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### 3RP-Turkey Food Security and Agriculture Sector WG Meeting Minutes Tuesday 21 January, 15:00hrs, FAO-Gaziantep

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
<b>Introduction and welcome</b>	New sector lead was introduced and welcomed.	
<b>FSA Sector updates of 2019-Sector lead</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The sector achievements and activities of partners during 2019 were presented. Lack of needs assessments in FSA sector and limited funding opportunities are the main obstacles in the long term strategic planning and response in agriculture sector, limiting the partners' ability to meet challenges in implementing agricultural programmes in Turkey.</li><li>- The FSA indicators were presented to the sector partners for endorsement.</li><li>- Syrian Refugee Resilience Plan (SRRP) 2020-21 of FAO, and <b>Agricultural Livelihood and Labor Markets for Syrians under temporary protection and vulnerable host communities in six provinces of Turkey</b> report will be disseminated and made available at the FSA sector portal accessible through the following link: <a href="https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/77?sv=4&amp;geo=113">https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/77?sv=4&amp;geo=113</a></li></ul>	Following documents/ templates to be shared with the participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- FSA sector Presentation</li><li>- Assessment registry, and contact list for updating</li><li>- SRRP 2020-2021 and ALLM assessment to be shared once finalized</li></ul>
<b>Lessons learnt/case study-IOM presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- IOM presented the agro-business/farming activity implemented in İslahiye by providing honeybee starter kits to the BNFs.</li><li>- The project reached to 115 BNFs, out of that 50% were women, the project completed in 2019. Honey was marketed through a company in collaboration with municipalities and union of beehives in Gaziantep.</li></ul>	Presentation to be shared

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The main challenges during project implementation were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Non-availability of land for beehives</li> <li>o Difficulty of finding beneficiaries in rural areas</li> <li>o Training of beneficiaries without stipends</li> <li>o Distribution of beehives during daytime</li> <li>o Limited number of vendors providing hives</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>FSA Sector Plan 2020-21</b>	<p>FSA sector plan 2020-2021 was shared with the participants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Strengthening coordination and coherence mechanisms among FSA actors</li> <li>o Strengthening information management in the sector</li> <li>o Capacity Development for the sector as per members recommendations</li> <li>o Inter-sectoral coordination approach will be reinforced</li> <li>o Enhanced Food Security and Agriculture approaches and response through assessments, and research studies in FSA sector.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The focal points of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry mainly in South-East provinces will be invited to the sector meetings on need/request basis.</li> <li>- New Technical Advisor of FSA sector will be nominated by the sector partners for 2020-2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share FSA Sector Plan 2020-2021 presentation</li> <li>- Members to send nominations for TA via email, TA will be selected by members during next FSA meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>FSA Sector partners' updates for 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WFP is implementing project entitled "Hope in the Kitchen" in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services (İŞKUR) and Sukraan Association (only for Mardin), aiming to improve the self-reliance of Syrians under Temporary Protection and host communities. The participants will be enrolled in a three- months "Chef Assistant" training in partnership with the Ministry of National Education. Following the technical training, the participants will be matched with employers in the hospitality and foodservice sector in partnership with ISKUR, for an additional three- months on the job training. This project will be implemented in Istanbul, Adana, Ankara, Izmir, Kilis, Şanlıurfa and Mardin. Beneficiary selection process has been completed in all provinces and trainings will be initiated early February.</li> <li>- DRC is conducting an assessment on livelihoods, and protection needs in the southeast Turkey, to understand market perspectives, opportunities and gaps to ensure evidence-based revisions in DRC's programme strategy for 2020-21 including future interventions. The report is expected to be ready by end of February. DRC is currently implementing the second phase of a livelihood project funded by KfW, targeting about 14.000 Syrians and host communities in two years duration. Project focuses on skills development (vocational training, entrepreneurship, asset support, soft skills, transferable skills, mentorship and linkages with employers) to guarantee employment in diverse economic sectors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC to share their assessment report with the sector once its published.</li> </ul>

- STL plans to provide Turkish courses, vocational training and entrepreneurship trainings within its livelihoods project in Hatay. Local food production course will be opened at the Culture House in Altınözü -district of Hatay in partnership with the District Governorate and Altınözü Municipality.
- YUVA continues to provide vocational training courses in food sector through cooperatives.
- WHH continues to provide nutrition trainings targeting 500 Syrians and vulnerable host community members and the project will be completed at the end of April 2020.WHH implements its project with 200 irrigated land available for 100 beneficiaries as well as mushroom and strawberry activities in greenhouses.
- ATAA Relief has 3 ongoing projects, one of them is in agriculture sector. The project will create job opportunity for the Syrians and vulnerable host communities to get access to land in S.Urfa. The project also targets women to increase social economic integration of women through community centers.
- Al Resala Foundation completed food processing project by reaching 500 beneficiaries. Al Resala will continue to implement food processing and preservation project in Kilis to support vulnerable Syrian and host community women by providing the skills development trainings in fruit jams, tomato paste and pickle and cash for work (CfW) project in Hatay.
- Massrat Organization will build the capacity of its team and search for donors to implement activities in Turkey.
- IOM is currently in the process of implementing greenhouse project in Viransehir district of Sanliurfa province, IOM installed 3 greenhouses in Viransehir-Sanliurfa on 3 acres of land, in addition, IOM will support cultivation on 18 Acres of open land for crops such as pepper, tomatoes, onions, and cucumber, and irrigation system for watering the land will be installed, preparing of the land, harvesting, packaging, and marketing the products will be done by the beneficiaries of the project under the guidance of the relevant authorities and supervision of IOM. White Hands organization is planning to implement an agricultural project for the Syrians and host communities to have access to land in Sanliurfa.
- Concern WW conducted a labor market assessment in S.Urfa comprising textile,metal industry,heavy industry and food sectors. Concern WW is currently implementing number of livelihoods projects in Şanlıurfa and Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis in collaboration with MoNE and other stakeholders. In 2020 it is also planned to provide small business registration, job placement and work permit support including language courses and vocational trainings to the Syrians and host community members.
- GOAL Organization is currently implementing project in protection sector and is planning to start activities in agriculture sector.
- FAO is starting its EU-funded project comprising six components or activities such as vocational trainings, on-the-job trainings, FFS, as well as cash for work and entrepreneurship support components targeting nearly 6.000 beneficiaries. The project will be implemented in Adana, Bursa, Gaziantep, Hatay, İzmir, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Konya, Manisa and Sanliurfa provinces.
- GIZ has started to implement tree planting projects in cooperation with IB/Ayder funded by BMZ, targeting 250 Syrians and host community members to provide employment opportunities including language and vocational training in the public and private sector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SIRAC is implementing livelihood activities including cash for work, vocational trainings.</li></ul>	
<b>AoB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The focal points of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry mainly in South-East provinces will be invited to the sector meetings as per members request depending on the relevance of the agenda items.</li><li>- Technical Advisor of FSA sector will be nominated by the sector partners during upcoming FSA sector meeting</li><li>- Quick announcements were made around different inter-sector events already earlier shared with members via email.</li></ul>	

***Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: Thursday, 20 February 2020 @ 14H00 - Hatay***