# Food Security and Agriculture Working Group

FSA WG Monthly Meeting Minutes



24 July 2018 Gaziantep

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## Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and review of action points from the previous meeting
- 2. Presentation on children and agriculture project.
- 3. Presentation on the ongoing Agriculture activities/project of WHH.
- 4. Revision of the FSA WG indicators and outputs, considering the progress in each indicator.
- 5. AOB.
  - Engaging with employers in the hiring of refugee
  - FSA WG Webpage on Global Food Security Sector Website
  - Q2 Dashboard of FSA sector
  - Mid-Year Review sectoral reporting

## **Summary of Action Points 24 July 2018**

- ✓ SWG chairs to share the draft version of the FSA Indicators guidance with members for their feedback. Status: Pending
- ✓ SWG Chairs to share the presentation of Results of Agricultural Livelihoods and Labor Market Assessment with members.
  Status: Done
- ✓ FAO to share the final report of the Agricultural Livelihoods and Labour Market Assessment with WG members. **Status:**Pending
- ✓ SWG chairs to share mid-year report for FSA activities. Status: Done
- ✓ FSA WG co-chairs to start communication with relevant donor and/or governmental institutions/agencies to invite them to periodical sectoral meetings. **Status: Ongoing** 
  - 1. Welcome and review of the action points from the previous meeting
  - Chairs reviewed the action points from the last meeting minutes with several pending points highlighted:
    - SWG chairs to share the draft version of the FSA Indicators guidance with members for their feedback. Status: Pending.
    - FAO to share the final report of the Agricultural Livelihoods and Labour Market Assessment with WG members. Status: Pending. FAO to share report once finalized.

 SWG chairs to share mid-year report for FSA activities. Status: Done. Sector meeting helped in review of the partner reporting and indicator review for Mid-Year. Mid-year report to be finalised and shared before end of the month.

## 2. Presentation on children and agriculture (school garden) project

- Sukraan Association from Mardin made a presentation of their School and Agriculture Project named, "Our Common Language be the Soil".
- In the implementation of their project, Sukraan is working with women and children with focus monthly to those children not attending school. Therefore, Mardin Bahcesehir College became place for them to interact with each other as well as soil. Through the project the organization created agricultural club where Syrian children could become more knowledgeable about agriculture, nutrition, etc. Additionally, through the project they have been able to teach children how to grow various natural fruits and vegetables like tomato, wheat, melon, etc. using local seeds.
- The project was able to promote social cohesion between Syrian and Turkish children, through socialising and interacting with each other.

## 3. Presentation on the ongoing Agriculture activities/project of WHH

- Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH) presented on their ongoing agricultural projects in Hatay, Mardin and Kilis.
- Currently in Mardin Midyat they are implementing a cucumber project with 150 daily worker families.
   Some of the challenges being experienced are climate change, difficulty in finding suitable land (too small, too far away, etc), lack of skilled labour /beneficiaries and some regulations regarding using the arable land.
- In Hatay, WHH is currently implementing their project in two areas: Yayladagi and Altinozu with the implementation of mushroom, strawberry and olive production activities in these areas.
- In Kilis, WHH is implementing a strawberry and vegetable seedlings production project.
- Currently the land used by WHH is government owned mostly within the camps (issued through subregional governments or treasure property rented for at least 2 years). The goods produced are sold in the market and money is given to the in-camp beneficiaries working in the farms.

### 4. Revision of the FSA WG indicators and outputs, considering the progress in each indicator

## FSA Activityinfo Reporting Updates (Jan-June 2018)

- Sector IM presented the current output indicators reported through Activityinfo under 3RP. The reporting based on partner reporting for the period between January and June 2018 reporting from 5 3RP partners. Currently only 6 output indicators are reported from the 10 contained under the 3RP.
- No revision of sector indicators under 3RP. Partners indicated that due to the seasonality nature of agriculture activities, under reporting on some indicators will start to be reporting form the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter going forward.

#### 5. AOB

- o FSA WG Webpage on Global Food Security Sector Website.
- The website provides increased visibility of sector related activities and supplements the UNHCR Data 2 portal. The webpage address: <a href="http://fscluster.org/turkey">http://fscluster.org/turkey</a>
  - Q2 Dashboard of FSA sector

## **Action point:**

- The Q2 dashboard will be finalized ad shared before end of the month. **Deadline by Monday 30**th **July.** 
  - Mid-Year Review Sectoral reporting
- FSA WG chair thanked sector partners for sending the updates for all their work and introduced the indicators that will be in the mid-year sectoral report.