to share feedback/comments on online dashboard. Today – IM Update from IM focal point • Social Cohesion presentation to be shared with BN partners. Completed • Verification exercise update presentation to be shared with BN partners. Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BN Coordinator to share the Inter-Agency Social Cohesion Framework with all participants upon completion.
CBI TWG – Emergency Cash definition and decision tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN WG Coordinator shared the updated definition of “emergency cash”, as prepared by the CBI TWG members on foot of comments and suggestions from all sectors. • BN WG coordinator showed the new “emergency cash” decision tree, noting key changes from previous version. • Emergency cash, therefore not provided from allocated/earmarked funds, may be reported under either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Basic Needs Indicator 1.2.1 <i># of persons benefitting from cash-based interventions</i> When the emergency cash is provided to cover the needs not resulting on protection outcome. As a result of consultations with the PRT WG, it was advised that partners who are not implementing protection programmes can directly report their intervention here. ➤ 2.1.3: <i># of individuals receiving material assistance to meet their urgent protection needs</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BN WG Participants to share any further feedback directly to CBI TWG.



	<p>When the emergency cash is provided to address an urgent immediate protection case. Partners with protection programmes that include cash (like IPA and CM) will already be applying this analysis, so can make the distinction.</p>	
<p>Winter Assistance Post Distribution Monitoring - Initial Findings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN Coordinator presented the background to the Winter Assistance provided during the period 2017/8. • The targeting criteria and prioritization levels were shared and discussed. • BN Coordinator explained the role of the IOM-led Winter Task Force, based in Gaziantep, and the participants in the Winter PDM. • The objective and the function of the PDM were set out. • BN Coordinator presented the initial findings from the PDM, as prepared by IOM. • Issues of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approximately 9000 individuals in Istanbul reached with winter assistance. Nationally, some 375,000 individuals were assisted. ➤ A total of 2300 households were surveyed for the PDM. ➤ Average transfer value of 779TL per Household. ➤ Two modalities: cash and e-vouchers (IOM) ➤ Food was the highest expenditure for cash but not permitted with e-vouchers. Cash expenditures demonstrate a broad spectrum of needs including rent, utilities, medical expenses, education and legal fees. ➤ 11% reported they were able to save money. Two thirds of respondents reported that they would have been unable to meet winter needs without winter assistance. ➤ High level of beneficiaries showing as having received their assistance in March. The reason behind this (WHH sampling in Mardin) was explained to participants but it was acknowledged that this is misleading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BN Coordinator to share initial findings presentation. Final PDM report to be finalized by IOM and the Winter Task Force participants will be shared in the future.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Questions raised on identification of beneficiaries for possible 2018/9 winter assistance and comparison of spending between ESSN beneficiaries and non-ESSN beneficiaries. To be further discussed in Basic Needs Working Group/Winter Task Force meeting in Gaziantep. 	
<p>IM Update and Mid-Year Indicator Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN sector IM focal point demonstrated the sector <u>interactive dashboard</u> which will be updated automatically from Activity Info data. • BN Coordinator explained that <u>sector indicators</u> are currently being reviewed to identify any problems with reporting. • The review exercise is part of a bigger discussion on <u>outcomes</u>, as per the M&E framework devised last year to support a better understanding of the impact of our work through the 3RP. • Narrative reviews of the outcome indicators will allow for progress and achievements which are not yet quantifiable in Activity Info to be expressed and showcased. • This exercise is an initial step in working towards better outcome and impact monitoring of the work being undertaken by 3RP partners across all sectors. • BN WG Coordinator noted that current reporting levels remain low against Basic Needs indicators though this can largely be justified due to low demand from government counterparts for specific NFI/shelter items to date in 2018 and long project cycles inherent to certain activities which means they will be reported on at the end of this or next year. • BN sector IM focal point demonstrated the sector <u>interactive dashboard</u> which will be updated automatically from Activity Info data. • Question re: a move of food security indicators from Food Security and Agriculture sector to Basic Needs. • Discussion re: need for rental support. This is noted and relevant nationwide however no agencies currently have the funding to embark on such programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BN Coordinator to share the link to the interactive dashboard. - BN Coordinator to share the Inter-Sector M&E framework. - WFP to inform on on-going discussions with FAO re: move of food security indicators to Basic Needs.



	Only small scale shelter programs are currently in place in SET, for shelter upgrade.	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>BN Coordinator</u> requested feedback form participants as to the timing of the BN WG meetings, whether they should continue to be back to back with the ESSN Taskforce or on consecutive days.• Request for list of <u>Livelihoods</u> activities and partner sin the Istanbul AoR.• The new Livelihoods sector coordinator: Ozlem Cavus ozlem.cavus@undp.org• Request for information on upcoming <u>Protection</u> Working Group and information on Registration challenges in Istanbul.• Next Ankara BNWG will be a joint meeting with Livelihoods sector to bring forward discussions on closer linkages between the sectors. 26 July 2018. Outcomes and next steps will be shared accordingly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BN Coordinator to share poll with participants.- UNHCR to follow up with PWG Coordinator for more details on upcoming meetings and Registration challenges.- BN Coordinator to follow up with LH Coordinator for further information on LH activities in Istanbul.
	Next meeting: Week of 10 September	