### 3RP-Turkey Food Security and Agriculture Sector WG Meeting Minutes  
**Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 14:00hrs**

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| **Introduction of new partners (MASRRAT, MSYD) and organizational updates** | - MASRRAT is an organization which is working basically in northwest Syria, has implemented many projects in the food security and livelihoods sector in northwest Syria and in Aleppo. Currently it has two projects under food security and livelihood projects in Aleppo and hope to build their capacities benefiting from FSA Sector discussions and experience to be able to start humanitarian activities inside Turkey.  
- Funded by GIZ, FAO will soon start a new project in Adana and Gaziantep, and it aims to have a comprehensive assessment and profiling of agricultural practices in Adana and Gaziantep provinces in the context of the Syrian refugee crisis response. The results of this assessment will create a kind of a policy document that all the FSA sector partners can benefit from while shaping their programmes. |  |
| **Presentation by MoAF Achievements under Food and Agriculture sector and plan for 2021-2022** | - MOAF Plan for Persons under Temporary/International Protection:  
**Legal Basis for Government’s Intervention:** MoAF’s intervention on refugee response drives its force from foreigners laws as laid down by DGMM and MoFA According to these regulations all foreigners under temporary/international protection may be provided access to social protection schemes such as access to health services, education, and access to labor market and similar activities.  
**International Basis for Government’s Intervention:** United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Regional Refugee and Residence Plan are two guiding documents providing basis for GoT interventions around refugees and foreigners under temporary and international protections. In this context the GoT’s interventions in the food and agriculture sector contributes primarily to five SDGs. | Presentation to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes |
**Main Policy Papers of the Ministry:** 11th Development Plan is about all of the public institutions, agriculture sector strategy is also enisted under the Plan that aims to create an agriculture sector that provides sufficient and balanced nutrition for all, utilizes advanced technologies and addresses infrastructure problems.

Declaration of the Agriculture and Forestry Council 2019 provides a road map for the institutions. Under the framework of this declaration, article 20 provides basis for the humanitarian interventions.

The 2019-23 Strategic Plan of the Ministry was prepared with the objective of ensuring sustainable production access to adequate and reliable food, rural development and the competitiveness of the sector. There are 4 goals that have linkages with the refugee intervention of MoAF.

**Goal 1:** Increasing welfare in rural areas, increasing yield and quality in production and provide food supply.

**Goal 2:** Ensuring food and feed reliability, taking necessary measures for the welfare of plant and animal health.

**Goal 4:** Ensuring the sustainable management of soil and water resources.

**Goal 7:** Developing institutional capacity.

Partnership with MoAF: Approval of Ministry of agriculture and forestry is the first step to start the partnership with the Ministry. View of Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the second step, coordinating between the related agencies and organizations in migration according to the law on foreigners and international. The last step is the partnership Protocol with the stakeholders of the project.

MoAF and FSA sector main activities/projects: MoAF is engaged in identifying the agricultural needs of the provinces, vocational and theoretical trainings, allocation of the training fields for the research institutes, cooperation and communication with local authorities and enabling social cohesion between refugees and host communities.

MoAF’s ongoing Projects: Under the 3RP, MoAF is collaborating on two projects with FAO on promoting self-reliant livelihoods through employment and micro-entrepreneurship, and building resilience of Syrians under Temporary Protection and host communities in Turkey through supporting socio-economic integration and creating livelihood opportunities. The main objective of these projects is to increase productivity and quality of products, supported agricultural employment and household level income, strengthened social cohesion between refugees and host communities, and capacity building of government and civil society partners.

| Presentation by GIZ Programmes under FSA sector during 2021-2022 | - **PEP – Promotion of Economic Prospects for Refugees and the Host Community in Turkey:** The duration of PEP Programme is 01/2019 – 03/2023 (51 months). PEP aims at enhancing the economic prospects for Syrian refugees and Turkish host communities. GIZ’s PEP programme focuses on creating employment and economic prospects to lay the groundwork for a better future.

The programme covers three main activity fields with focus on social cohesion, green economy and digitalisation:

- Employment and Skills Development, |
| - Presentation to be shared with the FSA partners along with the minutes. |
• Entrepreneurship and Start-up Support,
• Strengthening the Business Environment

GIZ has two ongoing projects, with FAO and WHH:

**FAO:** Comprehensive assessment and profiling of agricultural practices in Adana and Gaziantep provinces in the context of Syrian refugee crisis response; Comprehensive assessment of production practices and production capacities in recommended agriculture value chains in the contexts of Syrian refugee response and Covid-19, in order to form an evidence base for the design of agriculture sector projects towards strengthening resilience, promoting employment, supporting livelihoods, food security, poverty reduction, climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**WHH:** Promoting Agricultural Livelihoods and Social Cohesion for Turkish and Syrian communities; The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the resilience of the targeted households, (Turkish and Syrian) with prior experience in the agricultural sector and/or with experience in the field of food-processing and Mushroom production.

**Presentation by FAO FSA Sector Work Plan**

- **FSA Sector Work Plan 2020 Achievements:**
  Access to decent work and development for refugees;
  Strengthen collaboration with private sector actors and initiate dialogue on partnership: FSA & LH sectors initiated private sector engagement process, a survey with private sector was carried on during Dec. 2020, further discussions around engagement are undergoing in coordination with 3RP interagency team and LHWG.
  
  A number of capacity building initiatives were initiated by FSA sector during 2020 such as; workshop on Combating child labour through skills and agricultural livelihoods; workshop on value chain in agriculture and entrepreneurship; another workshop on Policy making related to the implementation of agricultural livelihoods programs

  Improved and well informed programming and policy making in agricultural livelihoods and labor market through studies, researches and knowledge sharing:
  
  Two assessments were carried out by FAO during 2020 to identify gaps and challenges in agricultural livelihoods and labor market and social protection for SuTPs and vulnerable host communities.

- **FSA Sector Work Plan 2021 - 2022 Planned** — revolves around following key inputs and activities:
  Food and nutrition security among Syrians under Temporary Protection, persons under international protection and vulnerable host community members, is improved;
  Putting up a monitoring system in place for assessing food and nutrition security for identification, analysis, and addressing the conditions that give rise to food insecurity.

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**Decent work and employment in agriculture sector;**
Enhanced collaboration with private sector through improved dialogue between FSA sector partners and private sector.
Capacity development and knowledge sharing initiatives for FSA partners in addressing the needs of migrant and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) and subsistence farmers.

**Child labour in agriculture sector;**
Sector partners provided support through capacity development and knowledge sharing on preventing child labour in agriculture.

**Gender sensitive programming in agri-food sector;**
Sector partners’ knowledge about gender sensitive programming in agri-food sector is improved.

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| - **Thematic areas for FSA WG meetings during 2021:** Possible thematic areas for FSA WG meetings during 2021 were suggested with a request for FSA partners to suggest further the areas that they want to have discussion around during FSA sector monthly meeting. The document will be shared with partners for their feedback.  
- **Training needs for 2021:** Some key areas already identified by the FSA partners were listed in the document and the partners, a survey will follow the meeting, the FSA partners were requested to contribute to the survey send their feedback on training needs for 2020.  
- **FSA Sector Survey:** For monitoring FSA sector activities, needs and gaps, the sector is planning to start a sector survey on regular basis, the initial suggested survey form was shared with partners for their feedback. This from will further be shared with LHWG for further discussions around areas of mutual interest where the sectors can join efforts in conducted the survey.  
- **FSA sector newsletter/bulletin** is now ready and will be shared with the FSA Sector with the minutes of the meeting, with much thanks to the partners who contributed to it. |

**Next Meeting: FSA Sector Working Group: 3rd Thursday of February i.e. 18th February**

Deadline for FSA partners’ feedback on following documents is 28-01-2020: 
“Thematic Areas” for 2020 FSA sector meetings;  
Capacity Building Needs for 2020;  
FSA sector Survey;