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Gaziantep

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Agenda:

1. Introduction and welcome (tour de table)
2. Review of the action points of the previous meeting and partner updates
3. Debrief from WFP and FAO meetings with donors
4. Presentation of FSA 2018-19 3RP sector strategy and results matrix
5. Discussion of planned activities, targets, and budget requirements
6. A.O.B. (An update on discussions regarding returns; WFP&FAO mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin)

Summary of Action Points

- ✓ SWG Coordinators to incorporate agency inputs to the consolidated 3RP FSA results matrix and circulate the final version to all partners. **Deadline: 24 October.**
- ✓ SWG Coordinators to prepare and circulate to sector partners a short guidance note on legislation related to agriculture in Turkey (e.g. list of regulations, laws, etc with short description of the content). **Deadline: Middle of November.**
- ✓ SWG coordinators to provide a debrief on the joint WFP-FAO mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin to all partners. **Deadline: tbc.**
- ✓ All partners to share their responses to the FSA Capacity Building survey. **Deadline: 3 November.**
- ✓ FAO to share the tools for the upcoming agricultural labour market assessment, once available. **Deadline: N/A.**

1. Introduction and welcome

- The meeting co-chairs, WFP and FAO, welcomed participants. This was followed by a brief tour de table.

2. Review of the action points of the previous meeting and partner updates

- The SWG Coordinators shared a brief update on action points from the previous meeting as follows:

Action point	Update
SWG Coordinators to circulate the draft FSA strategy to partners.	The draft strategy and the sectoral matrix were circulated at the end of September. All partners finalized inputs to their agency budget matrix and will

	share it with SWG coordinators by CoB 18 October for further incorporation to the sectoral matrix.
SWG Coordinators to finalize the survey on capacity building needs and circulate the link to partners.	The survey has been launched and shared with all partners.
FAO to present the findings of the assessment to the FSAWG.	FAO will present the findings by the end of November.

3. Debrief from WFP and FAO meetings with donors

- The SWG Coordinators briefed partners on meetings held with donors and IFIs (namely ECHO, the World Bank, and DFID) in Ankara on 12 October. In general, SWG Coordinators shared FSA plans to scale up the activities in agriculture, exploring possible future partnerships in the sector. Queries related to the sector's role in combating child labour, mitigating tensions between refugees and host communities, strengthening the agricultural value chain, and linking interventions to market analysis (FSA partners may contact the SWG coordinators for a more detailed read-out). Donors and the WB expressed their interest in participating in and/or receiving the minutes of FSAWG meetings, as a means to follow sector developments and explore possible cooperation with sector actors.

4. Presentation of FSA 2018-19 3RP sector strategy and results matrix

- SWG coordinators presented the FSA 2018-19 3RP sector strategy to partners. It was noted that the strategy comprises three inter-linked components, namely:
 - **A refugee protection and humanitarian component**, which will focus on alleviating suffering and prevent refugees from resorting to negative coping strategies through continued support to the most vulnerable men, women, and children to meet their food needs;
 - **A resilience/stabilization-based development component, which will seek to promote dignified lives and better futures among Syrian refugees and affected members of host communities through support to access better agricultural livelihoods; and**
 - **A capacity building component**, which will strengthen FSA-related skills and knowledge among national partners and facilitate localization.
- SWG coordinators further presented the targets and expected results of each component of the strategy. For more information, see the the presentation attached.

5. Discussion of planned activities, targets, and budget requirements

- FSAWG partners briefly outlined their planned FSA activities, targets, and budget requirements for 2018-19. Each agency was reminded to share its activities and plans in the template provided by CoB 18 October, to enable the SWG Coordinators to consolidate the FSA 3RP results matrix for submission to UNHCR and UNDP, as inter-sector coordinators.
- SWG coordinators once again stressed their readiness to provide partners with technical assistance, to liaise with donors, and/or provide other support needed to scale up agriculture programming in 2018-19.
- WATAN foundation pointed out that partners need to develop a better understanding of Turkish legislation and regulations related to agriculture to inform their activities.

Action points:

- SWG Coordinators to incorporate agency inputs the 3RP FSA results matrix and circulate the final version to all partners. **Deadline: 24 October.**

- SWG Coordinators to prepare and circulate to sector partners a short guidance note on the legislation related to agriculture in Turkey (e.g. a list of regulations, laws, etc. with a short description of the content and links to full document online, where available). **Deadline: Middle of November.**

6. A.O.B.

- Sector coordinator from WFP updated partners on discussions regarding returns. It was mentioned that although there are anecdotal reports of 100,000 returns from Turkey in 2017, this figure is unverified, and, regardless, will not have a significant impact on 2018-19 planning assumptions. No significant increase in returns is expected in 2018, but protection actors are expected to step up monitoring of returns (and intentions). Given continued instability and insecurity in Syria, there will not be a shift toward facilitated returns for the time being (i.e. 3RP actors will not be designing and implementing programmes to assist returnees on the Turkish side of the border). Nonetheless, with a view to possible future discussions on returns, SWG Coordinators will be reaching out to the cross-border FSA cluster over coming months to discuss their programming inside Syria.
- Partners were shortly briefed about the joint WFP&FAO mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin, which primarily aims to identify new partners in FSA and strengthen existing partnerships; to review the IPA role in supporting vulnerable households to access the ESSN on-the-ground; and to explore reports of child malnutrition in Mardin province. Partners will receive a full debrief on the mission.

Action Points:

- SWG coordinators to provide a debrief on the mission to all partners. **Deadline: tbc.**

Next meeting: 16 November 2017 (TBC)