EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

16th March 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator Ali Ercan Ozgur - Needs Map, Founder and Board of Directors
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/minutes review 2. ER Reporting 3. Updates from 9 May-EQ Transition Workshop 4. Assessments taking place ➢ Needs Map Report Presentation (15 Mins Including Q&A) ➢ SMEs Assessment 5. Program updates (Updates form ER Sector Meeting in Hatay and Adıyaman, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints) 6. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (41 Organizations/Agencies and 149 individuals are registered into ER Sector) Partner List:

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

1. Intro/minutes review

- The meeting began with a welcome to attendees and a presentation of the meeting agenda.
- The previous week's meeting minutes were reviewed.
- A technical working group on environmental and debris management has been established and is currently being organized. The next meeting will be on May 26th, and invitations will be sent out.
- Mr. Ali Ercan Özgür from Needs Map provided an update on the RRDCs. The physical structures of the Centers are scheduled to be completed in June. A Task Force has been

established, and the strategy document is being prepared. A workshop on institutional structure and business plans will be held in Gaziantep in the first half of June.

2. ER Reporting

- **Ms. Miki Takahashi** from **UNDP ER Sector Team** provided updates on reporting. The SitRep has now moved on to activity info. Ms. **Takahashi** informed participants about the Activity Info online system.
- Only 2 partners have reported their activities. ER sector is reviewing the indicators so that it will reflect partners' activities in consultation with OCHA.
- A Youtube video link has been shared regarding the ActivityInfo Training & Clinic Session for Turkiye Earthquake Response 2 May 2023.
  - Link for the training video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-aUXgFzSn4)
- FTS updates 353.4 mil dollars (35%) funded / ER Sector US 7.8 mil dollars (5.2%)
  - **Action Point**: CBI TWG-conducting market survey is next week. Partners who are interested please contact **Mr. Ahmet Ünver** from **UNHCR at** unver@unhcr.org.

3. Updates from 9 May-EQ Transition Workshop

- A transition workshop was held on Tuesday, May 16th, with 32 participants to discuss the next steps and lessons learned from the work that has been done so far.
  - The workshop was a good mix of UN, IFRC/TRC UNHCR, and Turkish NGOs, and there was cordial and active participation.
  - The focus of the workshop was on self and collective assessment of leadership, coordination, operational delivery, and cross-cutting issues.
  - Good work on localization, funding, the "leaving no one behind" approach, targeting the most vulnerable, and government engagement were also discussed.
- UN Agencies will meet on May 24 in Ankara to discuss the earthquake response. Localization with local NGOs and national groups is a critical topic of discussion. Ms. Eser Pirgan Matur from the UN shared inputs from the transition workshop.
  - The workshop focused on coordination and programming focused on needs.
  - Funding, resource mobilization, and localization perspective were discussed.
  - These topics were selected based on the priorities of the participants' discussions on May 24.
  - Plans will be developed over a longer period, like two to three years.
  - Decisions will be clarified next week.
- 80% of ER participants expect to receive funding in mid-May. This means that there is a need to continue coordinating the ER sector.
- ER Sector Hub meetings are currently taking place in Hatay and Adıyaman, but there is a strong request to set up one in Kahramanmaraş. The UNDP and the Needs Map are working to establish a hub in Kahramanmaraş by the end of May.
  - **Action point:** The ER meetings will be organized biweekly to accommodate the time constraints of participants and the number of issues that need to be addressed.

- Ms. Gökçe Bayrakçeken shared inputs that the Turkish Federation of Women association is going to make purple spaces around the provinces. Local women NGOs can be reached and encouraged to be more active in this process.
    - **Action Point:** Ms. Bayrakçeken suggested connecting KEDV and UNDP ER team to be part of the hub meetings.

4. Assessments taking place

Needs Map Report Presentation on the Post Disaster Needs Analysis Report

- **Mr. Ali Ercan Özgür** from the **Needs Map** delivered a presentation about **the Post Disaster Needs Analysis Report** final version. Please kindly apply to the attached PPT folder for further information about the presentation.
- The following points raised by the ER Sector Participants:
    - **Ms. Sinem Çapar Dirioz** from **UNICEF** raised the question that is it still possible to add a children's headline as a subtopic for the report. The Needs Map stated that they would be happy to get UNICEF's input on the report regarding the raised issue and the relevant colleague from NP will contact UNICEF.
    - Questions from **Ms. Eser Prigan Matur from the UNRC**:
        - (i) According to the presentation, 96,000 buildings have been destroyed, but there are others to be demolished, and the budgeted figure and the volume of debris probably corresponds to 96,000. (ii) And does this mean that 1.5 million women and girls in the affected areas are living in temporary settlements, because the population of the region is obviously much higher, and then slightly larger. (iii) The last question raised is how to monitor the recovery process in the region.
    - The answer to the raised questions:
        - Yes, it is important to consider the economic losses of the future when monitoring the recovery process.
        - By estimating the economic losses of the future, it is possible to get a better understanding of the scale of the challenge that needs to be addressed. This information can then be used to make decisions about how to allocate resources and prioritize recovery efforts.
        - The data on women and girls who live in temporary settlements is also important to monitor. This data can be used to identify the needs of women and girls in the affected area and ensure that they are receiving the support they need.
        - The monitoring of the recovery process is a complex task, but it is essential to ensure that the recovery effort is as effective as possible. By using a variety of methods and tools, it is possible to track the progress of the recovery process and identify any challenges or problems that need to be addressed.

- Ms. Garcia Cienfuegos from UNHCR raised the important issue of refugees and persons with specific needs or vulnerabilities. These individuals may be particularly affected by the earthquake, and it is important to ensure that they are not forgotten in the recovery effort. The report should include a section that focuses on these groups and their needs.

- Ms. Bayrakçeken from UNDP commented about the gender section. The report should be inclusive of all genders, and it should be sensitive to the different needs of men, women, boys, and girls. The report should also include data on how the earthquake has affected different groups, disaggregated by gender, age, and nationality.

- Mr. Revel from the UNDP stated that the data collection cutoff date and the critical gaps in capacity are also important. The report should include information about when the data collection was cut off, and it should identify any critical gaps in capacity that need to be addressed in order to ensure a successful recovery.

- Mr. Clerc from UNDP ER Team pointed out the migration of skilled workers is also important. The earthquake has caused a significant number of people to migrate, and this has had a negative impact on the economy of the region. The report should include a section that focuses on the migration of skilled workers and how this can be addressed in the recovery effort.

- Ms. Aslan from UN Women offered contributing to the report to improve the gender perspective is welcome from UN Women side. The report should be inclusive of all genders, and it should be sensitive to the different needs of men, women, boys, and girls.

SMEs Assessment

- Mr. Clerc stated that the SME assessment is not so much about doing another assessment, as needs assessments have already been done. Instead, the goal is to gather information about specific sectors and how they have been affected by the earthquake, without duplicating the work that has already been done.

  - The meeting between TURKONFED and UNDP, which was planned for this week, has been postponed.
  - The UNDP ER team and the Needs Map are working on collecting data for the SME assessment and future steps about the SMEs.
  - Action Point: If participants have better ideas or funds for SME support, they are kindly asked to contact the UNDP ER team to develop the idea together.

5. Program updates (Updates form ER Sector Meeting in Hatay and Adıyaman, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints, WEHA and Cash WG updates)

- There are some fundings to support the municipality of Adıyaman, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş for setting up semi temporary structures to deliver services for persons, persons with disabilities or elderly people. This is not reported by the UNDP ER team, but they are working on it. The service is going to happen over the coming weeks and months.

- It has already started working with women cooperatives to stimulate women entrepreneurships but also for supply chain in Hatay and Adıyaman.
- Debris Management will be reinforced with new experts joining the UNDP Team in early June.
- **Ms. Semiha Bal** from **UNDP ER Sector Coordination Team** shared updates on the last Hatay and Adıayaman ER Hub Meetings.

Hatay ER Hub Meeting

- The situation and needs of the soup kitchens in Antakya were discussed. There are a lot of logistical and material shortcomings, and the UNDP ER Team had to clarify the ER sector segmentation and refer kitchen representatives to the FSL sector for better engagement with the sector partners.
- The electricity power cut issue was raised by women cooperatives representatives present in the Hub meeting. The UNDP ER Team connected representatives from the cooperative with ILO officials for better follow up as ILO is also planning to implement local projects aiming cooperative support inside.
- East Mediterranean Development Agency (DOĞAKA) was aiming to map 30 Women cooperative actively working in Hatay.

Adıyaman ER Hub Meeting

- Debris removal was the main issue, and it was pending issue due to the upcoming election.
- ASAM was part of the meeting to share the project details. It has already started the assessment process. The project aims at providing 100 individuals employability, and strong cooperation with the municipality. Field assessment has already started. The WFP is the founding partner of the organization for that project. The initial aim is to create employment opportunities for three months for the target group.
- Another interesting project ASAM shared is about to start with UNICEF aiming to build up two hubs, including child friendly spaces where PSA is to be provided. The project is for a six-month period. The details will be clarified in the upcoming meetings.
- Local Civil Society Initiation presented at the meeting. They started a mapping study targeting local cooperatives in Adıyaman. They have already mapped 16 cooperatives in the mapping platform. They called themselves the technological collective and will be working on the platform to utilize the best version of the platform. The tobacco cooperatives can also be included in the mapping, but the stand of the government should be analyzed.
- Another essential issue that was brought to attention was the local shops. Markets are not able to work properly because civil society organizations and humanitarian organizations are providing food. They are not able to make profit by selling products and there was a kind of interesting idea replicating one initiative inside the idea of building up a flavor street in order to promote selling local flavors.
- The discussion included the possible participation of the private sector in these local hubs. The UNDP ER team and the Needs Map are going to work on it.

- Ms. Philippe Clerc from the UNDP ER team highlighted the importance of continuity of established coordination mechanisms and networking with people to understand needs and find solutions.

6. AOB

- Next meeting will be held on the 30th of May between 13.30 to 15.30. The tentative agenda will be shared via email.
- Tentative Agenda for the next week's meeting (30th of May)

  1. Intro/minutes review

  2. ER Reporting

  3. Assessments taking place

  4. Updates from Transition Meeting – by Stuart Kefford, ER Advisor

  5. Çekül Foundation Presentation on Cultural Heritage (15 mins including Q&A)

  6. KEDEV Presentation (tbc-15 mins including Q&A)

  6. Program updates (Updates form ER Sector Meeting in Kahramanmaraş, Updates from Environment TWG, ER Sector Needs, Activities, Gaps and Constraints, WEHA and Cash WG updates)

  7. AOB

- **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