

Food Security and Agriculture Working Group

FSA WG Monthly Meeting Minutes



15 September 2017

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Chaired by: WFP and FAO

Hosted by: WFP and FAO

Attending agencies: IOM, FAO, UNDP, UNHCR, WFP, WHH, Watan Foundation, PARCIC

Agenda:

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Tour de table and partner updates
3. Presentation on opportunities in the agriculture sector in Turkey
4. Brief update on the revised results matrix and 2018 3RP planning process
5. Quick briefing on survey on sectoral capacity building needs
6. A.O.B.

Summary of Action Points

- ✓ ~~Co chairs to circulate the draft of strategy paper for FSA among partners. Deadline: 29 September, 2017. FAO to invite MoFAL to designate a representative to attend FSAWG meetings going forward.~~
- ✓ ~~SWG Coordinators to circulate the draft FSA strategy to partners. Deadline: the strategy will be circulated by 2 September, 2017. Partners will have one week (until 6 October) to share their feedback.~~
- ✓ ~~WFP to circulate the last version of 3RP plan. Deadline: 18 September, 2017. SWG Coordinators to finalize the survey on capacity building needs and circulate the link to partners. Deadline: End of September. Partners will be given one week to respond.~~
- ✓ ~~FAO to present the findings of the assessment to the FSAWG. Deadline: End of November. Co chairs to share the link of survey with partners once it is ready. Deadline: End of September.~~
- ✓ ~~FAO to circulate the questionnaire of the survey with partners. Deadline: 20.09.2017.~~
- ✓ ~~FAO to share the results of the assessment with partners. Deadline: End of November.~~

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1. Introduction and welcome

- ~~The meeting co-chairs, WFP and FAO, welcomed participants. The new co-chair on behalf of FAO SWG Coordinator, —Ahmed Ekzayez, introduced himself, describing his experience supporting the cross-border Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster and his training as an agronomist, and emphasize the objective of this working group to have harmonize programming approche ensuring food security and promot agriculture activities as well as have strong coordination mechanism among all actors doing Food and agriculture projects for refuge in Turkey.~~

- ~~briefly introduced himself.~~

2. Tour de table and partner updates

- Following a brief tour de table, partners ~~briefly~~ shared updates on their ~~FSA-related~~ activities ~~related to FSA~~, as follows:

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- ~~IOM noted that efforts are underway to organize informed that they are arranging meetings with the local MoFAL representatives of the MoA in Urfa and Hatay, with a view to aligning planned activities with government priorities. to align their activities in Agriculture. They are IOM is also working on looking to allocate existing, unearmarked funding to a potential greenhouse pilot project and exploring a potential agri-business pilot. and already allocated funding for it.~~
- ~~PARCIC having good initial reported that their pilot project to provide results on their project with supporting beneficiaries with different seeds (like okra, mukhiya, etc.) has had positive results. Discussions are now underway to expand and planning expand some of their agriculture projects activities in rural areas surrounding to outside of Urfa-Sanlıurfa.~~
- ~~WHH launched the has launched a strawberry farming pilot project gram in Hatay, targeting for 30 HHs, and is developing a .They are on the process of preparation to start more larger-scale projects focused on including open farming targeting to involve 700 beneficiaries.~~
- ~~FAO is continuing implementation of continues to implement a greenhouse project in Osmaniye refugee camp and is planning another greenhouse project in Hatay. An effort is underway to including the development of develop a business model to ensure the project's sustainability of the project and and further handover to the camp administration. FSAWG members asked how incomes/profits were utilized, and FAO clarified that beneficiaries receive salaries from the camp administration, while the camp administration receives the profits from sales. Members also asked how FAO established linkages with markets, and FAO clarified that, due to the small volume of produce, it is usually sold on the local market rather than through large supermarket chains. As the volume is small, it was also noted that subsidizing production in the camps does not seem to disrupt the local market and put local farmers in an unfavourable position. Providing the seeds and fertilizers for beneficiaries as well as trainings for improvement of nutrition are also among the ongoing activities.~~

◆ The session followed by the Q&A as briefed below:

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3. Presentation on opportunities in the agriculture sector in Turkey

- ◆ ~~The new The co chair from FAO SWG coordinator delivered an introductory presentation entitled, performed the presentation under the title "Agriculture: From relief to resilience". The presentation drew upon FAO's global experience to highlight: how refugee communities can be supported through agriculture-related interventions; It included description of agricultural opportunities for refugees, factors/factors which that may influence the extent and type of agriculture programming in a given context; and good practices/ planning for agriculture, possible activities for refugees and the examples of success stories. FAO noted that a It was mentioned that more specific description of opportunities discussion on ways to expand agricultural activities in the in Turkish context will be presented at in the next meeting. In the meantime however, FSAWG members agreed that MoFAL should be invited to take part in working group meetings; it is expected that MoFAL will designate a central-level official to participate in the meetings, while individual partners should engage provincial-level MoFAL official in their programme design and delivery.~~

Action points:

4. Brief update on the revised results matrix and 2018 3RP planning process

- ◆ ~~The SWG Coordinators The co chair from WFP briefly shared the updates on the 2018-19 3RP planning process for 2018. It was agreed that it was noted that while FS activities are not expected to expand, a more robust agriculture response is welcomed. planning within the FSA will be focused more in Agricultural component compared to FS.~~
- ◆ ~~In order to avoid the overlaps, partners agreed to plan/report it was noted that unrestricted, unconditional e-voucher and cash activities should be planned and reported under basic needs. Under the BN if they are unrestricted and multipurpose oriented. But if e-vouchers and cash activities are~~

restricted to food assistance and/or primarily focused on addressing food needs should be planned and reported under FSA. ~~it should be planned/reported under FSA.~~

- It was further stressed that also agreed by all that all livelihood activities focused on the agriculture sector, incl. vocational training, s and job placement related to Agriculture will be ~~should be planned and reported under FSA.~~
- It was noted that the draft 2018-19 FSA strategy paper will be finalized ~~be prepared~~ within the next two w2 weeks and circulated to all FSA partners for their review and feedback. All partners will then be invited to submit their budgets, with budget submissions due by 13 October. An exceptional FSA meeting will be convened in mid-October to review to draft plan. ~~.-~~

Action points:

- SWG Coordinators to Co chairs to circulate the draft FSA of strategy paper for FSA among to partners. Deadline: the strategy will be circulated by 29 September, 2017. Partners will have one week (until 6 October) to share their feedback.
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- ☞ WFP to circulate the last version of 3RP plan. Deadline: 18 September, 2017.
- Partners were informed that WFP and FAO are currently working on preparation of preparing a survey to identify capacity building needs among the needs of FSA actors in capacity building. FAO has prepared a similar survey targeting cross-border partners, previously did this exercise in cross borders.

Action Points

- Co chairs to share SWG Coordinators to finalize the survey on capacity building needs and circulate the link to partners, the link of survey with partners is already. Deadline: End of September. Partners will be given one week to respond.
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7.6. AOB

- Next week, FAO will initiate LH&Agriculture agriculture-focused labour needs assessment in 6 market assessment in six provinces, which will involve both direct beneficiaries and other stakeholders. Initial results will be obtained by mid of November.

Action Points:

- FAO to circulate the questionnaire of the final questionnaire to the FSAWG survey with partners. Deadline: 20/09/2017.
- FAO to share the results of the present the findings of the assessment with partners to the FSAWG. Deadline: End of November.

Next meeting: Mid of 18 October (TBC)