EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

30th March 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator Ali Ercan Özgür - Needs Map, Founder and Board of Directors
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/minutes review 2. ER Reporting 3. Updates from Transition Meeting – by Stuart Kefford, ER Advisor 4. Program Updates a. Çekül Foundation Presentation on Cultural Heritage (15 mins including Q&A) b. Updates from ER Sector Meeting in Kahramanmaraş and Social Market Meeting 5. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (41 Organizations/Agencies and 150 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bHax0cRGU04MN50EKBI8TwZmDXDE6LTAMc57Wxn8Ujs/edit?usp=sharing

1. Intro/minutes review

- The meeting began with a welcome to attendees and a presentation of the meeting agenda.
- The previous week's meeting minutes were reviewed.
  - **Cash Based Intervention Technical Working Group** is currently conducting a market survey. The data collection is ongoing until the end of May. It is expected that the preliminary findings will be completed by next week.
  - There was an issue raised regarding the need to **increase the presence of women led organizations in ER meetings**. UNDP ER Team met with KEDEV in Gaziantep. KEDEV will participate in ER hub meetings.
    - **Action Point:** KEDEV will give a presentation on their programming, achievements, and perspective in the next ER Coordination meeting.
  - There is more granular information about **SMEs and macro analyses** to understand economic systems and actors. However, there is still a need for more analysis. SME assessments and analyses aim to get a stronger understanding of what public institutions and semipublic institutions like the Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Industry are doing.
  - TOBB is willing to be part of these ER meetings.
    - **Action Point:** A presentation will be delivered by TOBB during the meeting for next week on the SMS online platform.
  - Last Friday, there was a **meeting with the CBI (Connecting Business Initiative)** which is an OCHA and UNDP led mechanism. Discussion about doing assessment on SMEs is ongoing.
  - The **shelter sector's own guidelines** have been developed to support partners in implementing shelter activities. This was collectively initiated at the inter-sector level to improve proactive identification of target beneficiaries to support, in complementarity with the government policies and based on funding availability.
  - A WEHA **checklist developed by the Technical Working Group**, which is currently under review by gender experts who have been assessing the indicators. It represents women empowerment in humanitarian activities. After discussion within the technical working

group, a special session on the checklist will be organized. Participants will likely be informed over the next two weeks.

- AAP TWG is willing to provide support to ensure that information, programming and feedback are provided to and received from the population. Action Point: AAP to be invited to the next ER meeting on June 14th.

- A cash working group training called **CALP (Cash Learning Partnership) will be organized to promote** training on how to use cash and vouchers. The training session will take place in Gaziantep in early June. If you are interested, please register as soon as possible. Only 25 participants will be accepted, so it is highly recommended to secure your spot.

- The next ER Sector General Coordination/Gaziantep Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 13.30 to 15.30 due to Brussels VII side event**

2. ER Reporting

- Reporting (gaps and challenges dashboard) moved to Activity info. Next reporting due 31 May.
- Improve reporting by adding following indicators:
  - # of assessments conducted by partners
  - # of containers provided to support functioning of public institutions
  - # of SMEs/Cooperatives connected through business support schemes

  These indicators were shared with OCHA and updated in time for the reporting deadline. Partners are requested to input their achievements.
- FTS updates- 388.8 mil dollars (38.6% funded) ER sector 9.8 dollars (7%) Partners are requested to report to FTS when they receive funding. ER sector will monitor funding for the sector and will contact partners to confirm it the funding is reported at the right sector.

3. Updates from Transition Meeting – by Stuart Kefford, ER Advisor

- An **interim transition plan**, also known as the recovery plan, will be reviewed at the end of next week.

- In September-October, the **3RP (Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan)** by the UNHCR and UNDP will be reviewed as well as the UNSDCF (Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework), which is a UN led development national plan for the next few years (2021-2025)

- An **interim plan** is currently being written for the next six months, until Dec 2023 (OCHA departure Mid-August).. The focus of the interim plan is on what is being called residual humanitarian need. Essentially, the plan will still be humanitarian in nature in incorporating recovery elements, with the aim of providing services, assistance, and socio-economic recovery.

- Prioritization will probably focus on people who are most in need, such as **people in informal settlements, primarily those at risk of being left out of the response**. People who live in remote areas, people with disabilities, and the women's agenda will strongly feature in this, along with all these issues.

- At the same time, attention will be given to the **area of work known as economic recovery**. In this regard, SMEs, cooperatives, workers, and their current activities are being considered.

- Another pillar, broadly referred **to as social services, encompasses some of this work as well**. Additionally, the health and education sectors, both of which are essentially public services, will be amalgamated into the social services sector.
- There is a plan to **ensure preparedness and readiness in the event of a similar crisis** occurring in the future. This involves establishing a longer-term engagement with central government authorities to improve the preparedness agenda and facilitate effective response strategies for the people.
- The **four main focus areas are humanitarian, economic, social emergency preparedness, and environment.**
- All of the above is still being discussed and are not final decisions from the transition meeting.
    - **Ms. Gökçe Bayrakçeken** from UNDP asked if there would be any written documents about the transition. She said it would be helpful to have a written strategy or plan for the office in the region that could be studied and commented upon. She also said that it is crucial to prioritize suggestions, plans, and the Regional Development Recovery Centers (RRDC) plan. Additionally, it is necessary to understand the location, main activities, and partners involved.
    - **Mr. Stuart Kefford,** ER Advisory from the UNRC Office, said that there will not be shared Terms of Reference, but that the ideas, comments, and inputs from the region will be listened to and integrated into the final decision.
    - **Mr. Ali Ercan Özgür** from Needs Map said that a presentation about the RRDC will be shared. The RRDC workshop will be held on June 16 in Gaziantep with the support of the Chambers of Commerce of Adana and Gaziantep, PwC, and the UNDP team.
    - **Ms. Nigel Clarke** from FCDO commented on the importance of prioritization to determine the framework and sustainability of the recovery process.

4. Program Updates

- Mr. Philip Clerc from UNDP ER Team discussed the topic of **debris management.** In the discussion, the need for improved debris management and awareness was identified.
    - Complaints **regarding debris management and its impact on the environment**, such as land and water pollution, were highlighted. Engaging the authorities in this matter has been challenging, due to perceived sensitivities. It was proposed during the TWG on environment to establish an organized and structured system to address these issues, involving municipalities.
- An **expert on debris** management is arriving soon to provide valuable expertise and insights from other countries. Furthermore, UNDP plans to **establish debris recycling centers** in the upcoming months, with adequate funding and a dedicated team.
    - Complaints have been raised by individuals living in **tents or informal settlements** across sectors regarding scorpions, snake bites, rat bites, and the presence of pests, flies, and mosquitoes.

- **FAO** has agreed to contact the **Ministry of Agriculture**, which is responsible for addressing these issues. The aim is to gain an understanding of the situation, considering that municipalities have approached UNDP for the use of pesticides.
- The topic of finding **deterrents and solutions** within shelter discussions has also been discussed. Overall, this matter is still in progress.

a. Presentation by Çekül Foundation on Cultural Heritage (15 mins including Q&A)

- **Mr. Ahmet Onur Altun** from the ÇEKÜL Foundation gave a presentation about Cultural Heritage Efforts after the Earthquake.
  - The attached presentation to the email disseminating this meeting minutes provides more information about the ÇEKÜL Foundation's work on cultural heritage.
  - The **ÇEKÜL Foundation is currently working in Antakya**, with the help of volunteer groups that provide information from the region. It is planned to expand to Gaziantep and Adıyaman in the next few months. The government is also working on cultural heritage in Kahramanmaraş, but its involvement is not as extensive as in other provinces.
  - The current **state of humanitarian assistance is unsatisfactory, and measures need to be taken to address the cultural concerns raised by the people**. Due to economic and sanitary challenges, the foundation has been unable to visit the affected areas as a group and has had to rely on reports from representatives.
  - It is important to note that **the assessments conducted so far have been observational**, and lack the technical evaluations that require substantial economic, social, and human resources.
  - Urgency should be prioritized over the careful development of government strategies and projects, particularly concerning **urban planning and the preservation of cultural heritage**, which is of paramount importance in Antakya, given its ancient significance. Furthermore, addressing intangible needs is crucial, as people want to return to their city.

b. Updates from ER Sector Meeting in Kahramanmaraş and Social Market Meeting

- **Ms. Semiha Bal from UNDP ER Team** shared the information from the Kahramanmaş ER Hub meeting and Social Market Meeting.
- The **Kahramanmaş ER Hub meeting** was held with Around 30 participants from 18 organizations. The participation demonstrated a good balance in terms of having a decent number of participants from governmental actors as well as civil society.
- Key **discussion points** were mainly **debris management and shelter; employment status and work have been done** in the field:
- Regarding the **debris management and shelter** problems:
  - The Chamber of Civil Engineers stated that the debris management process could not be carried out in the first phase and that the places where the debris was temporarily dumped were not suitable.
  - The Chamber of Geological Engineers shared that construction equipment could not be coordinated from the first day of the earthquake.

- AFAD stated that it is very difficult to keep up with the magnitude of this destruction.
- UNHCR underlined that for refugees, especially those who live in rented houses, the landlords evicted them even though the house was undamaged or increased the rent of the undamaged house 2-3 times.
- People whose homes have been damaged need storage areas to store their belongings.

- Regarding **employment status**:
  - İŞKUR stated that they reached 3000 people within the scope of the Community Benefit Program (TYP) for people who were unemployed or lost their jobs.
  - The Chamber of Commerce and Industry indicated that many people have electronic needs and that there should be credit opportunities for all other businesses.
  - The Eastern Mediterranean Development Agency shared that the jewelry sector has completely stopped.
- In terms of **interventions taken place** in the field:
  - OXFAM KEDV stated that they built showers and toilets in the places where the affected individuals lived.
  - CORE Response stated that they distributed food and hygiene kits immediately after the earthquake.
  - IOM stated that they provided tent aid after the earthquake.
  - All Hands and Hearts stated that they made shade areas within the scope of the summarization project and supported infrastructure works.
- The **Kahramanmaraş ER Hub meeting** concluded with a call for continued collaboration and support for the Early Recovery Sector. Participants agreed that the sector is essential to helping communities recover from disasters.
  - Ms. Semiha Bal also shared the **updates from the I4D and Needs Map training for cooperatives** and small businesses that work or plan to work in the earthquake zone held last week on 25th of May. The training covered the following topics:
  - How to register on the social market platforms; How to promote and sell products through the platforms; How to deliver products to consumers.
- The **training session** was a valuable opportunity for cooperatives and small businesses to learn about the benefits of using social market platforms. The training also helped to build relationships between producers and consumers. As a result of the training, many cooperatives and small businesses have already started to use social market platforms to sell their products.
- I4D and Needs Map are committed to supporting the use of **social market platforms** in the region and they will continue to work with producers to help them make the most of these platforms.

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- Next meeting will be conducted on the 14th of June between 13.30 to 15.30.

- **Useful Links**

EQ Early Recovery Sector Webpage	https://response.reliefweb.int/turkiye/early-recovery-sector
Link for 3Ws	Turkiye Earthquake Reponse 3W - Who is Doing What Where? (humanitarianresponse.info)
Link for sharing ongoing/competed assessments.	Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool/Kurumlar Arası Analiz Anketi Toplama Aracı (unhcr.org)
Partner's funding reporting	Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal 2023 | Financial Tracking Service (unocha.org)
Link for UNHCR Türkiye Earthquake Response: Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool	https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/275?sv=4&geo=113
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