

ESSN Task Force Ankara Minutes

Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and update on ESSN, update on the CCTE, Review of ESSN TF ToR, report out from WFP Ankara Area Office on monitoring findings, update on the Cash Gap Analysis prepared by the CBI-TWG 		
Date of meeting	29 May 2017 15:00 - 16:30	Location	WFP Office, Ankara Sehit Hakan Kandemir Sokak No 10 Orhan Sehri, 06450 Cankaya, Ankara 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 192,601 applications were registered; 7,381 applications were not assessed; 106,117 applications were deemed eligible and 178,457 applications were ineligible. Approximately, 110,437 applications were registered by 18 TRC Service Centres (37% nationwide).
- The Co-Chairs also noted that new card distribution for May started on the 23rd, uploads are planning 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
 - Nationality disaggregation in Ankara as of May 2017
 - Gender distribution in Ankara as of May 2017
 - Country-wide beneficiary figures including the number of eligible individuals disaggregated by gender and age categories, as of May 2017
 - Monthly re-assessment results for rejected applications
 - Total number of HHs with disabled family member
- Next steps will be taken on the disability health report:
 - Coordinating with health sector for linkage with MoH
 - Guidance note (Translation, Dissemination)
 - Feedback from the field
- CVME (Comprehensive Vulnerability Monitoring Exercise) is an ongoing HH assessment. 30 neighbourhoods have been identified and a total 600 households will be visited (240 eligible, 240 ineligible, 120 non-applicant households) across the country. HH visits for each neighbourhood will be performed. The assessment should be completed by mid-Sep will the report will be ready on Oct.
- WFP provided brief information on the transfer value and the criteria change.
- Good practices include the following:
 - Pashto and Farsi languages will be operational soon.
 - TRC will have the referral desks in the service centres.

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

- The first payment to beneficiaries will be made on May 31st.
- First CCTE card distribution is expected June 1-7 (non ESSN).
- 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

Key Issues:

- There was a concern that the TRC call centre operators will be overstretched responding to both ESSN and CCTE, TRC noted that they will have new operators to address additional calls coming in. There is a technical issue between YOBIS and ISAIS databases. Once it is solved, children who are attending the temporary education centres will be able to apply for the CCTE program.

3. ESSN Task Force Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Any concerns and comments can be sent by CoB Tuesday, May 30th.

4. Report from WFP Ankara Office on monitoring findings (Ankara Area Office)

- Konya was chosen as one of the most populated city covered under the Ankara AO.
- We don't have good district data for Konya. Though several sources give us a consistent picture of province level refugee numbers.
- The aim was to find out what is the level of awareness of the ESSN within the refugee population and what are the barriers to application.
- 53 non-applicants to the ESSN were interviewed.
- 70% were aware of the program. Of those, 74% were either delayed/blocked in one step of the process or were not aware of the process.
- DGMM/PDMM registrations are not completed in Konya. SASF office confirmed the number of the applications are increasing.
- Analyses will be finished after the further study of the data.
- There are refugees who registered under other provinces. PDMM is trying to re-issue IDs, but delays are experienced there.

5. Update on Cash Gap Analysis:

- CGA will be next steps will be discussed at the Ankara BNWG on June 5th 10:00 – 11:30am at UNHCR Cinnah Office.
- From the Analysis we can see two pools (eligible/ineligible)
- Regarding the eligible, we need to address barriers to access. For ineligible, we need to look at complimentary programming for the most vulnerable.

6. AOB

- Shelter/Wash Assessment – tools have been finalized by IOM, timeline is TBD. Will share updates from the BNWG.