EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

18th April 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson(s)	Stuart Kefford – UNRC Office, Early Recovery Advisor Ali Ercan Özgür – Needs Map, Founder and Board of Directors
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/minutes review and ER Sector Review Exercise 2. Program updates (ER Sector Meeting in Hatay, Cash WGs updates sharing, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints) 3. World Bank Presentation: SECoP's Efforts on Earthquake 4. Reporting (Sit Rep, Mid Term Review, Operational Plan, Indicators) 5. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (40 Organizations/Agencies and 146 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bHax0cRGU04MN50EKBI8TwZmDXDE6LTAMc57Wxn8Ujs/edit?usp=sharing

UNDP Focal Points:

- Please kindly reach out to Miki Takahashi miki.takahashi@undp.org for your queries regarding the 3Ws, Partner's Funding Reporting, and Sector Indicators.
- Please kindly reach out to Semiha Bal semiha.bal@undp.org for your queries regarding the ER Sector Webpage, OCHA Sit Rep and overall coordination support.

1. Intro/minutes Review and ER Sector Review Exercise

- The meeting agenda items were presented; and ER participants were requested to provide suggestions for any updates or inputs to integrate to the agenda items.

- **An online Survey on ER Sector Review** took place on 18th April with participations of 26 respondants who were presenting in the ER sector meeting on the same day. The survey results point out an overall satisfaction with the current governance of the Early Recovery sector coordination.
- Effectiveness of work with the local authorities as well as their participation are not scored high enough. The survey results display the necessity of a more meaningful engagement with local authorities. Some of the meeting participants provided several suggestions on getting feedbacks of the local authorities and communities.
- Feedback mechanism should seek satisfaction level of the local authorities and communities with interventions, how they see the gaps or needs, their recommendations on the way of response, and their understandings on the resources offered by UN and other agencies and etc.
- **Following comments** raised by the participants:
  - **Ms. Nazlı Avşaroğlu** from the **Habitat Association** proposed that, in order to take policy action, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry representatives and representatives from local authorities should be involved in the ER sector meetings.
  - **Ms. Meryem Aslan** from **OXFAM** proposed that consulting with local authorities whether they are satisfied with the interventions framed by ER sector to understand where they see gaps, needs and how the response can be delivered effectively.
  - **Ms. Sara Asadifar** from **UNHCR** suggested that there is a need to understand the perspective of the local authorities in each EQ affected province to respond to the needs and gaps effectively. Capacity building for intervention might be identified from the perspectives of the local authorities.

    - **Action Point:** Participants agreed on the preparation of a concept notet on engagement with the local authorities and community.

2. Program updates (ER Sector Meeting in Hatay, Cash WGs updates sharing, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints)

- **Mr. Ali Ercan Ozgur** shared the updates from **Needs Map:**
  - After conducting the brainstorming workshop, **Regional Recovery and Development Centers (RRDCs)** in Gaziantep and Adana are operationalizing. PwC is also providing support for the process.
  - The Needs Assessment report is about to be finalized. The overall analysis of all assessments conducted in the region will be integrated into the literature review of the report.
  - A meeting was held with the American Chamber of Commerce about working areas. FAO also attended the meeting to discuss agriculture as an emergency issue while it has been discussed how people buy from local producers and how to make this transition possible.

- **Adıyaman and Hatay ER Hub meetings:** The Hatay meeting focused on transportation, agriculture, and SMEs. The critical needs of these provinces were highlighted as the following:
  - SMEs are trying to continue with small financial support. 1800 SMEs are in the region and half of them lost their working spaces after the earthquake.
  - Milk farmers need to restore the cold chain to maintain supplies. There is also a need to replenish generators that have been damaged or destroyed and provide support for marketing and sales. It would also be useful to invest with small grants to restore barns

and animal storage/housing after their destruction and damage. Raw milk production is decreasing, and cheese can be made from milk as a short-term solution. Need for a cold chain for the milk.

- There are special transportation needs for people with disabilities. The issues have been discussed in ER sector Hatay hub meetings, but the conversation is still focused on the problem rather than the solution. It will be useful to have a dedicated creative thinking session with a limited number of the most relevant partners (authorities, agencies, NGOs) to identify exactly what can be done to support transport options.
- New spaces are needed to replace the demolished workplaces. It is possible to work in containers, but there is no possibility to work in tents since the machines work with high temperatures.
- There is no transportation for the special needs of families. There is no access to hospitals. They are also unable to travel to and from the hospital in the city. They can only meet their needs with the vehicles of their relatives or relatives. As above, it will be useful to have a dedicated creative thinking session with a limited number of the most relevant partners (authorities, agencies, NGOs) to identify exactly what can be done to support transport options.
- The transportation lines opened have been made suitable for the use of disabled individuals, but the need continues. The public transport system is not organized. The possibility of establishing a privately organized transportation system with cash support or partnerships could be one option. On a smaller scale communities could establish a forum for car-pooling and sharing rides.
- There is a need for feed in the livestock sector and fertilizer for production in the agricultural sector. It is important to bring FAO into the conversation to take the lead.
- **Early Recovery Hub meetings in Hatay and Adıyaman** are held every Thursday in OCHA tents in both provinces. The Hatay meeting is held between 11:30-13.00 and the Adıyaman meeting is held between 16.00-17.30.
    - **Action Point:** More participants from the private sector and government representatives are encouraged to join Adıyaman ER Hub Meetings for supporting the efforts in the field. Participation is critical to understanding the needs of the region.
- Ms. Meryem Aslan from Oxfam pointed out that the important question of whether there is any data on SMEs and what is missing and what is needed needs much more attention. She mentioned that the employment is an important aspect of livelihood. It is important to keep people in the region. If the industry continues to work, the SMEs could continue to exist in the value chain and their job continuity.
- **Action Point:** It was agreed that Meryem Aslan from Oxfam, Semiha Bal from UNDP and few other colleauges through a nomination will continue the discusson to formulate a written plan and proposal on supports for the employment and SMEs.

- **Continuity Plan:** Based on the resources available, the Flash Appeal will come to an end on the 17th of July.
    - **Action Point:** Discussion and formulation of continuity plans after OCHA's involvement are needed.

- **Cash WGs provided key updates:** Joint-Cash Assistance by IFRC, WFP and TRC has been launched. Cash for Work had an initiative to get sectoral actors including ER WASH, food

security, livelihood and shelter to collectively create a guidance for Cash for Work. UNHCR and IOM started complementary cash for work programs which focus on refugees. UNHCR will target 15000 households while IOM 5000 households through this program.

- **Action Point:** Intersectoral Protection and Inclusion Mainstream Workshop will be conducted. Any partner interested in attending can contact to Cash WG coordination team.

- **I4D Digital Platform** is close to being finalized with 52 enterprises registered - sosyalzincir.org.
  - By registering on the platform buyers can procure from local producers. If a buyer needs to buy a product from the existing stock, there is a registration form on the website that should be filled out. Then the call center will reach out to the potential buyer and inform them about the stock availability.
  - **Action Point:** If there are any issues on the website, participants can contact Ms. Soğancılar for improvement: hande.sogancilar@i4d.com.tr

3. World Bank Presentation: SECoP's Efforts on Earthquake Response (15 mins including Q&A)

- **World Bank & SECoP's Efforts on Earthquake Response: Ms. İmren Arslanoğlu** from the **World Bank** introduced the community of practice tool for information and experience sharing platform through **Social Entrepreneurship Community of Practice (SECoP)** with its 700 members from 300 organizations from NGOs, private sector and public agencies. SECoP seen as a tool for identifying problems and creating solutions all together. There is a great potential for women cooperatives and social economy as part of recovery.

- On the prospect of funding mechanisms by the WB, a remarkable financial support is expected from the WB and the discussions are ongoing with government agencies. Some will be for the ongoing projects with local authorities and ministries and some will cover new projects. Additionally, **the Social Entrepreneurship, Empowerment and Cohesion Project (SEECO)** is already financing some organizations under the Ministry of Industry and Technology.

  - The World Bank is organizing weekly meetings for SECoP members. They have several community channels such as SECoP newsletters, broadcast audiences as well as social media updates.
  - With the participation of Miki Takahashi (UNDP) and OECD representatives in the initial meeting, SECoP adjusted its interventions for earthquake response since the role of social economy and social enterprises in emergencies are very important.
  - The second meeting in April focused on the interactions among members to explain what they have been doing in the region since the earthquake.
  - As a finding, there is a great potential for women cooperatives and social economy as part of recovery.
  - **Action point:** Partners can email to Ms. Arslanoğlu to be a member of SeCop at iarslanoglu@worldbank.org and sign up for the newsletter via secopnewsletter@worldbank.org.

- **Mr. Ali Ercan Ozgur** from Needs Map raised the issue of livelihood through the cooperatives in the region. IDEMA works with the BERİ and Ahenk Cooperatives. Supporting women cooperatives is critical for social economy and livelihood.

4. Reporting (Sit Rep, Mid Term Review, Operational Plan, Indicators)

- Sit Rep inputs are reminded. Please kindly find the link for the online tool to capture your inputs for OCHA Sit Rep CoB every Tuesday **(Column M and N is allocated for your Sit Rep inputs)** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H9I05M8r8sQ_4w860AC87VkK46EgmDY-/edit#gid=209459556
- Mid-term review report was published on the relief web: https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/turkiye-humanitarian-needs-and-response-overview-interim-update-published-11-april-2023
- Response Monitoring Framework for activity info was reminded.

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- Adıyaman Industry Development Center will be established by collaboration within an organized industrial zone.
  - **Action Point:** If there are any participants who work with SMEs and cooperatives, please kindly contact with Birbey Kılınççı birbey@inogar.coop. Any agencies who are willing to invest 30.000 TL for SME support are invited to connect.
  - **Action Point:** ER Team might be added to the agenda item about what government, municipalities and chambers have been doing since the earthquake.
- Next meeting will be conducted on the **25th of April between 13.30 to 15.30**.
- **Useful Links**

EQ Early Recovery Sector Webpage	https://response.reliefweb.int/turkiye/early-recovery-sector
Link for 3Ws	Turkiye Earthquake Reponse 3W - Who is Doing What Where? (humanitarianresponse.info)
Link for sharing ongoing/competed assessments.	Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool/Kurumlar Arası Analiz Anketi Toplama Aracı (unhcr.org)
Partner's funding reporting	Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal 2023 | Financial Tracking Service (unocha.org)
Link for UNHCR Türkiye Earthquake Response: Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool	https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/275?sv=4&geo=113
EQ Turkiye Early Recovery Sector (Email Group)	tr.earlyrecovery@undp.org