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## South East Turkey (SET) Basic Needs WG Meeting Minutes Thursday, 12 July 2018, 11:00hrs, UNHCR, Gaziantep

**Chair(s):** Hilary Bowman (UNHCR)

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p>	<p>UNHCR Chair welcomed group participants. The minutes from the previous meeting were endorsed. Action points were reviewed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BN coordinator to share M&amp;E framework. <b>Done</b></li> <li>• Initial findings of the Winter Assistance Post-Distribution Monitoring to be shared with participants. <b>Today's agenda</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Initial findings of the Winter PDM - IOM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM, as leads of the Inter-agency Winter Task Force presented the initial findings of the Winter PDM.</li> <li>• Key areas of discussion:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Debate on <u>sampling</u> and the use of certain data in the PDM which shows a disproportionate number of beneficiaries received their winter assistance in March this year. Suggestions to adjust the sample from agencies, proportional to the total number of HHs reached per agency versus using updated total data in the 4W to correct this bias. Findings on the issue of disbursement month not currently representative of the winter program. <u>Decision: 4W data to be used to show the month of cash disbursement, the final figures of beneficiaries per organization and provinces.</u></li> <li>➢ 4W to be used to populate the <u>Turkey map</u> showing the locations and months during which assistance was provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM to recirculate the 4W for agencies to update with the month of disbursement. <b>Thursday, 12 July 2018.</b></li> <li>• Agencies to revert with monthly inputs by: <b>Wednesday, 18 July.</b></li> <li>• IOM to update the monthly disbursement % according to updated 4W. New draft of PDM to be shared with partners by: <b>Monday, 23 July.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Request for <u>disaggregation</u> between spending patterns and month of receipt to show whether people spend as soon as they receive or wait to meet expected future costs. This exercise may be done looking at each organization’s financial reconciliations files.</li> <li>➤ Any findings re: <u>modality preference</u>? IOM has such info in internal PDM but may be relevant given that IOM engaged in e-vouchers and other agencies opted for cash.</li> <li>➤ Need to include <u>general figures</u> in the PDM to give context: total HH targeted, assessed, found eligible/supported at provincial level to compare against population figures.</li> <li>➤ Last year agencies aimed to reach 69,000 HH but reached 46,000 (67%). Need to explain the <u>reasons for this shortfall</u>.</li> <li>➤ <u>ESSN beneficiaries</u> – Tier 2 priority in the SOPs, yet 44% of PDM respondents are ESSN beneficiaries. Needs for explanation behind this figure to give context. E.g. UNHCR (who was not prioritizing ESSN beneficiaries) alone has a much lower %, November 2017, data sharing agreement with TRC for ESSN Beneficiary cross-checking reduced further duplication. Some HH included in ESSN after their assessment for winter assistance.</li> <li>➤ Any findings re: beneficiary <u>satisfaction with e-vouchers</u> compared to cash assistance?</li> <li>➤ Data re: <u>consultations with beneficiaries</u> related to consultation on needs. This needs to be clarified in the final report.</li> <li>➤ 30% report <u>improved nutrition</u> – what is this based on, what indicator? To be rephrased: Better access to food.</li> <li>➤ Impact findings: 18% respondents report “<u>No impact</u>” from winter assistance. This needs to be clarified or explained to avoid misinterpretation. Similarly for 20% “<u>Save money</u>”.</li> <li>➤ <u>Satisfaction</u>: 5% not yet spent? Should be rephrased or explained. Suggested removal of “yet”.</li> <li>➤ <u>Recommendation 6</u>: suggest rephrase to ensure better information distribution on targeting criteria and assessment.</li> <li>➤ <u>Modality</u>: Show preference according to gender: women often prefer e-vouchers over which they have more control in the HH than unrestricted cash.</li> <li>➤ <u>Gender breakdown</u>: specify that this refers to respondents and not necessarily Head of HH, and to gender of interviewers and cultural barriers to access women beneficiaries</li> <li>➤ Recommendation on <u>needs assessment</u> for future programs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Initial planning for Winter 2018/9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR Chair opened the floor to partners to outline their plans for winter assistance in 2018/9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ UNHCR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No plans for winter assistance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated Basic Needs Working Group to be held in August to update SOPs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BN support has been largely deprioritized due to ESN as main basic needs cash programme in the country, and sufficiently funded.</li> <li>○ Cash assistance focused on other sectors and specific needs.</li> <li>➤ UNICEF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plan for 10,000 HH through WHH (Batman, Diyarbakir, Mardin) and Kirikhan SASF (Hatay).</li> <li>○ Priority to non-ESN beneficiaries but option to include if assessment shows high vulnerability.</li> <li>○ Up to 10% for Host Community.</li> <li>○ Identification to be done based on previous years' assessments. IN new locations consultations will be undertaken with community leaders (local and Syrian).</li> <li>○ Modality: unrestricted, unconditional cash.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ IOM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pending second tranche of funding, scope and nature of assistance will be clarified</li> <li>○ Funding due to be received in August.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Winter Task Force will not be reactivated this year given the small number of partners.</li> <li>● Next Basic Needs WG will be dedicated to discussions on winter assistance. Date to be moved to late August to allow IOM to clarify their plans.</li> <li>● Agencies to review SOPs drawn up for winter assistance 2017/8 to clarify areas requiring update, changes, i.e. targeting criteria, transfer values etc.</li> </ul>	<p>and initiate the 4Ws. Date: <b>Tuesday, 28 August.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SOPs to be recirculated for agencies to review and discuss any amendments required. To be discussed on <b>Tuesday, 28 August.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● August Meeting: Tuesday, 28 August, 13:30 – <u>Winter Assistance SOPS and 4Ws. For relevant agencies and partners only. (No meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs/9 August)</u></li> <li>● September Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/13 September.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting: SET Basic Needs Working Group: Tuesday, 28 August 2018 - @ UNHCR SO Gaziantep.**