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National Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes
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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and introduction	WFP Chair welcomed group participants.	
Presentation: Current Situation of the Turkish Economy & Post Distribution Monitoring Findings (WFP VAM/M&E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WFP presented recent surveys on the current situation of the Turkish economy as well as the latest round of post distribution monitoring findings. ▪ Currency devaluation and high inflation are eroding the purchasing power of refugees. Unemployment rate is on the rise and the growth rate of the Turkish economy is expected slow down considerably in the second half of the year. Worst impacts are expected to be felt in 2019. In line with the deterioration in Turkey’s economy, July 2018 survey results show an increase in the use of coping strategies and debt levels since the beginning of 2018, as well as a slight deterioration in food consumption. On the other hand, the improvement for beneficiaries with respect to the baseline data collected between February – May 2017 is discernibly higher than those of non-beneficiaries. Moving forward, we might see an increase in the more severe crisis and emergency livelihoods coping strategies, without an upward revision in the ESSN transfer value. ▪ The participants of the survey, both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, are asked how much they spend on items. The unpaid food was also taken into account; the possible value of the products which they grow in their garden, meat from the Eid al-Adha are included. ▪ Participants are asked their three main sources of income, and there we can retrieve information whether they receive any assistance or not as ESSN and other assistance are different response options. However, the data does not include the details on the assistance provider or the type of assistance and the delivery method. 	Chairs to share the presentation on the current situation of the Turkish economy and the PDM findings

<p>Presentation of ESN duplication matrix</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TRC presented the duplication matrix – one of the key coordination tools of the ESN TF – which should be used by NGOs and UN agencies to cross check ESN recipients in their beneficiary lists. TRC will, on monthly basis, verify the ESN status of lists submitted through the duplication matrix. ▪ The main objectives of checking the data of foreigners under Temporary Protection and International Protection are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → to reduce duplications → to ensure the coordination between institutions → to use the resources effectively ▪ The timing is very important as the partners need to send the lists by the end of the month. It is better to send the cumulative number of beneficiaries with the additional, on a regular basis, since there may be demographic changes at the household level and the ones that have applied before and found ineligible may have become eligible, or vice versa. ▪ For any questions related to the duplication matrix, partners can contact TRC here: SUYveritakip@kizilay.org.tr or ESSNdatacheck@kizilay.org.tr 	<p>Chairs to share the relevant duplication matrix templates.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Update on 3RP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WFP presented the preliminary budget requirements and targets for the 2019/2020 3RP Basic Needs sector (these are based on the UN October exchange rate which as per STF recommendation, has been used by all sectors and 3RP partners). ▪ Compared to the previous 3RP the number of appealing NGOs has increased. ▪ Food assistance indicators have been moved from the FSA Sector to the BN Sector. ▪ The targets reflect the broader strategy of the Turkey chapter of the 3RP namely to move from humanitarian assistance to resilience activities and increase the support to municipalities. ▪ Responding to questions, it was clarified that that in case of a significant fluctuation of exchange rates, this can be addressed in a mid year review. The cost of living is also an area which may require further discussion in coming months. <p>BNWG TORs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The TORs have been changed to reflect the inclusion of food assistance. The TORs have now been endorsed by the Syria Task Force and the final version will be circulated with the minutes. <p>SASF Allowence update.</p> <p>Details will be shared via ESN TF.</p>	<p>Chairs to share the revised TORs of the BNWG</p>

Next Meeting: the date of the next National Basic Needs Working Group will be confirmed later.