Basic Needs Working Group

July National Meeting Minutes

Date & Location	21 July 2022, National Virtual Meeting
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Participating Agencies

ASAM, GIZ, HRDF, IBC, IFRC, IGAMDER, IOM, MSYD, SEVKAR, TRC, UNFPA, UNHCR, WFP, WHH

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions *(5 min)*
2. Review Action Points & Share Announcements *(IA, 10 min)*
3. Present Summary of National Achievements *(IM, 10 min)*
4. Present Mid-Year Review Data Collection *(IM, 10 min)*
5. Share Programme Updates (*35 min)*
    a. Present ESSN and C-ESSN Updates *(IFRC/TRC & MoFSS, 10 min)*
    b. Programme Updates *(IOM, WFP & other partners if relevant 25 min)*
6. Discuss Municipal Coordination *(IA, 20 min)*
    a. Highlights of Municipal Coordination Event *(IA, 5 min)*
    b. Discussion: Needs and Next Steps *(all, 15 min)*
7. Present Household Expenditures in Türkiye *(IA, 10 min)*
8. Discuss Advocacy Note on Shelter Situation in Türkiye *(20 min)*
    a. Highlights of Field Meeting Discussions *(IA, 10 min)*
    b. Contributions and Comments by Partners *(all, 10 min)*
9. Present Guidance Note on Post-Distribution Monitoring in CBIs *(IA, 10 min)*
10. AOB *(5 mins)*

Action Points

1. The appealing partners to enter their relevant data for the 2022 mid-year review exercise on ActivityInfo by 4 August 2022, Thursday, CoB.
2. The invitation of the next ESSN TF meeting will also be disseminated through the BNWG.
3. UNHCR to provide the details of the November municipal coordination event in İstanbul when ready.
4. Partners to provide feedback/inputs on *BNWG Shelter Note: Refugees' Access to Shelter in Türkiye.*
5. The final version of *Inter-agency Summary Guidance Note on PDM in CBIs* to be shared with the BNWG when finalised.

Relevant Documents

- Presentation of July 2022 National BNWG Meeting
- Basic Needs Sector 2022 Mid-Year Review Form on ActivityInfo
- 2022 Mid-Year Review Data Collection Guidance – Video
- 2022 Mid-Year Review Data Collection Guidance – Note
- Mapping of Municipal Support by Partners
- Municipal Mapping Summary Note
- BNWG Shelter Note: Refugees' Access to Shelter in Türkiye
- Draft Inter-agency Summary Guidance Note on PDM in CBIs

Review Action Points & Share Announcements

- Ad-hoc meeting on WASH and hygiene kit distribution before the next regular meeting – TBC

Present Summary of National Achievements

- An overview of the national and Ankara AoR progress reported against the 3RP targets along with the current advancements with regards to specific indicators of significance in the current context were presented.
- For further details, please refer to the dashboards in the slides 6-12.
- Please contact the sector IM officer Özgür Savaşçıoğlu (savascio@unhcr.org) if you have any questions/comments.

Present Mid-Year Review Data Collection

- The mid-year review exercise aims to keep track of the progress of 2022 achievements against the sectoral targets, the current funding situation, and the expected achievement levels by the end of 2022 concerning the sectoral indicators that the partners appealed against.
- 2022 mid-year review data collection form on ActivityInfo can be accessed here.
- The video recording of the explanatory briefing on how to complete the form and the related step-by-step guidance note can be accessed via the provided links. Partners are encouraged to share these with their relevant colleagues.
- In case of any questions, please contact the Basic Needs sector coordination team.

Share Program Updates

a) Present ESSN and C-ESSN Updates

- The recent ESSN and C-ESSN updates were presented. For further details, please refer to the slides 14-25.
- Due to the ongoing economic challenges, **the ESSN transfer value has been increased from 155 TL to 230 TL as of June 2022.**
- There were six ESSN criteria and after three of these were shifted to C-ESSN in July 2021, ESSN had three criteria that were namely "single females, households with four or more children, households with a dependency ratio of 1.5 or above (dependents include children under 18, older people over 59 years.)." However, based on the need for a new targeting analysis, **the ESSN programme now includes only the adjusted dependency ratio criteria**.
- The upcoming ESSN TF meeting is planned to take place in either September or early October and its details will be shared when the exact date is determined.
- The invitation of the next ESSN TF meeting will also be shared with the BNWG members.

b) Programme Updates

IOM

c) IOM is providing shelter rehabilitation to over 800 shelters targeted in eight provinces including İzmir and some others in Eastern and Southeastern regions in Türkiye.

d) In addition, the provision of support through cash for shelter modality in Şanlıurfa and Hatay will ensue with a total targeted caseload of 60.

e) IOM has 10 basic needs-related projects across Türkiye with 15 thousand targeted beneficiaries from both refugee and host communities.

f) IOM targets to reach approximately 200 thousand individuals across Türkiye with relevant in-kind support activities.

g) They received requests from certain PDMMs such as those in İzmir and Kırklareli regarding the provision of with regards to distributing NFIs, hygiene kits and necessary clothing items in the context of assisting Ukrainian PoCs. IOM will provide this required support soon.

WFP

h) WFP provides in-camp food assistance to over 42 thousand beneficiaries.

i) They provided a top-up payment of 1300 TL in late Q1 considering the challenges faced by in-camp PoCs due to the overall economic challenges.

j) WFP's programme unit is currently in the process of discussing with the PMM the possibility of providing further support, devising contingency regulations for potential increases in the number of camp residents, Ukrainian PoCs etc.

k) WFP can share the conclusions agreed upon during their discussions with the PMM with the BNWG when finalised and if requested.

Discuss Municipal Coordination

l) Partners were encouraged to share their expectations regarding the planning of the next steps, especially with regards to the next national municipal coordination event that is planned to take place in December 2022, following up the dedicated regional level Marmara, Aegean and SET municipal coordination meetings.

Updates by UNHCR İstanbul

m) Municipalities gather once or twice a year to discuss refugees' inclusion and participation in municipal services through the related municipal coordination platform that UNHCR İstanbul helped to establish in 2018. For example, a technical meeting was recently conducted in June with attendance from 13 municipalities in Marmara region.

n) According to the regional feedback, inclusion of refugees in municipal services continue in a satisfactory way. However, ensuring the visibility of maintaining this positive trend in the run-up to 2023 elections may be challenging for municipalities in light of the increasing political polarisation and the related negative media discourses.

o) They are planning to organise substantial high-level events in November with the in-person participation of certain mayors in İstanbul. Further details can be shared when finalised in the next BNWG meeting.

Present Household Expenditures in Türkiye

- Global food prices have recently decreased a little; however, the current global price levels are still higher compared to the previous year. On the other hand, a similar decrease was not observed in Türkiye.
- The ongoing war in Ukraine and its inflationary repercussions on the prices of wheat and sunflower oil, which Türkiye imports in high levels from Ukraine, need to be considered when planning and determining the targets of future food assistance programmes.
- For further details, please refer to slides 43-52, and minutes of field meetings where this chapter was presented in details.

Discuss Advocacy Note on Shelter Situation in Türkiye

- BNWG Shelter Note: Refugees' Access to Shelter in Türkiye was presented.
- Access to shelter is becoming very challenging for the vulnerable refugee households, and they cannot access services unless they secure a shelter and register address.
- Basic Needs sector has been providing shelter support, enhancing physical conditions of the houses of refugees. This niche activity is limited in geographical coverage and number of reached households. This modality does not provide solution to households experiencing financial difficulties in paying rent nor the first-time renters.
- Shelter note provides an analysis of the current situation and provides possible solutions to sector and inter-sector partners. Self-reliance solutions and legal support are some of the sustainable solutions which would bring out positive outcomes in the mid and long-term, yet for the acute problem in accessing shelter cash-based interventions are seemingly the most effective options.
- Partners were encouraged to provide their feedback/input on the document before its endorsement in the coming meeting on 9 August.

Present Guidance Note on Post-Distribution Monitoring in CBIs
• The draft version of Inter-agency Summary Guidance Note on PDM in CBIs was shared with the participants. • The final version of the document will be shared with the BNWG once it is finalised and endorsed by the CBI TWG.
AoB
• The general ad-hoc BNWG meeting on the findings of 2022 Mid-Year Review will be on 9 August 2022, Tuesday at 14:00.