

Izmir ISWG Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Time & Location	2 August 2019, 14:00-17:00, Izmir/Turkey
Co-chaired by	Pinar Genc Akcakaya (IOM), Sejla Jusufovic (UNHCR)
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Participants	UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, WHO, MUDEM, Positive Living Association, Multeci-Der, ASAM, TOG, TRC, MHD, TIAFI, DDD, Multeci-Der, Izmir Buca District Municipality, MoH, Izmir PDoH
Agenda item	Discussion summary
Welcome and overview of meeting agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of action points from previous meeting 2. Sector updates 3. WHO update on CHSS implementation in 7 provinces 4. Daily healthcare services for Syrians incl. the elderly and persons with disabilities 5. Update on SIHHAT project implementation 6. Overview of UNFPA's project targeting rural refugee populations 7. Overview of UNFPA's Key Refugee Groups project 8. Overview of Positive Living Association activities on HIV and STI prevention and response 9. AOB
Review of action points from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DDD will share the number of identified out-of-school children in Torbali next ISWG in October. ▪ Interested agencies are reminded to fill in the training needs table available here. Topics proposed so far are related to SGBV response and prevention, case management, protection of refugee women, response to victims of human trafficking and national protection framework. Training will be devised based on the suggestions by end of 2019.
WHO update on CHSS implementation in 7 provinces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A total of 7 Migrant Health Centers (MHC) are supported across Turkey through WHO in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. In Izmir, the MHC in Karabaglar district moved to a new building less than a year ago. Syrian health workers continue to provide primary healthcare services to refugees. ▪ Community Health Support Staff (CHSS) provide homecare assistance to persons with disabilities and the elderly across 7 provinces including Izmir. So far, 427 Syrians have been trained including 336 women and 78 men. See presentation here for more details.
Daily healthcare services for Syrians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary health services for refugees residing in Izmir are provided through 7 MHC, 30 districts health directorates and 377 family health centers. A total of 14 support staff are recruited within the scope of the

<p>incl. the elderly and persons with disabilities (Izmir PDoH)</p>	<p>SIHHAT project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outreach health screening activities for Syrian refugee seasonal agricultural workers started in March 2018 through mobile health units. Locations include Foca, Bergama, Menderes, Cigli, Kinik, Menemen, Torbali and Bayandir districts. A total of 50 visits were conducted to 22 makeshift settlements between 17 January – 30 June 2019. Outreach activities are conducted with the support of ASAM’s field workers and interpreters. <p><u>Observations from the field:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majority of the Syrian refugee agricultural workers are registered in southeast of Turkey such as Sanliurfa, Mardin, Adana, Hatay and Gaziantep. - Most of the settled children in the makeshift settlements are vaccinated, however, several newcomers were never vaccinated. A total of 1,064 persons including newborns, children, pregnant women were vaccinated this year. - School enrollment of refugee children has increased in Torbali thanks to the school transportation services provided by the district education directorate. A total of 50 refugee children benefit from this service. - Immunization coverage increased in 2019 compared to last year. Also, an increase in the distribution of oral/condom contraceptives was recorded so far in 2019. - See presentation here for more details.
<p>Update on SIHHAT project implementation (MoH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SIHHAT project is expected to continue until 2023. It mainly focuses on primary healthcare services. ▪ A total of 178 Migrant Health Centers (MHC) are supported under the project across 8 provinces. Support is provided in the form of human resource (incl. doctors, nurses, technicians, Arabic-Turkish speaking guides/counselors and drivers), training for health workers, medical equipment, vehicles for mobile activities and refurbishment of MHCs and public hospitals. Syrian health workers have been recruited under the project. Additional, newly trained staff will be assigned in the MHCs across the 8 provinces in response to the high demand. ▪ All funds are expected to go under the Ministry of Health and implemented under the SIHHAT. ▪ In Izmir, a total of 381 staff work in the MHCs. Gaps exist in terms of physiotherapy for children. This area is planned to be transferred under SIHHAT 2 by mid-2020. ▪ A Community and Migrant Health/Wellbeing Center is planned to be established in Izmir; work is underway.
<p>Overview of UNFPA’s project targeting rural refugee populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project is implemented in cooperation between UNFPA and the Ministry of Health and covers 5 provinces including Izmir. Aim is to make primary health care and protection services more accessible to refugees and host communities living in rural areas including seasonal agricultural workers and their families through mobile health units. Outreach activities are expected to start in December 2019 once staff are recruited and will run until June 2020. Mobile health units will be staffed with physicians, nurses, social services experts and

	<p>interpreters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons regardless of their registration status will have access to the services under this project. Identified persons with specific needs will be referred to appropriate services. Unregistered persons will be referred to PDMM for registration.
Overview of UNFPA's Key Refugee Groups Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project started in January 2018. Aim is to enhance access to health and protection services for persons living with HIV and those under risk, LGBTI and sex workers. Key refugee groups entail Syrians under TP, IP status holders/applicants and other vulnerable foreigners. Services include information dissemination, case management, referrals of persons with specific needs to appropriate services, legal and health counselling (pre and post HIV), psycho-social support and awareness raising on rights and services. Trainings on the topic are delivered to the Bar Associations as well. UNFPA's refugee support hotline is available in different languages at 08508880539. See presentation here for more details.
Overview of Positive Living Association activities on HIV and STI prevention and response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers all HIV-related costs including testing and treatment for refugees. HIV tests are done anonymously. Gaps are observed in the provision of medication for HIV/Aids treatment for refugees. Such medication should be free; however, practices vary as some pharmacies charge for such medicines. See presentation here for more details.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developments in Istanbul will be discussed at the ad-hoc national PWG in Ankara on 7 August. Interested organizations are welcomed to attend in person or via skype.
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Izmir ISWG meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 4 October 2019. It will be themed on education.

ACTION POINTS SUMMARY

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share presentations from the meeting with ISWG members 	UNHCR
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share survey report on the health status, services utilization and determinants of health of the Syrian refugee population in Turkey 	WHO
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize an education brainstorming session prior to next ISWG 	UNICEF & UNHCR
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share number of identified out-of-school children in Torbali at next ISWG 	Dunya Doktorlari Dernegi (DDD)