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South East Turkey (SET) Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 28 August 2018, 13:30hrs, UNHCR, Gaziantep

Chair(s): Hilary Bowman (UNHCR), Isaac Macha (WFP)

Participants:

Gaziantep: Mohanad Ameen (IOM), Ozgur Savascioglu (UNHCR), Hakki Ersoy (UNICEF), Obada Kahil (WHH), Aydin Yaman (UNHCR), Adile Sahin (UNDP), Bekir Halhalli (Concern), Veli Acu (WFP), Ali Kaya (Care), Omar Alsmeil (IOM), Mohannad Ameen (IOM), Mohammad Slebei (IOM), Muhammad Almasri (IOM), Torsten Haschenz (IOM).

Ankara: Livio Mercurio (UNHCR) Bulent Ozturk (TRC), Dragan Markovic (UNICEF), Hakki Ersoy (UNICEF), Ceylen Tunca (UNFPA) Zeynep Bokeer (ASAM), Alican Yucel (ASAM).

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and introduction	<p>UNHCR Chair welcomed group participants. Action points were reviewed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM to share Winter Assistance 4W for update from partners on month of distribution in order to correct findings of the PDM. Completed • UNHCR Chair to share Winter Assistance SOPs 2017/8 for discussion in next BNWG. Completed 	
Updated findings of the Winter PDM - IOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM, as leads of the Inter-agency Winter Task Force presented the outcomes of bilateral discussions with UNICEF on the PDM content. Key points are below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ ESSN duplication – the figure needs to be contextualized in the findings so that it is explained given that the ESSN beneficiaries were priority 2 beneficiaries for winter assistance. The narrative report will include a more detailed discussion on this point including the percentage of beneficiaries found to have been included into the ESSN following receipt of assistance, in particular those cases for which a cross-check could not be conducted in advance of the winter assistance disbursement in November 2017. ➢ Monthly expenditure breakdown. Agreed by all agencies that this level of detail is not require to be done on month-by-month basis. The overall total breakdown of expenditure is sufficient. However, the total budget per modality should remain included in the report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF to draft a footnote for discussions to clarify the context around the figure for ESSN beneficiaries as a percentage of total winter assistance beneficiaries. • IOM to provide an update on narrative portion of report to allow for inputs to draft by participating agencies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Findings that indicated winter assistance had “no impact” needs to be contextualized or explained. The findings cannot be altered but there needs to be an explanation on this as it runs counter to the findings of how people spent their money or vouchers on essential items and services. ➤ Discussions around including a dialogue on protection trends rather than protection risks will not be tackled at this time. ➤ Figures will be noted to be representative with a 10% margin. ➤ Discussion re: finding that a large percentage reported not having been consulted prior to receiving assistance. This runs counter to the fact that all were assessed prior to inclusion in assistance. A footnote will be included in the visual report to explain that all were assessed for inclusion. But a more robust explanation will be included in the narrative, including how agencies will work to reduce this number in coming years ie through increased communication, better explanation of the reason for the assessment, etc. Furthermore, the question may be rephrased for the PDM of next year’s assistance to ensure that the enumerators and beneficiaries fully understand what is being asked to avoid that confusion is contributing to this finding. ● Update on the narrative portion of the report will be provided by Lloyd. Draft will be shared to allow for inputs from other agencies before being finalized. 	
<p>Planning for Winter 2018/9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNHCR Chair opened the floor to partners to outline their plans for winter assistance in 2018/9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UNHCR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No plans for winter assistance. ○ BN support has been deprioritized due to ESSN as main basic needs cash programme in the country, and sufficiently funded. ➤ IOM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Half a million USD have been secured in funding which is less that previous years. IOM will focus only on beneficiaries in Hatay. Districts to be confirmed. ○ Modality will remain e-vouchers full and partial for ESSN beneficiaries. ○ Given the decreased number of beneficiaries, likely that most will be non-ESSN beneficiaries, though ESSN beneficiaries will also be considered for partial funding. ○ Assessment of beneficiaries due to start in September with disbursements planned from October/November. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Standing agenda item on Winter Assistance to be included in the SET BNWG agenda to ensure that any issues arising can be discussed in the meeting. ● Agencies urged to ensure bilateral meetings and discussions occur as required between participating agencies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget of 115,000Euros secured to provide assistance to 1000 families in Gaziantep. ○ WHH is pending signing of an MoU with Gaziantep Municipality after which districts will be confirmed and process can begin. • Winter Task Force will not be reactivated this year given the small number of partners. • A standing agenda item on winter assistance will be added to the SET BNWG to allow for issues to be raised and discussed as required. • UNHCR requested that their beneficiaries from previous years be included in assessments of other agencies according to their locations. Discussions will be held bilaterally once agencies have confirmed the districts in which they will be operating and data sharing agreements have been confirmed as required. 	
<p>Winter Assistance SOPs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modality – IOM will proceed with e-vouchers. WHH and UNICEF will provide cash via ATM cards. Given that agencies will not be operating in the same provinces or districts, there will be no conflict of different modalities being used in the same areas. • Geographic coverage – There will be no overlap in coverage as each agency is focusing on different provinces and specific districts within those provinces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IOM – Hatay ○ UNICEF – Mardin ○ WHH – Gaziantep • Targeting – following the same assessment of shelter conditions and vulnerabilities, both IOM and WHH reported that the threshold will be raised due to the more limited budgets since last year. Prioritisation will remain as per last year: Priority 1 – non-ESSN beneficiaries; Priority 2 – ESSN beneficiaries. As set out above, IOM foresee supporting fewer ESSN beneficiaries given the budget constraints. • Host Community – as per last year, agencies will include host community in assistance up to approx. 10% as this is also part of social cohesion strategies. • 4Ws – IOM will circulate the 4W once again to allow for agencies to update. This will be useful for PDM next year. 4W will include the disbursement date as per discussions from PDM 2017/8. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM to share 4W with WHH and UNICEF for updated inputs of beneficiaries. • IOM to update Winter Assistance SOPs to be circulated to partners with meeting minutes.

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