In the first quarter of 2018, FSA sector partners in close coordination and collaboration with the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock continued scaling up agriculture related livelihood opportunities for Syrian refugees and vulnerable members of the host communities. Along with production related activities, including distribution of seeds and fertilizers, FSA WG partners also focused on skills development in the agriculture sector in order to meet the high demand of agriculture labor in Turkey.

Targeted food assistance was provided to the most vulnerable Syrian refugee households living in the Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs) and with the host communities through e-voucher food support. Some of the beneficiaries also were provided with agriculture inputs, tools, and technical training to establish micro-gardens.

A series of capacity building activities were organized for sector members within the reporting period. As an example, the Introduction to Nutrition Concepts and Food Security Indicators workshops were arranged for FSA and Case Management actors in collaboration with Nutrition Cluster (cross-border) and SET Protection WG. Additionally, FSA continued to strengthen linkages with other sectors, covering significant milestone to develop a joint work plan with Protection and Livelihood sectors.

Efforts over the next quarter will focus on promoting rural livelihoods and assessment of labor market in agriculture sector, along with the provision of urgent food assistance for most valuable Syrian refugees and host community members.