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### 3RP-Turkey Food Security and Agriculture Sector WG Meeting Minutes Thursday July 16, 2020 at 13:00hrs

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Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
<b>Briefing by MoAF on COVID-19 impact on Food Security and Agriculture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MoAF representative updated the sector members on the new COVID-19 measures taken in June. key highlights are as follows:</li><li>- MoAF is moving to a more digitized system for the benefit of the farmers/producers during COVID-19 pandemic. <b>Agriculture Forest Academic portal:</b> Ministry developed a new interactive training and informative portal during COVID-19 to provide farmers and producers with sustainable knowledge, information and training videos Farmers can receive trainings on more than 200 topics (such as vegetables, animal production, fertilization and food nutrition). Currently the platform is only available in Turkish language. <b>Digital Agriculture market portal:</b> It covers the entire food supply chain from food production to consumption. This platform will enable producers to increase their income by finding agriculture products with specific quality and consumers to access agriculture products cheaper. This platform requires users to create an account. Users will be able to benefit from the Bank support packages created within the scope of contractual agriculture. Currently there are over 4000 farmers registered to this system.</li><li>- Turkey is not facing any problems in food security as the plant production during COVID-19 and stocks are sufficient however, during these difficult times, resources are vital hence the approaches such as to recultivate the uncultivated lands are adopted.</li><li>- Abandoned and uncultivated lands would make approximately 2 million hectares in Turkey. In order to guaranty production in the field and in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and urban planning, Turkish farmers would be able to register to use those lands (1000 hector per farmer) with no charges for cultivating specific products (cereals, oil seeds and forged crops).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Agriculture Forest Academic portal link (<a href="https://akademi.tarimorman.gov.tr/">https://akademi.tarimorman.gov.tr/</a>)</li><li>- Directorate General of Agricultral Production link (<a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/</a>)</li><li>- Monthly Bulltetins link (<a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/BUGEM">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/BUGEM</a>)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoAF has continued its waste water study and the analysis in all 81 provinces. Istanbul was selected as a pilot province and samples were gathered from 81 provinces. The ministry has sent those samples to 250 waste water treatment plants for analysis. No cases of COVID-19 related to waste water contamination have been recorded.</li> <li>- Results from 52 cities have shown that Konya has the highest extent of virus followed by Istanbul. The results for the remaining cities will be obtained and analyzed in the upcoming period.</li> <li>- Agriculture product desks are producing monthly bulletins that show various data analysis and charts for different products. This could be helpful for agricultural farmers, producers and NGOs, link (<a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/BUGEM">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/BUGEM</a>).</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FSA sector IM update on regular and COVID-19 appeal (mid-year review including progress against sector indicators) by FSA sector IM focal point</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSA sector partners were updated on different information management activities related to the sector including mid year progress review of and 3RP appeal (original and under Covid-19). The total 3RP appeal 2020 is 1.17 billion USD, 37% of the requested appeal has been received so far, under the 3RP FSA sector appeal is 55 million USD and only 11% of the requested appeal is received.</li> <li>- A Mid-year progress Analysis on the original 3RP indicators of FSA sector in comparison to the achievements in 2019 and 2020 was given to the partners. As a result of COVID-19, the activities that required physical contact have been decreased compared to 2019 and income-generating activities observed an increase in 2020 compared to 2019.</li> <li>- The ActivityInfo and Service Advisor tools interface were shared with the partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Monthly Activity Dashboard Link: (<a href="http://www.refugeeinfoturkey.org">http://www.refugeeinfoturkey.org</a>)</li> <li>- Service Advisor Link: (<a href="https://turkey.servicesadvisor.org">https://turkey.servicesadvisor.org</a>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation by ATAA Organization on their COVID-19 project</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association gave a presentation on ATAA's field projects as a response to COVID-19 crises. ATAA is implementing 4 different projects in Sanliurfa for Syrians under Temporary Protection. <b><u>These projects include:</u></b></li> <li>- <b><u>Food Processing Project:</u></b> The project aims to support the resilience of Syrian women by promoting the economic empowerment for vulnerable women through supporting micro projects in addition to technical training and by providing marketing support to women for marketing their food products.</li> <li>- <b><u>Medical masks production Project:</u></b> This project aims to provide job opportunities for Syrian women by producing medical masks and distributing them to Syrian refugees and the host community in Urfa.</li> <li>- <b><u>Free Bread Distribution Project:</u></b> The objective of this project is to secure free bread for about four thousand families in Urfa for refugees and the host community and to provide job opportunities for 30 Turkish and Syrian workers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Food voucher distribution Project:</b> Due to Covid-19 pandemic, many Syrian families were affected and in order to support these families to meet their basic needs, ATAA started to provide food vouchers. The voucher value is 300 TL and the number of targeted families is 320 families according to the following vulnerability criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Families who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 crisis.</li> <li>▪ Women headed households (widows, divorced).</li> <li>▪ Families with disabled members and large families (more than 5).</li> </ul> </li> <li>- At the end ATAA shared with the participants some of the Lessons learned and challenges faced during the implementation of Covid-19 Projects.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Presentation by WHH on their online Nutrition Programme during COVID-19</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welthungerhilfe Organization (WHH) gave a presentation about their online Nutrition Programme during COVID-19.</li> <li>- The objective of the Nutrition Training was to increase beneficiaries' skills and knowledge about the nutritional value of foods, food quality, safety and hygiene and it was planned to be implemented through 20 interactive face-to-face sessions in Hatay and Mardin. However, because of Covid-19 pandemic and in order to deliver effective training while following all the protective measures to keep the beneficiaries safe, WHH decided to implement the trainings remotely/online.</li> <li>- In this regard, WHH conducted a quick survey to check the beneficiaries access to internet, prepared a beneficiary list and reached them through phone or via WhatsApp. The nutritionist recorded explanatory videos, modified the contents to suit the online platform, organised the trainings in both Turkish and Arabic languages, also conducted pre-test and post-test to measure the understanding of beneficiaries, at the end of the training the beneficiaries had a choice to contact the nutritionist directly to ask questions and to get a consultation.</li> <li>- WHH shared their lessons learnt and emphasized that training should be short but informative, not more than 30 minutes in total to keep the beneficiaries engaged and active. Videos should not exceed 50-60 MB in total for easy view and upload to YouTube., Post-test correct answers should be shared with beneficiaries to enable them to identify their incorrect answers and build their knowledge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AoB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New sector partners were introduced, Syria Relief recently Joined FSA sector with a view to start activities under FSA sector Turkey.</li> <li>- 3RP revision process completed during second week of June with contributions from all the sectors. FSA sector appeal under COVID response is 2,768,000m.</li> <li>- In June the sectors started the 3RP revision process just before the Brussels 4 conference, on supporting the future of Syria and the region, the sector partners contributed in preparations for Brussels 4 conference through sharing their success stories for media campaign that was organized by 3RP regional team during the conference. The Conference was held on 30 June with participation of humanitarian actors, CSO and NGOs.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were 4 sessions of the Days of Dialogue as well as a series of side-events with many of these events continuing until the Ministerial event on June 30. During the Ministerial event, CSO Rapporteurs conveyed to the Ministers key messages coming from 3RP.</li> <li>- Next STF meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> July with focus on 3RP mid-year progress review and we will also be updated on outcomes of B4 conference.</li> <li>- FAO, IFAD and UNDP together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, is conducting a quick assessment on “Covid-19 Impact on Agriculture, food security &amp; safety, and rural livelihoods in Turkey”. The report is expected to be available by end of August. The overall objective of the Assessment is to analyse the agri-food sector and resilience of rural communities and to help map and mitigate the critical impacts of COVID-19 through policy recommendations. Among the target groups are smallholder farmers and seasonal agriculture workers, as well as public and private institutions such as agriculture cooperatives, wholesalers and traders in food and agriculture sector. It is focusing on 5 provinces (Ankara, Konya, Adana, Mersin, and Gaziantep).</li> <li>- The report will come up with recommendations around Poverty Trends, Analyses of rural poor, Gender, Children and Youth, Labour market analyses (Working conditions, labour rights, informal workers, temporary seasonal agricultural workers) rural jobs and incomes.</li> <li>- FSA sector success stories bulletin will be published on quarterly basis with contributions from the sector partners, next bulletin will focus on success stories during COVID-19. Partners were requested to share their stories with FSA sector IM focal point before next FSA sector meeting in August.</li> </ul>	
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***Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of August i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> August***