

ESSN Task Force Izmir Minutes

Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and update on ESSN, update on the CCTE, presentation on ESSN Targeting Criteria and Transfer Value. 		
Date of meeting	02 June 2017 09:00 - 10:30	Location	Swissotel, Izmir Grand Efes Hall İsmet Kaptan Mahallesi, Gazi Osman Paşa Blv. No:1, 35210 Alsancak/Konak/Izmir Turkey

1. Update of ESSN

- The Co-Chairs World Food Programme (WFP) and Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) provided an update of the ESSN to date noting that as of 26 May, a total of 291,955 applications were registered (1,499,279 individuals); 106,117 applications were deemed eligible and 178,457 applications were ineligible (35% nationwide). Approximately, 110,437 applications were registered by 18 TRC Service Centers (37.8% nationwide).
- The Co-Chairs also noted that new card distribution for May started on the 23rd, uploads are occurred on May 31st for total of 601,103 individuals (95,896 total eligible number of households which 88,035 of them are Syrian). 82,185 Kizilaycards having been distributed to date.
- Please see the attached presentation for the following information:
 - Jan-May 2017 Monthly beneficiary numbers & total uploaded amount
 - Total number of applicants as of May 2017
 - Country-wide beneficiary figures including the number of eligible individuals disaggregated by gender and age categories, as of May 2017
 - Total number of eligible households by the eligibility criteria
 - Nationality statistics as of May 2017
 - Applications in the region and Izmir as of May 2017
 - Nationality disaggregation in Izmir as of May 2017
 - Gender distribution in Izmir as of May 2017
- Good practices include the following:
 - Pashto and Farsi languages will be operational soon.
 - TRC will have the referral desks in the service centers.
 - Nufus/MERNIS desk at the service centers.

2. Update from on Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE)

- The first payment to beneficiaries were made on May 31st.
- First CCTE card distribution is expected June 7 (new CCTE beneficiaries).
- Tentative numbers for first payment/distribution:
 - Approximately 13,000 existing KizilayKartholders
 - Approximately 20,000 new KizilayKartholders
- Only children attending Turkish public school benefitting from the May payment.
- TEC students still expected to benefit from July onwards (YOBIS-ISAIS integration is facing some technical delays; TEC students cannot yet apply for the CCTE program at the moment).
- Informative brochures on CCTE (in English, Turkish and Arabic) will be printed this week and distributed next week to TECs, TRC SCs and a selected number of SASFs. Interested partners should send requests for copies of brochure to Caner Esenyel cesenyel@unicef.org
- Queries from beneficiaries about the CCTE program can now be directed to TRC 168 Call Center.

3. Presentation on ESSN Targeting Criteria and Transfer Value

- Automatic criteria
- Proposed revised criteria: Current eligibility rate is 35 % of applications. It will be changed to 50 % of applications.
- Discretionary Allowance and Informal Housing: Considering pilot test of discretionary allowance with a few SASFs –not confirmed this will roll out nationwide
- Quarterly top-ups by households
- Changes not yet final – will depend on modification request with ECHO & changes in government system

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- Final decisions will be communicated at next ESSN TF