Food Security and Agriculture Sector Working Group

FSA WG Monthly Meeting Minutes

13th June 2019

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Agenda:

- Welcome and review action points of the previous meeting.
- Brainstorming on the upcoming training workshop¹
- Information Management Updates
- Livelihoods Şanlıurfa Coordination Group Members and Food and Agriculture Working Group Members updates
- Q/A sessions
- Field Visit to GAPTAEM's facilities

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¹ It was proposed in the initial agenda that YUVA organization will deliver presentation about their interventions in FSA sector, but due to unforeseen reasons the plan has been changed by adding new agenda item regarding "Brainstorming on the upcoming training workshop"

Summary of Action Points FSA meeting, 13th June 2019

- ✓ To conduct workshop for FSA sector partners about existing opportunities and good practices in food enterprises.
- ✓ To share the updated 4Ws with FSA sector partners.
- ✓ To conduct a dedicated session for discussing social cohesion in food and agriculture interventions.

1. Welcome

Following the welcoming and a short tour de table the agenda of the workshop was endorsed. Chair reviewed the action points from the last meeting as per below:

• To conduct workshop for FSA sector partners about Training on Agribusiness Interventions/Innovations in Refugees Response Status: (in process)

2. Brainstorming on the upcoming training workshop

According to the capacity building plan of FSA sector, a training session is planned to be conducted in July. In this respect, a consultation session with FSA partners was conducted to capture FSA partner's feedback and suggestions, in order to build the training agenda according to the actual needs from FSA partners. The following suggestions have been raised:

- It was stressed out the importance of inviting representative from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF), in order to present and share the Government vision and strategy regarding refugee response in FSA sector. In this regards, it was underlined that FSA sector partners are eager to have more collaboration with MoAF for their upcoming agricultural projects /activities and seek a clear roadmap (rule and regulations) on how they can set up fruitful partnership with agriculture authorities in different provinces.
- FSA sector partners are interested to know more about the potential opportunities and needs in food and agriculture sector in Turkey. Thus, it was suggested to have training on how to conduct assessments in this sector, as well as introducing the proper tools to be used in this aspect.
- Allocating sessions for group work and case scenarios was a very welcoming idea from all
 partners. In these sessions, FSA Sector partners will have opportunity to present their
 activities for all participants and will be able to receive feedback or suggestions to improve
 their interventions.
- Enhancing Social Cohesion through agricultural activities was underlined by the participants. FSA partners intend to mainstream social cohesion in food and agriculture interventions, thus, they seek guidelines or best practices regarding this aspect.

<u>Action point:</u> Agribusiness interventions in Refugee Response will be realized in the middle of July,2019

3. Information Management Updates

The IM visual products (4Ws, Dashboards, Newsletter) were introduced to the FSA Sector partners. It was underlined that the objective of these tools is to enhance collaboration between actors, as well as avoid any duplication or/and overlapping. This will be achieved through comprehensive mapping activities which will make all actors aware of the ongoing and planned interventions in FSA sector.

All IM products are available online in the UNHCR portal https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/77, and https://fscluster.org/turkey

Nevertheless, partners have been encouraged to report their activities by using Activity info (AI) Database system (Annex1: the 4Ws of FSA sector as of May 2019).

4. Livelihoods Şanlıurfa Coordination Group Members and Food and Agriculture Working Group Members updates

Updates on FSA sector interventions have been shared as follow:

- RET International is running soap production and other livelihood activities in Mardin,
 Çorum and Kilis.
- Concern WW and CARE have continued livelihood activities in Sanliurfa but are keen on doing agriculture related activities in this region as well.
- TRC started agricultural projects in various provinces of Turkey (Adana, K.Maras, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa) and planning to expand agriculture-related activities soon.
- Watan and ASAM are planning to implement agricultural activities in south-east region, more information will be shared in the implementation stage.
- WHH has continued its agricultural activities in Sanliurfa, Mardin and Hatay and will start in July the nutrition trainings in the same provinces for disadvantaged beneficiaries from both Syrians and host community members.

5. Field Visit to GAPTAEM's facilities

After the meeting FSA Sector partners conducted a field visit to one of FAO project, and GAP-TAEM research station in Sanliurfa. This visit was a fruitful opportunity for all participants to know more about the methodology of implementing agriculture projects for refugees. Participants also had the chance to see the greenhouses and organic product grown area of GAP-TAEM Research Institute. Participants were impressed with the GAP-TAEM facilities, and promising opportunities in this region.

The date of next FSA meeting as training workshop is 10-11th July 2019.

Photos from field









