

South East Turkey (SET) Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 18 December 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and introduction of new UNHCR co- chair	 UNHCR Chair welcomed group participants New UNHCR Basic Needs WG Coordinator introduced himself and shared contact information Agenda of the meeting is introduced and accepted without changes 	
Review of 2018 work plan	 Work plan of 2018 was reviewed with participation of all members. 5 objectives discussed were: Objective 1: Strengthening coordination mechanisms of the basic needs sector monthly meetings, updates from other sectors and participation in the ISWG Objective 2: Promote a coherent sector approach to Basic Needs presentation of new initiatives, shelter workshop, ESSN coverage, winterization, municipalities, transportation, Hygiene awareness Objective 3: Strengthen information management in the sector Dashboards, assessments, planned activities Objective 4: Capacity Development Objective 5: Cross cutting issues Based on these objectives, the below issues were discussed: Interactive dashboard with SE targets and activities can be worked on. An exercise was done for last year with participation of IM team to look at previous years, analyze targets and break it down to SE. This helped clarify achievements of SE, what proportion of targets were reached by SE in the overall national data. A similar analysis can be planned for 2019, ISWG will revisit this issue in months to come. 	

	 A new database will be introduced, which will target to show the breakdown between TACs and urban areas. In this way closure of TACs effect can be analyzed clearly. Each sector aimed to seek and bring out ways to develop the capacity of partners and local stakeholders. Important achievement were reached such as development of Shelter Guidance. All sectors are encouraged to work together to bring out and build on the cross-cutting issues. ISWG is the official platform to work on several cross-cutting issues; yet, some sectors by nature can work closer together. BN and LH are two sectors that comes to mind at first instance, as sectors that can work closely. Transition of beneficiaries from these sectors is an ongoing process, and point of discussion. Further collaborations may be worked on. Update on discussions between BN and LH sectors: there has been joint meetings, beginning with a meeting in June 2018 and further more technical discussions in November and December. BN and LH coordination teams are currently working on developming a method to map livelihoods opportunities which in the coming months (expected tentatively after mid 2019) is anticipated to support and help facilitate the transition of ESSN beneficiaries to employment.
Presentation of environmental mainstreaming workshop	 The UNDP LH Coordinator made a presentation on environmental mainstreaming. the presentation included the below shared information. The objective of this initiative is to strengthen environmental mainstreaming refugee response; and support low impact and climate sensitive response for the situation of forced displacement and irregular migration in Turkey. Basic Needs (WASH, Shelter), Food Security are directly linked to environment whereas, other sectors are indirectly linked. After 8 years of the crisis, need emerges to mainstream environment to all sectors. Environmental impact can have significant indirect social and economic consequences in regions and countries. Therefore the initiative aims to address these environmental impacts and mitigate them. Project will be carried out in collaboration /w Presidency Office and Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and will be implemented by UNDP, UNEP and Nature Conservation Center. Flexible and cross-regional project of two years: It was previously implemented in other countries like Lebanon, Nigeria and Guatemala. Environmental analysis will be carried out to support decision making and program, project and design. This will allow region and site specific analysis and address issues such as deforestation, exhaustion or contamination of water resources, stretch in waste management for municipalities etc.

	 Technical guidance tools will be developed to support planning phase. These outcomes will be an input for the next 3RP planning process. Hence, environmental issues will be mainstreamed directly or indirectly in all our sectors. Capacity building and knowledge sharing workshops and also trainings will be amongst the tools within this project. Stakeholders will be supported in their development of capacity in environmental perspective for their planning. A Task Force at Ankara level is established and it will start working in 2019. 	
Winterization update	 WHH has finalized initial assessment of Syrian families, in total 100 families. Beneficiary lists from host communities were received from the Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and winterization cards will be delivered from late December 2018 to SuTP, and starting from January 2019, distributed to host community members. Activities are implemented as planned without interruption. WHH managed to include some families, who were removed from closing TACs, into their winterization program. 4Ws were shared with 3RP partners to ensure that such families who were removed from TACs are supported through winterization programs until these can be integrated into on-going programs of ESSN. 	
Election of Technical Advisor	• Mohammad Bakkar from WATAN Organization (Project Manager, based in Gaziantep) was elected as the NGO technical advisor who for example can join ISWG meetings etc. to represent BNWG issues.	
Update on 16 Days of Activism Campaign	 Within the scope of 16 Days of Activism, Mehmet Pehlivan of WFP presented general concepts regarding gender based violence and mentioned activities that were done. Common violence categories were introduced Definition of GBV, WFP's perspective on this topic, DOs/DONTs were laid out WFP paid several visits to stakeholders in several cities, raised these issues and increased awareness. A documentary film named 'Ana Ahlaam' was screened for 3RP partners view and evaluation. Documentary explores gender-based violence. 	
Meeting Schedule in SET	 It was suggested that, pending member preferences, the SET BNWG meetings could be held bimonthly (every two months), to be in line with other BNWG meetings (such as national level in Ankara and also Istanbul) It was suggested by some members that SET BNWG should follow ESSN TF, which is held bi-monthly. However, the majority of members present agreed that a monthly schedule should continue. 	This item shall remain for the January 2019 meetings and online survey will be carried out following

	• Yet, this topic may be addressed once more in January meeting, and response may be collected via an online pol to maximize the participation of SET BNWG members.	
Presentation of 2019 BN Activity Info database	 BNWG Information Management Officer (IMO) introduced a new database to demonstrate the effect of TAC closures on the sector The effect of the TACs closure can be seen through indicators such as shelter, WASH Appealing agencies will enter their objective for TAC and Urban, there will not be a provincial breakdown for the sake of simplicity of the database 	A session shall be held for 3RP partners to have a short session and learn how to use new addition in practice.
AOB (meeting schedule of the BNWG)	 Next Meeting: SET Basic Needs Working Group: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 – venue UNHCR 14.30 – 16.30 	