

## ESSN Task Force Ankara

<b>Meeting date &amp; time:</b>	11 December 2019 09:30 – 11:00	<b>Location:</b>	UNHCR Yildiz Kule- Ankara
<b>Meeting Co-Chairs:</b>		<b>WFP:</b>	Hiba Hanano
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<b>Participants:</b>	British Embassy, ASAM, GIZ, HRDF, ILO, IGAM, IOM, MSYD, TK KIZILAYKART & COMMUNITY CENTER, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP.		
<b>Agenda:</b>	Welcome and Introduction 1. Updates on ESSN 2. Updates on CCTE 3. 2019 Overview 4. ESSN Referrals Updates 5. AOB		

### Meeting Minutes:

#### 1. Updates on ESSN

##### ESSN Updates:

- As of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, a total of 2.839.761 individuals registered; 9.635 individuals are unassessed and 1.058.147 individuals deemed ineligible
- A total of 1.742.829 beneficiaries received ESSN assistance in November nationwide.
- A total of 96.543 beneficiaries received ESSN assistance in Ankara.
- A total of 30.578 beneficiaries are disabled and a total of 8.152 are severely disabled nationwide,
- Nationwide eligibility rate is % 55.23 households and % 62.82 individuals.

##### Ankara Area Office Update:

##### Focus Group Discussions (FGD)

- All the participants agreed that ESSN assistance can barely cover the basic needs of the households. Therefore, ESSN fails to provide/cover support for winter preparedness.
- ESSN assistance only covers rent and bills expenditures. The economic conditions in Turkey has caused significant purchasing power loss, thus there is still need for further adjustment of the ESSN ration.

#### 2. Updates on CCTE:

##### Cash Component:

- Details about the November 2019 CCTE payment can be found in the presentation.
- Due to some technical problems around 50,000 student's payment in November 2019 might be affected. due to: failure to retrieve data for the new school year.
- Implementing partners (including MoNE, MoFLSS) has been working on the problem. The beneficiary families who might be affected will receive a retrospective payment, only if they still meet the eligibility requirements, in the next payment months.
- Due to continuation of negotiations between UNICEF and MoNE about the future of the ALP program, new registrations to the program had been halted in October and November. The ALP program will continue in 2020 and the registrations opened again as of December 2019.
- To address the limited reach of CCTE to older refugee children, new CCTE top-ups have been introduced at the beginning of school terms. A top up for high school students was also introduced in the national CCTE program (September 2019 and February 2020).
- The new CCTE top-ups for Refugees program will be applied from Grade 5 onwards as it was found that deterioration of regular school attendance and increased risk of dropping out already begins in lower secondary school for refugee children.

- However, refugee children in Grades 9 onwards and ALP will get slightly higher top-ups (+150 TL) than refugee children in lower secondary (+ 100 TL). While the primary school students (from kindergarten up to 4th grade) will continue to receive 100 TL additional payment at the beginning of each school term the lower secondary school students receive 100 TL motivational top-up; and ALP / high school students receive 150 TL motivational top-up additional to the 100 TL payment.

## Child Protection

- As of October 2019, child protection teams screened 71.114 children and 13.273 of which were identified with protection needs.
- 6.441 screened children were referred to specialized services.  
In September/October period; Istanbul child protection teams screened 104 children (ALP students). 39 of which were in the 10-13 age range while 28 of them were between 0 to 5 years old. %52 of the screened children were boys and %48 of them were girls.

## 3. 2019 Overview

- The Co-chairs have presented the 2019 overview in relation to the ESSN TF meetings in all seven locations across Turkey. Topics that were discussed and statistics figures in relation to the attendees have been shared:
  - A total of 44 ESSN TF meetings were held in seven location.
  - 91 organisations are ESSN TF meetings' members
  - INGOs have the highest participation rate., 21 organisations have an attendance ratio of 86 %, 6 of those attended more than one location.
  - Meeting topics were determined as per members' requests and according to the latest developments.

## 4. ESSN Referrals Updates

ESSN referral mechanism presented to participants covering November 2016 -2019.

- WFP, TK Community Centre and Kızılaykart drew a clear picture of ESSN Referrals under 3 sections;
  - WFP - all types of referral cases
  - TK Community Centre - Only protection-based cases
  - TK Kızılaykart Referral & Outreach - referral cases under advocacy, sensitization and referral including protection referrals and access to basic services.
- Statistics and how these mechanism functions in ESSN is described in attached presentation.
- WFP has described how protection and referrals work under the ESSN Programme.
- WFP, TRC Protection and TRC Referral & Outreach teams presented their activities.
- WFP Field teams have identified and referred 2,193 cases as of Q3 2019 (more than 70.000 individuals). Main referral reasons are registration and ID related (27%) and access to health including medical equipment needs (27%). The province with most of the identified and referred cases is Istanbul with 17% of all cases.
- Since the beginning of the ESSN, TRC Referral & Outreach team have referred more than 47.000 cases to basic services and 5.200 to protection.

## 5. Q&A session

- Further details about the joint IOM and Türk Kızılay project, "Supporting the Survivors of Human Trafficking"  
*This project was implemented between November 2018 – June 2019, total beneficiary number reached 23 individuals. (Only woman and children). Total cash assistance amount distributed was 9.000,00 Euros. Gender breakdown of beneficiaries is % 83 females and % 15 males. Assistance amount was 80 Euros for woman and 32 Euros for children per month.*
- Further details on the handover process? What procedures are in place?  
*WFP will continue its regular operations until March 2020, including payments until. We already started handover meetings with IFRC. A road map was shared with concerned individuals from both organisations. Three units had started already handing over their operations and one of which is CBT which is responsible for cash transfers because the beneficiaries are the most important concern in all the programme and we want to make sure that*

*no payment is missed. WFP will continue the monthly payment in February and March. By March 2020 all units would have completed their handovers, but WFP will continue to work with IFRC in April, June and May to make sure everything is running on a regular manner and as smoothly as possible.*

*WFP coordination unit handover is scheduled by January 31<sup>st</sup> and the last ESSN TF cycle will be in February 2020.*

- CCTE Payment Cycle in September, nationwide CCTE has 445.775 beneficiaries who are entitled for Payment. November payment it is 381.993 and there is a big decrease what is the reason for?

*Details are mentioned in the presentation*

- People might refer back CCTE about updates on the cases

*Cases can be shared directly through the TRC call centre.*

- “Mutfakta Umut Var- Hope in the Kitchen” advertisement.

*This programme piloted in Ankara and Istanbul with a total of 120 participants.*

*WFP advertised the programme widely through different variant channels and highlighted that applications have already started and will continue until December 15th. The program includes 3 months of Chef Apprentice course training followed by 3 months of paid internships*

*After 3 months of period for internship, an agreement with İŞKUR took place for the benefit of beneficiaries. Distribution of the payments to beneficiaries (both Turkish and immigrants) will be done through e- card.*

- Protection cases follow up

*WFP is not a protection mandated agency hence we cannot do follow up of the cases to not waste resources and to respect each other’s mandate.*

## **Attachments:**

1. ESSN Task Force, ESSN Referral and CCTE Presentation

2. WFP MUV Project Leaflets