EARLY RECOVERY SECTOR

Minutes of Meeting

14th June 2023, from 13.30 -15.30hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson	Philippe Clerc - UNDP, Early Recovery Sector Coordinator Sait Çetin - Needs Map, Field Coordinator
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/minutes review 2. ER Reporting 3. WEHA Checklist and Upcoming workshop 4. TOBB Presentation on TOBB's activities for SMEs, manufacturers etc. in the EQ Region (15 mins including Q&A) 5. KEDV Presentation on field interventions (15 mins including Q&A) 6. AAP (Accountability to Affected People) Task Team Presentation (15 mins including Q&A) 7. Program Updates 8. AOB

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Link to see up-to-date EQ ER Members (41 Organizations/Agencies and 150 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 **CBI Working Group** presented the results of their **market survey** today. The survey is essential as the earthquake response is transitioning from non-food items to cash. This will help individuals and businesses get the cash they need to meet their needs and revitalize the local economy.
  - **Action Point:** We will make sure that the presentation or report will be disseminated to the members of the early recovery sector.
- Needs Map continues working on the **Regional Recovery and Development Center** in Gaziantep in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and UNDP.
  - A full **workshop** will be held on **June 16** to introduce the RRDC's mission and business plan in the region.
  - The physical structure of the center will be completed and fully activated between July and August.
- The ER sector's **environmental technical working group** meets every two weeks on Fridays. The meeting discusses issues related to chemicals, debris issues, as well as snakes, and scorpions. The municipalities are responsible for these issues, and the environmental working group serves as a coordination mechanism. Public information about snakes/scorpions and pests is going to be developed in coordination with municipalities.
- **Red UK** will conduct a **five-day training on needs assessments** in Gaziantep. The training will cover how to perform and evaluate rapid needs assessments in emergencies and how to use participatory approaches. The meeting invitation has been shared with the ER members.

2. ER Reporting

- The **reporting period** for May has ended, but we have not yet received reports from all partners. We would appreciate it if you could send us a **narrative of your activities for the month**. We will use this information to complete the reporting.
- The **Humanitarian Response Overview reporting period** is now open (it is the final one). Three new indicators have been added to the activity info, and only one new partner has been reported. OCHA has confirmed that partners can report against the new indicators since the beginning of the earthquake.
    - The deadline for reporting is **June 16**.
- The sector will update the activities listed in the **activity info using the snapshot form**. However, only a few partners have reported to the form. Need to report about how many assessments have been done or how many businesses have been connected through our partners' meetings or activities.
    - If you have re-purposed funding from other activities to the earthquake response, and the activities are listed in the ER sector, please report to the ER indicators.
- The **humanitarian transition overview (summary of the main partners activities for the EQ response)** will be completed by the end of July. **The LNOB report** has been shared with partners for input and will be used for the humanitarian transition overview document.
- FTS updates: The total amount requested is US$425.5 million, and 42.3% of this has been funded. The ER sector has received **US$9.8 million, which is 7% of the total amount requested**.
- All NGOs and INGOs operating in Turkey are required to be r**egistered with the Turkish government**. This registration process is necessary to ensure that NGOs and INGOs are operating in accordance with Turkish law. NGOs and INGOs that are **accredited** in Turkey are also required to report to the activity info/reporting mechanisms. This reporting is necessary to ensure that NGOs and INGOs are transparent about their funding resources and activities.
- MFA may investigate INGOs operating in Turkey but not yet accredited **channeling funding to local partners**.
    - This is a complex issue, as there are potential negative impacts on local partners. OCHA is to assess the situation and any negative impacts.
- When OCHA leaves Turkey, they want to ensure that the "Leave No One Behind" document is complete. This document is a comprehensive plan to ensure that the most vulnerable people affected by the earthquake are reached by humanitarian assistance.
    - OCHA is working with partners to gather data and information to complete the document. The data contribution from partners will be very beneficial to the completion of the document.

3. WEHA Checklist and Upcoming Workshop

- The Gender Considerations and Minimum Standards of Accountability in Early Recovery Action training session will be delivered by the ER Gender Team on **19th of June from 14:00 to 15:30** online in Turkish with no translation facility.
    - In the first part of the session "**the Early Recovery Sector Gender Checklist**" prepared by the **WEHA** (Women Empowerment in Humanitarian Action) WG will be presented and discussed.

- In the second part, the minimum standards and indicators for gender responsive ER programming will be introduced with the aim of introducing the gender aspects of ER sector issues and response as well as attain a common understanding about how to use the gender indicators.
- The **invitation f**or the training has been disseminated by the ER Sector and WEHA WG:

- UN Women will continue coordinating the WEHA WG.

4. TOBB Presentation on TOBB's Activities for SMEs, Manufacturers

- **Mr. Cahit Ceren from TOBB** delivered a presentation on TOBB's **activities for SMEs, manufacturers, and other stakeholders in the earthquake region.**
- The presentation covered TOBB's activities related to the earthquake, including damage assessments, the permanent housing campaign, and future and ongoing projects.
  - For more information on the presentation, please refer to the attached presentation, which is available alongside these minutes.
  - TOBB's **research report**, "**Effects of February 6 Earthquakes on Business World"** (in Turkish) will be shared with the ER partners.

5. KEDV Presentation on Field Interventions

- **Ms. Didem Demircan from OXFAM KEDV** delivered a presentation on **KEDV's earthquake-related interventions in the field.**
- The presentation covered the following topics: KEDV Women's Cooperatives Movement; Women-led Economic Development; Women-led Building of Disaster Resilient Communities; Earthquake Response Program and Rebuilding Lives; Support to Businesses of Micro-Entrepreneur Women
  - For more information on the presentation, please refer to the attached presentation, which is available alongside these minutes.

6. AAP (Accountability to Affected People) Task Team Presentation

- **Ms. İpek Miscioğlu from UNHCR** delivered a presentation on **Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and Early Recovery Linkages**.
- The presentation covered the following topics: Definition of AAP; Background on AAP Task Team in Türkiye Earthquake Response; Main Messages of the Task Team; Assessments; Priorities; Updates on AAP Task Team Action Plan
  - For more information on the presentation, please refer to the attached presentation, which is available alongside these minutes.

7. Program Updates

- **Ms. Semiha Bal from UNDP** shared **main highlights from the ER Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş Hub** meetings.
- Early Recovery Sector Adıyaman meeting was held on 13th June between 11:00 and 12:30, together with the Needs Map.
  - The Ministry of Technology shared updates from the **SEECO** (Social Entrepreneurship, Empowerment and Adaptation Project) project at the meeting.

- The project was planned before the earthquake with a budget of approximately **$39 million**. The project is still being implemented after the earthquake. The **Silk Road Development Agency** is one of the main partners of the project.
- Within the scope of the project, **41 social enterprises in Adıyaman**, 169 social enterprises in Gaziantep and 135 social enterprises in Kilis will be supported. Priority will be given to women entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 60. A call for grants will be made next week within that context.
- The project has been criticized for supporting fewer initiatives in Adıyaman.

- The **Adıyaman Rotary Club** informed that they built **two schools.** One of the schools was completed, but they were unable to solve the infrastructure problem. Therefore, they were unable to activate the schools. In addition, they built one hospital, but the opening of the hospital could not be realized because there was congestion in the process with the Ministry of Health. In this sense, they asked for our coordination support.
- *ASAM* started a **project in Adıyaman with WFP.** As part of this project, they will start by hiring 150 people. Recruitments will be made in areas such as cookery driver, assistant cook, and human resources expertise. Recruitment processes have begun. 20% of the beneficiaries are refugees and 80% are host communities.
- **Young Life Foundation**, together with the **Empower Foundation,** mentioned that they have technological literacy, software, and coding training projects for women's cooperatives. **Psychosocial support** and e-commerce training will be provided to women's cooperatives in Besni.
- The **Basic Needs Association (TIDER)** mentioned establishing a **food bank and living space** in Adıyaman.
- **FAO** conducted a **needs analysis in 11 provinces** with the Ministry of Agriculture.

- The **Kahramanmaras hub ER** meeting was held on 7th of June on the AFAD Kahramanmaraş premises.
  - The **Provincial Directorate of Agriculture** stated that they will share support for farmer organizations and cooperatives in need of assistance. They **provide support for repairing the barns of farmers** whose barns were destroyed after the earthquake and provide feed support.
    - There are **106 agricultural development cooperatives** in Adıyaman. 50 cooperatives are forest cooperatives and there are 8 women's cooperatives. Women’s cooperatives need nurseries for their children and forestry cooperatives need machinery and equipment support. They provide funding support, and they increased the support from 50% to 75% in the post-earthquake period.
  - **OXFAM KEDV** carry out post-disaster activities. They are working on WASH in the post-earthquake period, they are interested in the distribution of hygiene kits, the establishment of toilets and bathrooms, they have established women's and children's centers, and they support women's cooperatives both in consultancy and marketing.
  - **ELAF** association shared that they distributed hygiene kits and tents.

- **SGDD-ASAM** stated that there is a support staff employment project for Kahramanmaraş for asylum seekers under temporary protection. They have a joint employment project with **WFP**.
    - Within the scope of this project, they provide employment in the manufacturing and textile sector, 80% of this **employment** is Turkish and 20% of this employment includes SuTP.
- **Support to Life** provided **Protection, MHPSS, WASH** interventions as well as **Hygiene** and food packages were distributed.
- **Turkey Local Humanitarian Forum** is trying to bring local initiatives together with grants and funds. This forum covers Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya and currently has **70 members**.
- **Turkish Employment Agency** (ISKUR) shared that within the scope of the **Community Benefit Program** (TYP- https://www.iskur.gov.tr/is-arayan/aktif-isgucu-programlari/toplum-yararina-programlar-typ/), individuals affected by the earthquake are included and that it provides employment for **6-9 months.** Approximately **8200 people** have benefited from the program since the earthquake.
- Lastly, Kahramanmaraş Union of Chambers of Tradesmen and Craftsmen shared that within the scope of **IMEP,** the program to increase employment within the scope of quality vocational training which is covering 60% Syrians under temporary protection and 40% host community. The **shoemaking, textile and furniture sectors** were severely damaged. The bazaars of wood carvers were destroyed. They stated that they need repair, renovation, machinery, and equipment support.

8. AOB

- Next meeting will be conducted on the July 4th 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
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