

## ESSN Task Force Gaziantep Minutes

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Action Points from the Previous Meeting
3. Updates on the ESSN and its Implementation in the SET
4. Updates on the CCTE
5. Q&A with NUFUS (DG for Population and Citizenship)
6. AOB
  - Performance Survey Results
  - Case Study Report

**Date of meeting** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
09:00 - 11:00

**Location** Watan Premises

**Meeting Co-Chairs** WFP: Hiba Hanano  
TK: Hanifi Kinaci

### ▪ Action points:

Follow up issue from last Meeting:	Action by:	Status:
Performance Survey Results	ESSN TF Co-Chairs	Done, ESSN TF meeting on 11 April 2019
MoH Q&A Factsheet (English & Turkish)	ESSN TF Co-Chairs	Done, Distributed on 18 Mar 2019
Case Study Report for ESSN Good Practices	ESSN TF Co-Chairs	Ongoing, Expected distribution: April 2019
Q&A session with NUFUS	ESSN TF Co-Chairs	Done, ESSN TF meeting on 11 April 2019

### ▪ Updates on the ESSN:

- The Co-Chairs World Food Programme (WFP) and Turk Kizilay (TK) provided an update of the ESSN to date noting that until end of March 2019, a total of 271.678 households (1.580.036 people) were registered.
- Severe Disability Assistance started in August 2018 and can only be provided to ESSN beneficiaries.
- A total of 27,261 disabled beneficiaries of four nationalities were supported out of which 15,215 had indefinite report and 10,651 had temporary report and remaining 1,395 report type was unknown.
- 6,873 people have been granted severe disabled assistance as of December 2018. These are located in 71 provinces.
- TK explained current SDA (SASF Discretionary Allowance) figures nationwide and provided specific to Gaziantep. 3.475HHs on nationwide and 566 HHs in Gaziantep were included to program as a result of SDA.
- Meeting Chairs provided information about the joint WFP & TK monitoring activities. 132 sites in 11 provinces of region were visited. Teams specifically focused on SASF Allowance activity.
- In February and March, FGD (Focus Group Discussion) were conducted with 44 different groups based on Gender & Vulnerability theme. More detailed FGD reports of February & March had already been shared with partners. Monitoring activities will keep focusing on SASF Allowance during April as well.
- TK conducted the visits to 7 HHs in Gaziantep randomly in order to verify beneficiaries.

### ▪ Updates on the CCTE:

Cash Component:

11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, 09:00-11:00, WFP/TK Gaziantep

- UNICEF CCTE Field Monitor provided an update noting that 404,610 beneficiaries were entitled for CCTE payment in March 2019. 201,315 Kizilaycards were uploaded with March 2019 payment. 1,571,344 Turkish beneficiaries received March 2019 payment in the national CCTE programme.
- As of March 2019 payment, the number of children reached with at least one CCTE payment has become 494,620 and the number of Kizilaycards uploaded with January CCTE payment is of 239,996.
- As of 2 April 2019, 90 % (473,225) of the CCTE applications were accepted, 10 % (52,229) of the applications were rejected and 0 % (2,232) of the applications were pending. 36 % of the applications were registered by TRC Service Centres.
- As of 1 April, 110,325 calls were received by TRC Call Center for CCTE. 56 % of the callers were women and top call category was related to information request.
- 13 % of the CCTE beneficiaries (63,049), who were entitled for CCTE payment in March, are registered in Gaziantep which keeps its seat as the province with second most CCTE beneficiaries in Turkey. Among 63,049 beneficiaries, 3 % of the students are in kindergarten level, 90 % of the students are in primary school and 6.5 % of the students are in high-school level. 5 districts with most beneficiaries in Gaziantep are respectively as follows: Sahinbey (58 %), Sehitkamil (23 %), Nizip (13 %), Islahiye (3%) and Nurdagi (2 %).
- Districts where the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) takes place in Gaziantep are: Islahiye, Nizip, Nurdagi, Sahinbey and Sehitkamil.
- The number of CCTE accepted applications from ALP students as of 4 February 2019 are 365 in Gaziantep.

## **Child Protection Component**

- Starting from December 2018, 2nd and 6th grade students have been prioritized in CCTE house visits since according to the November frozen list, 2nd and 6th grade students were higher in number. 11680 students of 6th grade missed more than 4 days of school while this number is 14705 for 2nd grade.
- As of 31st of January;
  - 59,005 children were screened by outreach teams.
  - 10,972 children were identified and assessed with protection needs.
  - 5393 children were referred to specialized services.
  - Konya has highest number of screened children with 5815.
  - %51 of the screened children (29,975) were boys and %49 of them (29,030) were girls.
  - 42,973 children had been under no risk
    - In November-December period, Gaziantep child protection team screened 265 children and from which 2 of them were identified with high risk level, 37 with medium and 22 with low risk.

## **■ Q&A with Provincial Director of Population and Citizenship in Gaziantep**

- After the participation of MoFLSS, MoH & DGMM to Task Forces so far, General Population and Citizenship Directorate (NÜFUS) was invited to the April ESSN TF meeting to introduce the existing structure and procedure of NÜFUS. Mr. Salih Doğan who is Provincial Director of Population and Citizenship in Gaziantep, joined the ESSN TF meeting and shared his expertise on address registration, civil issues & citizenship acquisition procedures.
- Directorate General for Population and Citizenship (DGPC) uses the general “family definition” of the civil law which refers to the family as the smallest unit made of parents and their children.
- Address registration is not only important for accessing services, but also it is a precaution measure for any kind of procedures related to any security incidents such as mass fires or earthquakes  
This message should be clearly transferred to the foreigners to clarify the importance of the address registration which is an important safety measure.
- Translators provided by Turk Kizilay; located in in Şehitkamil, Şahinbey and Provincial Directorate of Population and Citizenship (PDPC) in Gaziantep are providing great support both clients and staff.

- According to the law, there is a fine for the people who do not report their current addresses within 20 working days. But, they do not apply this law especially to the foreigners due to the common barriers that they may face during the address registration process.

## **Address Registration details:**

- The people residing in Turkey with an official ID number can apply for address registration. An ID card with a photo of the holder is a mandatory document to be submitted to the Directorates for address registration.
- The Directorates may ask for additional documents to register the addresses of the people.  
If the address is empty (means no one else is registered to that address, then this address can be immediately to requesting family.  
If the system shows that there is another family residing in the address, the Directorate may ask for additional documents such as lease agreement and/or utility bills, they may also ask for the person to bring the owner of the address to claim the real resident. Only as a last resort, the directorate may ask for the police forces to check the current residents of the address.
- If there is no address for the residential place in the system such as caves or tents, the municipalities may assign "temporary addresses" and PDPC's can register the addresses accordingly.
- More than one family (either relatives, extended family members or acquaintances) can be registered to the same address as long as a "co-residents' application" is completed; there is no legal limitation to this practice. However, in order to eliminate any misuse or malpractice of registering the non-members to the addresses, the directorates may apply restrictions to the address registration such as putting maximum limits to the registered household members.
- The people who moved to another province should first reach the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMMs) to change their location, then address would be updated either through DGMM or DGPC.

## **Civil Registration:**

- Death, divorce, marriage, new born registration procedures for the foreigners are being issued by PDMM offices; PDPC offices are only dealing with the address registration of the foreigners including refugees. The foreigners, including the refugees, should reach PDMM offices for any kind of updates or changes on their demographics as soon as possible.
- The foreigners including refugees residing in Turkey are also obliged to follow the conditions of the civil law that determines the grounds for the marriage, divorce and other related practices.
- Poligamy is illegal in Turkey and the persons that will marry in the country should submit the required documents by PDMM offices including the celibacy document from the country of origin in order to get married or get registered as married in Turkey.
- Birth registration is now online and the hospitals enter the birth information to the e-birth system that Nufus has access to as well. Thus, there is no further procedure to be followed in order to complete the birth registration.
- When birth take place at home, the family reaches to the directorate and the directorate does inspection including medical history of the mother from MoH database. If there is no health record at MoH database, then the mother is asked to submit a medical report from a hospital which indicates that she gave birth.

## **Citizenship:**

- According to the "Citizenship Law Number: 5901" there are two ways to acquire Turkish citizenship; **The first** is through either of the following: by birth or getting married to a Turkish spouse for more than three years, or by having residence permit and residing in Turkey for more than 5 years. It can be also obtained by a decision made by the Board of Ministers who determine upon the benefits of giving citizenship to some people such as successful artists, sportspersons or businessmen.

The **second** option is the exceptional conditions where the Board of Ministers may decide on the conditions to be able to have a Turkish citizenship, like it was applied recently to some of the Syrian refugees under the Temporary Protection. This was processed by DGMM who collected lists from different ministries (MoH, MoNE) of Syrians that have been working legally in Turkey such as doctors, medical personnel, teachers or university students in order to benefit from their potential.

▪ **Any Other Business:**

- **2018 Performance Survey:**

Its main findings were shared reminding participants that the full survey will be circulated by the end of April. The initial findings and recommendations are as follows:

- 38 ESSN TF regular meetings (in four locations) were held throughout 2018
- 99 members out of 528 completed the survey (19%)
- 79% appreciate the relevancy of the agendas
- 76% stated the language and venue of the meetings were the least appreciated elements
- 86,7% said they were overall satisfied with the Task Force.
- Most of the ESSN TF members (mainly in Gaziantep & Istanbul) suggested more case study discussions such as success stories, FGD contents, refugees invitation etc.
- All partners would like to be more engaged in providing inputs into the meetings agendas and have more time for discussion.
- In Gaziantep and Istanbul specifically, ESSN TF members suggest more education-based topics and analysis, particularly related to CCTE Programme
- Protection, livelihood and health issues to be linked to the meetings.
- Guidance on referrals & updates on focal points.
- Improvement on meeting venue and translations.
- Request for more meetings (monthly).

- **Case Study Report:**

- Co-chairs stated that the **case study report** is ready, only awaiting or one confirmation by one of the NGO who provided inputs. The report will be circulated by the end of April.
- **Updates of contacts:** Participants have been reminded to share any updates regarding the change of contacts within their organization and especially names of those who would be attending the ESSN TFs. Updates can be made via the following link: <https://forms.gle/JVanSabfrtkNPcjJ8>

**Attachments:**

1. ESSN Task Force Gaziantep Presentation
2. CCTE presentation