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Agenda item	Summary of discussions	Action point / time frame
Welcome and overview of meeting agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the minutes of the last meeting. • Follow up on action points from the last meeting • Brief on the Provincial Coordination Meetings • Update on TPR - New legal development and procedures • Presentation by GAP on their Community Centres in SET. • Presentation by Handicap international 	
Follow up on last meeting's action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed by participants. • Updated version of work plan was shared by Tayba. 	
Update on Work Plan	<p>a) Coordination: UNHCR will follow at central level for an NGO to co-lead PWG. In Q2, UNHCR and IOM will lead to identify PWG representatives in other WG meetings, while UNHCR will advocate for an inter-sector coordination forum with all leads of WGs</p> <p>b) Outreach/Communication with refugee communities: Agencies are to share information material to ensure harmonized messages and to identify needs and gaps.</p> <p>c) Community Centres: DRC has committed to mapping different community centres; review complaint mechanisms and monitoring mechanisms and coordination with relevant authorities.</p> <p>d) Case Management: NGOs funded by ECHO for SNF held their third meeting in Gaziantep held at the IOM. Feedback from this group will be useful for the PWG as they are developing standard operating procedures with a view to harmonisation of minimum standards.</p> <p>- It is envisaged that the a case management discussion forum for Gaziantep will be established as an offshoot of the above NGO group, and will have</p>	<p><i>Contribution from other organisations is needed in terms of input to their views on the work plan but also particularly sharing materials.</i></p>

	<p>their first meeting in May.</p> <p>e) Child Protection: UNHCR and UNICEF in Ankara are holding discussions with DGMM and MoFSP to initiate a formal Child Protection Working Group.</p>	
<p>Briefing on Registration of Refugees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR is working with DGMM to initiate a verification exercise for Syrians registered under TP only, at registration verification points in every city. It is envisaged that the exercise will be completed in 7-8 months. • With this new verification exercise, it is hoped that specific needs information will be captured. Those with protection needs will be referred immediately to relevant referral mechanisms during the verification exercise. • Every Syrian will be given an appointment for their verification which will necessitate their attendance at verification centres for interviews which is followed by data verification of their already existing data as well as counseling sessions. • Registration options for Iraqis – There are two option International Protection (IP) or Humanitarian Residency Permit (HRP). It is advisable to counsel Iraqis to apply for IP as this provides them access to more services, but they would have to live in the pre-determined satellite city. HR is issued on a temporary basis and offers less services then TP including only outpatient services. HR holders can travel throughout Turkey without seeking permission. 	<p><i>Verification exercise to be initiated late July-early August</i></p>
<p>Briefing on Legislative Developments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-registration: On 15th of March a circular detailing the pre-registration procedure on the implementation of TP regulation was issued, and as such Syrians are no longer immediately registered with DGMM. Initially, they will get pre-registered followed by a 30+30 days waiting period for primarily security assessments to be carried out. • Change of residence: TP holders now need to request the PDMM of the province that they reside in to relocate to another location. For TP holders changed area of residence before 15 March 2016 when the new circular came into force, they can approach the PDMM of their new city of residence. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to Camps: This will now only be made at the suggestion of the Governorate through PDMM to DGMM Ankara with confirmation of AFAD. • Resettlement Procedures: Committees have been established at provincial level of line ministries to identify vulnerable cases with medical needs, physical disabilities, elderly, GBV survivors, family reunification and/or survivors of violence and torture. • Voluntary Repatriation (volrep): UNHCR is observing these interviews. Individuals returning back from Syria after volrep procedures may be registered again under TP after an individual assessment is conducted by authorities. 	
<p>GAP briefing about project on Syrians</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAP is the South Eastern Anatolian Development Agency and was set up to develop land water and human resources in the region. • Under Economic development, GAP is running projects for Syrians in their 63 community centres in the region. Through the municipalities GAP ensures provision of better services towards the Syrian population as well as provide vocational training for Syrians. 	
<p>Briefing from Handicap International</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct service provision in Gaziantep is being planned in that a rehabilitation center is planning to be opened. • A socio-anthropological study on social dynamics relating to refugees will be conducted in Gaziantep; partnership with Syrian NGOs will be established during community-based MHPSS. 	
<p>Updates from I/NGOs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAM: The first case Management Meeting for Gaziantep and surrounding provinces will be held on 24 May at ASAM Yesilsu to discuss protection-related issues and case management activities. • ECHO SNF Meeting: 4W has been updated. A key problem identified in SNF in Case Management was around accessing people in rural locations and being able to provide transport for beneficiaries. Next meeting will be held on 1 June at Malumat. • Malumat: Information video on Women Referral mechanism has been 	

	produced by Malumat, and is available on the internet.	
Provincial Level Coordination Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial level Coordination meeting in Gaziantep was cancelled but took place in Osmaniye and Kahramanmaras. • Registration Centre in Osmaniye has been moved to the camp in that non-camp registration is taking place in the camp. • Syrians residing in Osmaniye are required to approach the camp; deputy Governor stated that transportation will be provided for Syrians for registration. • Deputy Governor in Kahramanmaras requested to convert some of the Syrian high schools to Syrian Vocational High Schools because enrollment rates for high school students are low. 	
Participants	UNHCR, UNFPA, KAMER, WHO, Save The Children, IMPR, Global Communities, Civil Action Network, STL, Yuva, Handicap International, IMC, Mercy Corps, ASAM, DRC, Refugee Rights Turkey, UOSSM, Gaziantep Bar Association, ABA RoLI, AAR Japan, IOM, World Vision, IRC, GOAL, CARE, WHH, UNICEF, Relief International, GAP, CRS, Kizilay, WFP, PRM, MSF France.	
	Next meeting will take place on 08 June 2016. Venue: tbc	