# ESSN Task Force Istanbul Minutes

11 February 2020 Location: ASAM Dolapdere WFP: Arzum Karasu

Meeting date & time:

09:30 - 11:00

Meeting Co-Chairs:

WFP: Arzum Karasu

TK: Faruk Shaban

**Participants:** Unicef, WFP, TK Kızılaykart, Mudem, Asam, UNFPA, WALD, DDD, Maan, Rosam, HRDF, UNHCR, ECHO, RRT, TK Sultanbeyli CC, TK Bagcilar CC and Rizk for Professional Development

Welcome and Introduction

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## 1. Updates on ESSN and its implementation in Marmara region

- As of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, a total of **2.857.382** individuals were registered; 6.959 individuals are unassessed and 1.120.820 individual ineligible.
- 1.726.518 beneficiaries received ESSN assistance nationwide.
- A total of **206.792** beneficiaries received ESSN assistance in Istanbul.
- A total of **31,550** beneficiaries received the disability allowance and **5,634** of those in Marmara Region. **8.929** are severely disabled nationwide with **1,515** located in Marmara Region.
- More statistics and figures available in the enclosed main presentation.

#### 2. Updates on CCTE

- Details about the January 2020 CCTE payment, additional and motivational top-up payment, call center records, CCTE beneficiaries who are ALP learners can be found in the presentation.
- Syrian NGO commented that there are several families in Esenyurt who have not received their January CCTE payment. These families have called the 168 TRC Call Centre and were told that they would receive the payments. Türk Kızılay team specified that in the CCTE program, retrospective corrections are made when beneficiary attendance information is not available at the time of a given payment cycle but later becomes available, provided other program criteria continue to be met. Team will follow the cases after the NGO shares case ID information."
- A question was asked about the difference of colours on the chart that shows the "Beneficiaries Across Payment Periods" on Slide 3 of the CCTE presentation. The orange colour bars show the number of beneficiary children who were eligible for monthly payment and the top up payments (in September and January) at each payment cycle. The blue colour shows the number of beneficiary children who only received the top up payment.

## **Child Protection**

Question on whether there has been a decrease or increase in the number of cases that the CCTE CP teams reached compared to November 2019 and if so, what is the reason. (correspondingly the number that the inquirer refers to is the number of "Children reached by outreach teams" on Slide 19). Action point: to follow-up during next meeting,

# 3. 2019 Performance Survey Report

In January 2020, the ESSN Task Force management, WFP and TK, initiated a performance survey to help WFP and TK coordination teams assess the effectiveness of the task force and to make improvements where needed going forward. The Co-Chairs have presented overviews of the key survey results.

Unicef representative replied to some of the recommendations regarding the CCTE related points:

## Recommendations:

More focus on:

- 1. Beneficiary numbers in the schools of their provinces and districts
- 2. Application criteria
- 3. Distribution method in the form of a table or a graph (more visual)
- 4. Create a scholarship for undergraduate students. (Istanbul)

## Feedback from UNICEF representative:

- 1: "This number is kept confidential by MoNE"
- 2: "No change is expected in the criteria"
- 3: "We can apply more illustrative visuals to our presentation"
- 4: "It would be better to address UNHCR in this regard".

The full report will be shared in March in three languages; Turkish, English and Arabic.

## 4. Closed and decongested camps' impact on ESSN

Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) has shared with Turk Kizilay a list of those, who left the 16 camps in 2018 and 2019 and opted out to urban areas. Accordingly, a study was conducted and presented by Turk Kizilay on the ESSN application status of those individuals, aiming to analyze the application status of individuals who opted to cities, as well as to determine the number of people who have the potential to apply for the ESSN.

#### 5. WFP Closure Statement

WFP would like to express their gratitude to everyone who had a role in ESSN. We are thankful for our great partnership with Turk Kizilay because together we marked an enormous achievement, we also want to express our gratefulness to ECHO for providing us with the tools to support almost 1.8 million beneficiaries so far, to the government of Turkey paving the way and giving a space for this operation to be implemented. We have been pleased to meet each and everyone of you and have learned a lot with you in this ESSN journey.

We know that the ESSN is in safe hands with IFRC and Turk Kizilay and wish them the best of luck going forward. From now on you will be contacted by IFRC and Turk Kizilay for the following meetings. IFRC and Turk Kizilay will keep the members informed about the regularity and venue of future meetings considering performance survey recommondations. WFP will remain active in Turkey but operating different programmes.

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- Please share any ESSN TF issues/challenges with:
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#### Attachments:

- 1. ESSN Task Force Marmara region Presentation
- 2. CCTE presentation
- 3. Closed and decongested camps' impact on ESSN presentation