



Basic Needs Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Location	30 January 2024, Hybrid Meeting
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Participating Agencies	
AHCSA, Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı, CARE International, Dünya Doktorları Derneği, El-Bir Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği, Genç Hayat Vakfı, IBC, ICMC, IOM, IRW, Karabağlar Belediyesi, İzmir Lider Kadın Derneği, MAAN, Pozitif Yaşam Derneği, SARD, SGDD-ASAM, Save the Children, Sevgi ve Kardeşlik Vakfı, Türk Kızılay, UNHCR, UNICEF, Violet Organisation, WFP, WHH, World Vision	
Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Welcome & Introductions2) 3RP Basic Needs Sector 2024 Appeal Analysis3) Program Updates<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) TRC/Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) SSN Updatesb) Program updates by partners4) Discussion on the way forward for BNWG in 2024<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Comprehensive discussion on updated BNWG meeting structure and frequencyb) Areas demanding more attention in 2024 such as interaction with municipalities, transition from basic needs to livelihoods opportunities, CBIs including MPCA and cash for rent, etc.5) AoB	
Action Points	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to register for new BNWG Mailing List• Co-chairs to share ToR and Workplan with members• Members to indicate the areas they can provide support on the 2024 Workplan	
Relevant Documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BNWG Terms of Reference• BNWG Draft Workplan• 3RP Basic Needs Appeal Dashboard	
3RP Basic Needs Sector 2024 Appeal Analysis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The IM team presented an analysis of the funding needs specified by BNWG partners for the 2024 3RP Appeal during the meeting.• Last year's earthquake response efforts were not included in this analysis since they were not reported under 3RP and no appeal was made.• Basic Needs Sector partners have identified a funding need of \$149 million for 2024, an increase from \$132 million in 2023, likely due to the needs highlighted by the earthquakes happened in Türkiye on February 6, 2023.	



- 24 Basic Needs Sector partners made an appeal for 2024, targeting provinces that are metropolitan areas, have high concentrations of Syrians and other beneficiary groups, were heavily affected by the earthquake, and their surrounding provinces.
- BN sector has two main objectives: the first covers direct humanitarian assistance programs in basic needs, and the second aims at resilience components supporting municipalities and public institutions. 22 institutions have planned activities for the first objective and called for \$118 million in funding, while 6 institutions have planned for the second objective and called for \$30 million.
- Indicator-based reviews have shown:
 - A rise in targets for shelter solutions (1.1.1) with 25,700 beneficiaries and about \$6.5 million in funding requests, mainly focused on the earthquake zone.
 - Generally low targets for transportation support (1.1.2), with reporting done in emergency situations like evacuation of shelters or camp-to-camp transfers, expecting fewer activities this year.
 - Cash-Based Assistance (1.2.1) is one of the activities that reach the most beneficiaries in the sector, with 11 institutions targeting over 1 million beneficiaries and calling for \$36 million in funding, mainly in earthquake-affected provinces.
 - A trend of decrease in in-kind assistance has been observed together with an increase in emergency situations like earthquakes for core relief items (1.2.2) with 10 institutions targeting 171,000 beneficiaries and about \$19 million in funding.
 - A significant increase in food assistance (1.2.3) targets for 2024, with 12 institutions calling for over \$30 million in funding for more than 2 million beneficiaries, focusing on the earthquake zone.
 - Distribution of hygiene kits (1.3.1) with 12 institutions targeting over 750,000 beneficiaries and about \$13 million in funding, especially in Hatay and generally in the earthquake zone.
 - Hygiene awareness sessions (1.3.2) with 10 institutions targeting over 460,000 beneficiaries and \$1.5 million in funding for 2024.
 - WASH-related (1.3.3) projects focusing almost entirely on the earthquake zone with 7 institutions targeting approximately 900,000 beneficiaries and over \$11 million in funding, focusing on infrastructure improvements and access to water and sanitation.
 - Transition to livelihoods opportunities (1.4.1) with 4 institutions targeting about 31,000 beneficiaries and \$650 million in funding for 2024, including programs for Kütahya, Konya, Kayseri, Sivas, Malatya, Adiyaman, and Hatay.
 - Strengthening municipalities' capacity to provide basic needs services (2.1.1) with 4 institutions focusing on the earthquake zone and calling for about \$7 million in funding to strengthen the capacity of 112 municipalities.
 - Support for municipalities' infrastructure (2.1.2) with 4 institutions calling for \$19 million in funding to support 67 municipalities in 2024.
 - Technical support for public institutions to provide inclusive services (2.1.3) with IOM calling for \$4 million in funding to support approximately 20 public institutions and organizations, with agreements with funding institutions and municipalities yet to be made.
- More detailed information on institutions planning activities in the Basic Needs Sector and related to the 2024 appeal can be accessed through [this appeal dashboard](#).

Program Updates

- The KızılayKart team will continue to participate in the BNWG Meetings and provide ESSN updates.
- Earthquake response projects Collective Kindness and Children First conducted in collaboration with WFP, IFRC, TRC, AFAD, and UNICEF have been completed.



- The Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE) project, started in November 2022, will continue under the Ministry of Family and Social Services until 2024.
- Following IFRC's withdrawal from the ESN program, the ESN and C-ESN projects will merge into one program and continue in 2024 with the Ministry of Family and Social Services.
- The food assistance project within the camps, a collaboration between WFP and TRC, will continue in 2024 in consultation with the Directorate General of Migration Management.
- **Dünya Doktorları Derneği** will continue distributing hygiene kits and providing hygiene awareness sessions in 2024, planning to be more active in the WASH sector without calling for funding under WASH.
- **ASAM** will continue its projects focused on cash-based and protection-oriented assistance in collaboration with various organizations, emphasizing cash-based assistance in 2024.
- **UNHCR**, despite not being a basic needs agency, has appealed for CRI and non-food items to enhance its emergency response capacity.
- **UNFPA** will continue its work on youth centers, safe spaces for women and girls, and hygiene kit distribution and awareness sessions in 2024.
- **Save the Children** plans to use a fund of \$1.8 million for multipurpose cash assistance in the earthquake-affected areas of Gaziantep, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay in 2024 and is seeking funds for winterisation assistance.
- **Lider Kadınlar Derneği** will continue distributing hygiene kits and providing cash support to individuals subjected to gender-based violence in 2024.
- **CARE** will implement a \$1 million budget project in Adana, Gaziantep, Kilis, and Şanlıurfa focusing on WASH, shelter, and rehabilitation, including household rehabilitation, security, and hygiene improvements, as well as the rehabilitation of primary health centers and 80 village schools, while continuing to provide infrastructure support to public institutions in 2024.
- **IBC** will continue its cash and food assistance programs in the earthquake zone after completing a needs analysis in the coming months.
- **IOM** is working on rehabilitation, kit distribution, and infrastructure support for local authorities, continuing food and hygiene kit distribution, and coordinating winter assistance.
- **WFP**, in collaboration with TRC, will continue cash-based support in camps and plans to include nearly 12,000 Afghans and Syrians affected by the earthquake in Malatya in the e-voucher program, and aims to establish a market in Üzümdalı camp in Hatay with ASAM.
- **SEVKAR** has been focusing on cash-based support and advisory services for Syrian refugees' access to services in Hatay/Kırıkhan since the earthquake and plans to provide informative sessions in container cities and tent areas.

Discussion on the way forward for BNWG in 2024

- To transition to a lighter coordination structure, BNWG meetings in Istanbul, Izmir, and Gaziantep have been suspended. Topics for Istanbul BNWG will be discussed within protection and intersectoral working groups, Gaziantep BNWG topics in specially created meeting groups for each area (WASH, shelter, CBI TWG, intersectoral/ABC), and Izmir BNWG topics will be covered in protection and intersectoral working groups. Meetings in Istanbul, Izmir, and Gaziantep can be organized if needed.
- Ankara BNWG meetings will be held bi-monthly.
- Parallel to the new meeting arrangement, the BNWG ToR has been updated and will be shared with BNWG partners. Partners' views and suggestions are very important for making BNWG more active and effective.
- The draft 2024 BNWG Work Plan was presented at the meeting and will be shared with BNWG partners. It is very important for partners to indicate areas they can support and provide feedback on activities that can be added to the document.
- For more information about the Work Plan, you can review the relevant slides.
- While partners initially did not propose any major changes, they mentioned the importance of monitoring projects currently being conducted in the field, especially in the context of external referrals, for the effectiveness of TRC'S



ESSN and other projects. Additionally, it was mentioned that the expected increase in WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) projects and transition to livelihood opportunities could be a priority for BNWG in 2024. The rehabilitation of damaged buildings and housing improvements are also issues that should be considered.

AoB

A new registration link for BNWG will be shared for partners with the purpose of updating the mailing list.