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South East Turkey (SET) Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 08 November 2018, 11:00hrs, UN house, Gaziantep

Chair(s): Chris Bender (UNHCH), Gonca Savas (WFP), Line Rindebaek (WFP)

Participants: Jonathan Grey (ECHO), Cigdem Celik (WFP), Hanifi Kinaci (TRC), Jamil Awan (IOM), Omar AlAsmail (IOM), Melisa Gunduz (UNICEF), Ozlem Imtizamoglu (WHH), Ozgur Savascioglu (UNHCR), Funda Kader (CARE), Ali Kaya (CARE), Shadi Dakel (MWL), Aydin Yaman (UNHCR)

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
Welcome and introduction	UNHCR 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. Regional analysis shows that the beneficiary outcomes in the South-eastern region overperformed the national average in terms of food consumption, as well as consumption and livelihoods coping strategies. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs to share the presentation on the current situation of the Turkish economy and the PDM findings
Presentation of IOM livelihood referral system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IOM presented their internal referral system between cash, shelter and protection activities 	

Presentation of ESSN duplication matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRC presented the duplication matrix which should be used by NGOs and UN agencies to cross check ESSN recipients in their beneficiary lists. TRC will, on monthly basis, verify the ESSN status of lists submitted through the duplication matrix. For any questions related to the duplication matrix, partners can contact TRC here: SUYveritakip@kizilay.org.tr or ESSNdatacheck@kizilay.org.tr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs to share the relevant duplication matrix templates.
Temporary accommodation center closure process update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 temporary accommodation centers (TACs) were closed and refugees had the option to move either to other TACs or to urban areas of their choice. • Refugees who moved to urban centers received a relocation grant • Preliminary monitoring suggests that the information provided in the TAC before departure were inconsistent. Registration in PDMMs and NUFUS offices experienced bottlenecks. • As most of the refugees who left the TACs stayed in the proximity of the TAC efforts are made by the SET ISWG to map the neighbourhoods who received large numbers of refugees. As a next step those neighbourhoods should be targeted with information campaigns. • The Ackakale TAC in Sanliurfa was closed early November. <u>The eligibility of refugees that moved from Ackakale TAC to Sanliurfa for the relocation grant is still under revision.</u> Refugees that moved to other provinces received the relocation grant. • Refugees from the Ackakale TAC also had the option to move to the Suruc TAC • Refugees in the Kahramanmaras TAC and 2 TACs in Kilis are given the option to leave the camp and receive the relocation grant. 	
Winterization plans update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actors involved in this year's winterization activities have developed a 4W document that will be shared to provide an opportunity for other agencies to refer cases. • IOM plans to attend the protection WG to present the 4Ws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs to share the winterization 4Ws
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on 3RP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chair presented the preliminary budget requirements and targets for the 2019/2020 3RP Basic Needs sector. The group was cautioned that the budget figures might change due to ongoing discussions regarding the exchange rate. ○ Compared to the previous 3RP the number of appealing NGOs has increased. ○ Food assistance indicators has been added ○ 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. • BNWG TORs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ToRs have been changed as food assistance is added now to the sector. The ToRs will be shared with the minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs to share the revised ToRs of the BNWG

Next Meeting: SET Basic Needs Working Group: Thursday, 13 December 2018 – venue tbd.