



21<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

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**Venue:** UN House, Gaziantep

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**Agenda:**

1. Review the main outcomes of the training on agribusiness interventions/innovations in refugee response
2. Present case study on income generation activities (RET International)
3. FSA sector Information Management Updates
4. Discussion on FSA sector strategy for 2020-2021 3RP (pre-planning)
5. AOB

**Summary of Action Points of FSA meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

- ✓ To conduct workshop for FSA sector partners about existing opportunities and good practices in food enterprises.
- ✓ To share the updated 4Ws with FSA sector partners.
- ✓ Prepare position paper about gender mainstreaming in FSA interventions
- ✓ Share the outcomes of the meetings that FAO conducted with the private sector, in order to enhance private sector engagement in FSA interventions.

## 1. Welcome

Following the welcoming and a short tour de table the agenda of the workshop was endorsed. Chair reviewed the action points from the last meeting as per below:

- To conduct a dedicated session for discussing social cohesion in food and agriculture interventions. **Status: (in process)**

## 2. Review the main outcomes of the training on agribusiness interventions/innovations in refugee response

According to the capacity building plan of FSA sector, a training session was conducted on 10-11th July with the attendance of FSA sector partners, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF), Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry (PDoAF) of districts of Hatay, Hatay Municipality and Small and Medium Enterprises Organization of Turkey (KOSGEB). In this respect, an expert from the MoAF, an expert from KOSGEB and gender expert from FAO made presentations. The following key points have been raised:

- Expert from MoAF clarified the duties of MoAF as well as procedures and areas of potential partnership. It was stressed that most of the FSA sector partners work with MoAF in provincial level.
- Expert from KOSGEB presented its new 'entrepreneurship programme' as well as regulatory and legal issues for establishing partnership with KOSGEB in agriculture sector.
- One session was allocated for group work and case scenarios was a very welcoming idea from all partners. In these sessions, FSA Sector partners had opportunity to present their activities for all participants and was able to receive feedback or suggestions to improve their interventions. IOM, WHH, FAO, Tekamul, Qatar Charity, ATAA were the organization who presented their ongoing food security and agriculture related activities.
- Gender expert of FAO made a presentation about integrating and mainstreaming gender in agriculture projects. She stressed to enhance the effectiveness of these interventions and address all different constraints faced by men and women in agriculture production and marketing.

**Action point:** Food Innovations in Refugee Response will be realized in the middle of September, 2019

## 3. Present case study on income generation activities (RET International).

Ret Int. made a presentation regarding its project, named Women's Socio Economic Empowerment.

- RET Int. has ongoing programmes in Çorum (block printing and natural dyeing workshop), Mardin (natural soap workshop) and Kilis (natural dolls workshop) within refugee response.
- RET Int. has newly established Vegetable & Fruit Drying and Packaging Workshop and Women Cooperative in Sanliurfa aiming to build self-reliance and resilience for both SuTPs and host community women.

- RET Int. has an eco-conscious perspective during the production in workshops as most of the products' raw material are natural (97%).
- The main challenge in income generating activities is to find adequate marketing networks. However RET Int. overcome the problem by participating in different festivals organized in Mardin, Ankara and İstanbul. RET Int. is also in the process of opening an e-commerce website.
- In a holistic approach to economic empowerment RET Int. supported the beneficiaries by conducting SGBV & SRH Awareness Raising Sessions and Business Opportunities Seminars

#### 4. Information Management Updates

**Q2 Dashboard** of FSA Sector was distributed to the FSA Sector partners. The sector has cumulatively reached 5,237 beneficiaries in two quarters. 3,747 SuTP and host community members were benefitted from good food, nutrition and agricultural practices training programmes. However 1,347 individuals have been supported by income generation activities including short-term (cash for work) employment opportunities in agriculture sector.

It is clearly seen that compared to 2018 figures, the FSA related activities doubled even being in the mid-year of 2019. While the number of reported organizations was 6 in 2018, it was raised to 15 in mid-year of 2019.

All IM products as well as FSA related documents are available online in the UNHCR portal <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/77>, and <https://fscluster.org/turkey>

#### 5. Discussion on FSA sector strategy for 2020-2021 3RP (pre-planning)

It is emphasized that FSA sector framework is to reduce poverty, hunger and malnutrition sustainably for both Syrian refugees and vulnerable host community. The other key points to take into consideration are:

- Strategic partnership with government in relation to mandates
- Meeting needs of individuals and systems
- Complementarity with IFIs and other development actors.
- Operational space for NGOs
- Having broad coverage from field to national actors to private sector and ministries.

Furthermore social cohesion, environment and climate change, natural resources as well as gender mainstreaming are cross cutting issues to be addressed during planning of FSA sector strategy for 2020-2021.

## 6. Updates on FSA sector interventions as follow:

- RET International has running soap production and other livelihood activities in Mardin, Çorum and Kilis.
- IOM has completed its beekeeping project and will begin new programme at the agriculture sector in Hatay, Sanliurfa provinces.
- The IB - together with its local partners IBETH and Darûlaceze foundation implemented the 3 million Syrians-3 million Trees' project until the end of March, 2019 which was commissioned by GIZ as part of the "cash-for-work activities" by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project will continue targeting 500 individuals in Gaziantep, the city at the Syrian-Turkish border that shelters one of the largest communities of Syrian refugees in Turkey. The project aims at sustainable improvement of the soil through and a protection against erosion damage is ensured whereas at the same time the project strengthens the social recognition of the refugees in their respective Turkish host communities.

## 7. AOB

- It is recommended to request MoAF to appoint focal points of MoAF to the provinces of Turkey where agricultural activities are implemented intensively.
  - Gender Success Stories will be prepared by collecting the inputs from sector partners.
  - FAO will present social protection needs assessment including seasonal agricultural workers. Besides, FAO will share need identification feedback from private sector consultation meetings, held within the scope of projects.
  - FSA Sector partners will be invited to the `Job fair` in Gaziantep, organized regularly by FAO after vocational trainings.
- **The workshop on food entrepreneurship will be realized in İstanbul on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**