





## 3RP-Turkey Food Security and Agriculture Sector WG Meeting Minutes Thursday September 24, 2020 at 14:00hrs

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Update from the Partners on Their Activities	- IOM is in the process of constructing 9 green houses in 7 provinces, (Kilis, Sanliurfa, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaras, Mersin and Adana) with a planned total of 270 female beneficiaries with 50% Syrians and 50% from host communities, each greenhouse will have 30 beneficiaries accordingly. Additionally IOM Gaziantep has opened the Expression of interest (EOI) for Enterprise development fund (EDF) project for Gaziantep province. This project is part of IOMs commitment to contribute to economic recovery and building the resilience of SMEs in the manufacturing sector in Gaziantep province that were affected due to the COVID-19. IOM aims at contributing to the to restoration of essential economic infrastructure and provide funding assistance to SMEs that were successful prior to the pandemic but suffered economic hardships and losses due to the pandemic. The selected SMEs will be given a grant as per the priority areas in the manufacturing sector such as Textile, Carpet, Yarn, Garment, Food, Shoe, Machine & Metal, Waste recovery, plastic and Chemical.	
Presentation by FAO Building Resilience of Syrians under Temporary Protection and Host Communities in Turkey through	<ul> <li>Objectives of the Action:         Overall Objective: to strengthen community resilience and socio-economic integration of SuTP (Transformation in aid policies for the Syrians under Temporary Protection) and vulnerable host communities in Turkey.         Immediate Objective: to ensure self-reliance, employability and food security of the SuTPand vulnerable host communities by strengthening their technical skills in agriculture sector and facilitating social security support for them.</li> <li>Summary of the Action: This European Union funded project targets 6200 Syrians under Temporary Protection and host community members, including women and youth from agriculture sector. Overall the project will</li> </ul>	

Suporting Socio- Economic Integration and Creating Livelihood Opportunities	<ul> <li>benefit the families of Syrain and host communities members, NGOs and government institutions. It operates in Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, İzmir, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Van, Bursa, Manisa, and Sanlıurfa.</li> <li>The project aims at Skills Improvement through improving vocational and professional skills of agricultural labour in the labour demand area, and thereby increasing the employability and living conditions of target beneficiaries.</li> <li>Methodology: Vocational Trainings: FAO is implementing VT since last 4 years for Syrians and host communities under different funding sources as UNCHR, Japan and European Union . The VTs equip the beneficiaries with apprepriate skillsets and improve their employability in food security and agriculture sector. Farmer Field Schools: this activity increases the smallholder farmers' production levels by 20% and thereby increase their capacity to employ more people/labour who are equipped with righ skillsets under the vocational trainings. Enhanced employability and Cash for Work (CfW+): under this activity the beneficiaries are placed in an short term employment in seasonal agricultural activities while their remuneration is covered by FAO for 3 months (FAO constantly monitors the employee during this placement period considering the socio-economic aspects).</li> <li>COVID-19 mainstreaming in project activities: COVID-19 necessary protective equipment/gears were delivered to the provinces, distance learning modalities were adopted to provide trainings to ToTs (Training of the Trainers) of VT, while on the field trainings were provided for FFS beneficiaries.</li> </ul>	Presentation and Q&A to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes
Presentation by FAO FSA sector Planning Process 2021-2022 Consultation	<ul> <li>2021/22 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) Planning Process Timeline with Planning Milestones were shared with the sector participants. The process started in September 2020 and will conclude with the launch of 3RP 2021-2022 in February 2021.</li> <li>3RP Turkey Planning Parameters (2021/22): Two-year perspective – multi-year vision/strategy and aim to develop 2 year plans with funding needs. 'One refugee' approach- with 3RP focus on Syria response. Impact of COVID-19 and mainstreaming actions – FSA partners to discuss planning assumptions and new needs with an aim to mainstream COVID-19 within sector responses; highlighting vulnerabilities/needs while maintaining strategic vision.</li> <li>3RP Strategic Objectives and FSA sector Strategic Objectives (2020/2021) were presented and discussed with the participants, after the meeting a survey will follow to receive further inputs from the FSA WG partners on sector objectives and priorities for 2021 – 2022.</li> <li>FSA Sector Strategy 2020 – 2021: FSA Sector Strategy is specified in following inter-linked components: Self-reliant food security, support to farmers and small agricultural enterprises, promote harmony between Syrian and host community members. protection of the environment and natural resource management, enhanced partnership with the private sector, capacity building of local and national partners.</li> <li>FSA Sector Priority Interventions under 3RP 2020-2021: Agricultural inputs support for small scale agriculture and food and nutrition education, support to farmers and small agricultural enterprises. business development,</li> </ul>	- Presentation to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes. A survey will be carried out with FSA sector partners early next week as part of the consultation on FSA sector plan for 2021-2022

- agricultural skills training and employment/self-employment, promote harmony between Syrian and host community members.
- **FSA Priority Interventions under COVID-19 Response:** Online/distance learning and training courses on good food practices and healthy dietary habits, vocational and life skills training, support to home-based agri-food businesses and income generation programmes, promoting e-agriculture, e-business and e-commerce platforms, provision of PPE to the staff/workers in agri-food activities, awareness raising on COVID-19, cash-based assistance for FSA programmes.
- **FSA Sector IM Update Q2:** According to data for the second quarter of the year, total 3RP appeal budget is 55 Million USD. It's 2.6 million USD for COVID-19, 55 million USD is original FSA 3RP appeal budget and 13% of this budget is received. 48 million USD is requied. Beneficiaries reached in target number is 1732, that counts for 3.27% of the total targeted and 49%t of them are female as the sector reconizes the importance of geder roles and inclusion of women beneficiaries in its activities.
- **3RP 2021-2022 Planning Process:** 3RP 2021-2022 Planning Process: Mainstreaming Actions include gender, protection and environmental mainstreaming. Under gender mainstreaming at least 30% beneficiaries to be women. Protection mainstreaming: including child labour, AAP etc. This process to be supported by on evidence-based programming; use of references from authentic resources/researches/Govt. findings and reports, two-year planning process with long term strategic approach.
- **Food Security and Agriculture Sector Narrative:** Social cohesion through programming for both refugees and host communities. The sector strategy focuses on self-reliant food security. FSA sector adopts innovative approaches to adapt to the emerging needs during post pandemic period.
- Mainstreaming COVID-19: During the mid-year review process 2020, FSA sector changed its strategy to mainstream COVID-19 response in its ongoing and forthcoming activities. Provision of PPE materials, training, awareness and sensitization of the communities about the use of protective gear. Digitalization of the learning programmes and training courses on good food practices and healthy dietary habits and Promoting e-agriculture, e-business and e-commerce platforms. Supporting home-based agri-food businesses and income generation programmes including Vocational and life skills trainings for increasing employability and self-reliance. Cash-based assistance including cash plus approaches for extremely vulnerable refugees and host communities affected by the pandemic and access to the social protection schemes. Enhanced engagement with the private sector to 3RP planning process.
- **FSA sector Log frame:** *Objective* **1**: to improve the food security of Syrians under temporary protection and vulnerable host communities. *Objective* **2**: to strengthen the resilience of Syrians and host community members through self-employment/employment, increased income and financial assets in the food and agriculture sectors. *Objective* **3**: to improve local and community-level public and private sector and civil society capacities to respond to the food and agriculture needs of impacted communities.

	- <b>M&amp;E Framework:</b> FSA sector partners provide support to increase the employability through vocational and agricultural skills training, entrepreneurial and language trainings with the aim to link the graduates of these trainings to decent job opportunities in FSA sector.	
FSA Sector Newsletter /Bulletin	- FSA sector newsletter/bulletin is ready and will be shared with the FSA Sector with the minutes with thanks to the partners who contributed to it. Next newsletter will be published on bi-annual basis during early 2021. Partners contributions in this respect are much appreciated.	Newsletter to be shared with the minutes
AOB	- Gender Focal Point for FSA sector was proposed, FAO nominated Nese Cakir (from FAO) as GBV focal point for FSA sector. The participants were requested to send their nominations (if any) for GBV FP, and if no other nominations are received before next FSA sector meeting Nese Cakir would be considered FSA sector GBV FP.	

Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October i.e. 22<sup>th</sup> October