ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SECTOR (EE)

Sectoral Meeting Minutes

4th June 2024, from 14.00 -15.30 hrs.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chairs	Miki Takahashi - UNDP, Economic Empowerment Sector Co-Coordinator Ertan Aktan - FAO, Portfolio Coordinator
Agenda of the Meeting	1. Intro/Minutes review 2. EQ Coordination Updates- Summer plan, ABC and Hub meetings 3. Studies: a. Post-EQ Neighbourhood & Site Mapping Round 4 (IOM) b. Stipends guidance note (ILO) 4. Reporting 5. Partners' updates 6. AOB

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➢ Intro; EQ Coordination Updates- Summer plan, ABC and Hub meetings

Sector partners have been informed on the **Economic Empowerment Sector Summer Plan Draft Summary**

For the EQ Economic Empowerment Sector Funding Required: $10,057,459

Goal: Support earthquake-affected farmers in Turkiye during the summer months to improve food security and economic recovery.

Key Activities Identified for the Summer Plan:

- Storage and Preservation: Build cold storage and drying facilities to reduce post-harvest losses of perishable goods.
- Agricultural Inputs: Provide farmers with seeds, fertilizers, and equipment to jumpstart planting seasons and improve yields.
- Market Access and Supply Chain: Reconnect farmers to markets through logistics support, infrastructure rebuilding, and marketing campaigns.
- Training and Capacity Building: Offer training on modern farming methods, pest management, and resilience building.
- Financial Assistance: Facilitate access to credit through loans and grants, along with financial literacy training.

Targeting Collaborate with local authorities to identify priority areas and beneficiaries, ensuring support complements existing government initiatives.

Updates has been shared on the ABC coordination mechanism; current mechanism is ending in June 2024

- The UN Country Team (UNCT) has established a transition task force, including government and NGO representatives, to evaluate the need for a continued coordination mechanism for the next six months.
- The long-term goal is to streamline the existing three coordination mechanisms (earthquake, 3RP, UNSDCF framework) into a single framework by 2026.
- A transition period is expected in 2024.
- The task force is currently drafting a plan.
- Action Items:
    - Once the plan is drafted, further information will be shared.
    - A survey was conducted to assess the need for general coordination (beyond sector-specific needs).
    - The UNCT will decide on the future of the coordination mechanism based on the task force recommendations and survey results.

Further information will be provided accordingly on the transition plan.

A summary of EE Sector Earthquake Response Efforts in Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya hubs have been shared:

- Monthly online meetings held in Turkish.
- Meeting notes distributed in English and Turkish via WhatsApp and email groups.
- Upcoming meetings:
- Malatya: Wednesday, June 5th (11 AM - Noon)
- Hatay: Thursday, June 6th (11 AM - 12:30 PM)

Hub Meetings Focus:

- Economic Strengthening Projects: Improve agricultural production, create market access.
- Grant Opportunities: Funding for recovery efforts.
- Field Analysis Reports: Informational insights for sector members.
- Labor Market Analysis: Updates on job market trends.
- Collaboration and Partnerships: Networking and referrals.
- Projects by Sector Partners:
- Rebuild Livelihoods and Local Economy Boost:

    - Grants for farmers based on land size.
    - Livestock grants for animal care/shelter repair.
    - Cash grants for small/medium businesses.
    - Animal shelters (barns & tents).
    - Milk cold storage assistance for dairy farms.
    - Seeds, training, and support for under-cover vegetable production.
    - Small and Medium Business Support: Resources for recovery and growth.
    - Infrastructure Repair and Improvement: Restore essential services.
    - Training and Skills Development: Equip individuals for future success.

- Community Strengthening: Foster solidarity and build social networks through local partnerships.

Please note: This summary omits specific organizations and project details for brevity; for more information, please kindly refer to the detailed EE sector hub meeting minutes.

➢ IOM Presentation: Post-EQ Neighbourhood & Site Mapping Round 4 (IOM)

IOM presented the results of a rapid assessment on the impact of Post-Earthquake Neighbourhood & Site Mapping Round 4. The assessment covered:

- Informal Sites Overview
- Displacement Overview
- Neighbourhood Overview

Access to essential services was also addressed, including:

- Public transportation
- Markets
- Cash service points
- Livelihood recovery (including business activities)
- Education

Formal sites were also assessed, focusing on population characteristics, food security, livelihoods, and access to cash. For further details, please refer to the attached presentation.

➢ ILO Presentation: Post-Earthquake Agricultural Value Chain Analysis Report

- The International Labour Organization (ILO) delivered a presentation on an initiative to harmonize support schemes for refugees and host communities.
- The goal is to align training stipend rates, prevent competition, and avoid the creation of parallel systems. By harmonizing stipend amounts provided by different aid organizations, the ILO aims to ensure that people choose training based on its usefulness rather than the monetary amount offered.
- The plan takes into account regional differences in living costs and allows for future adjustments based on inflation and national stipend changes.
- Additionally, a tool for calculating stipends has been introduced.
- For more details on guidance and the tool, you can refer to the attached presentation.

Suggested next steps:

1. Assess if partners are using the stipends guidance (including calculation table) and any needs to modify.

2. Examine, if the guidance note is up to date with type of programs that partners are providing,

➢ EE Reporting

Mr. Berkin Erol from UNDP shared updates and analysis on EE Reporting, Sector Priorities, current partner situation.

- Partners have been requested to submit monthly activity reports. These reports should include details about your activities related to the sector, encompassing both regular reporting (3RP) and earthquake (EQ) specific information.
- UNDP and FAO will use this information to create a quarterly narrative report.
- If you have any questions, contact Berkin Erol (berkin.erol@undp.org) or Fatih Bayrak (fatih.bayrak@fao.org).

➢ Partner's Update

Partners requested better way to coordinate SMEs/Cooperative supports among the sector partners to avoid duplication. Actions: The sector lead will draft survey and share among the EES partners so that for partners who would like to share information can share details. In addition, cooperatives support can be coordinated with MoT and MoA provincial office.

➢ Useful Links

Online Calendar Shows EE Meetings	https://teamup.com/ksau2n73iupkck5ftk
Links for Social Initiatives Maps – Prepared by UNDP Acceleration Lab	Airtable - Gallery TR Airtable - Hatay Listesi
EQ Turkiye Economic Empowerment Sector (Email Group)	tr.economicempowerment@undp.org

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