

## NIF Workshop – Follow up Meeting Minutes and Action Points

28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Amman, Jordan

### Intro

Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting was opened up by a quick introduction of the participants</li><li>• General topics raised at the beginning of the meeting highlighted:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The need to define sectorial People in Need (PiN) in addition to PiN similarities and differences across the different sectors</li><li>2. The need to have key assessment actors [currently missing] identified and included in ongoing consultative NIF process</li><li>3. Coordination remains under the SIMAWG while engaging members/actors in specific work-streams as necessary</li><li>4. Need for continuous differentiation between coordination, technicalities and communication tasks</li></ol></li></ul>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Map and identify missing key actors engaged in assessments (Cross-border/ INGO/Other) to include in NIF SIMAWG/ NIF</li></ul>

### Assessment Registry

Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registry meta-data format revised</li><li>• No concept work developed given work is straight forward</li><li>• There is a current communication gap between sectors and their partners; need to promote information sharing of sector members through their respective sector/cluster</li><li>• Reporting mechanisms currently in place between the sectors and their members, hence concern on over-reporting; need to differentiate to actors between sector reporting and updating assessment registry</li><li>• Some assessment actors might have confidential concerns, hence limit info sharing to respective WoS Sector Coordinator</li><li>• Whole of Syria Humanitarian Response site officially launched and will host WoS assessment registry</li></ul>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Share registry meta-data fields by Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> latest with sectors for input and feedback</li><li>➤ Develop Standard Operational Procedures (SOP) on updating and maintaining the Assessment Registry; it is important to also clarify what happens with confidential assessments</li><li>➤ Develop communication strategy/channels between OCHA, sectors and partners in addition to improve outreach to partners for more information</li><li>➤ FAO to assist OCHA Turkey in updating registry with recent Food Security assessment initiatives that were not identified at the NIF workshop</li><li>➤ Share finalized registry template with ISCCG for endorsement and additional promotion within the sectors and clusters</li></ul>

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### NIF work stream 2

Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coverage maps detailing overlaps by the different initiatives in addition to the gaps were shared and discussed</li><li>• Need to prioritize focusing on the standardization of basic generalities among the different assessment initiatives i.e severity scale, confidence intervals, PiN and other definitions</li><li>• Need to review HNO information needs and indicators to make sure they are included in the existing initiatives; Area of Origin already liaised with sectors on including 2 indicators per sector</li><li>• Protection and Nutrition are not covered by any of the initiatives</li><li>• NIF needs to also look at providing more information for operational activities and not be limited to HNO information needs</li><li>• Area of origin data if available will assist sectors in reporting [for PMR]</li><li>• Possibility of conducting a light MSNA [aligned with the regional methodologies] related to possibility of sector assessments that will be conducted between May and June</li><li>• Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) to focus on population profiling and not needs</li><li>• Some macro-assessments future uncertain due to lack of funding</li></ul>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Share clearer maps as overlaid layers were confusing</li><li>➤ Update and circulate revised sector severity scales to sectors by mid-May latest</li><li>➤ Ensure HNO [and PMR] information needs and indicators are covered in planned initiatives</li><li>➤ Sectors to receive Area of Origin data (by end of next week) at the community level for their respective sector and at the sub-district level for other sectors</li></ul>
Available Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ REACH opted 2 people since they have undergone this process recently for the AoO,</li><li>➤ Turkey hub to support through Punya until Assad comes back on 6<sup>th</sup> of May,</li><li>➤ UNICEF to conduct review of health info needs</li><li>➤ SNAP can support but need to check if feasible before 5<sup>th</sup> of May – ongoing discussion with GVA</li><li>➤ iMMAP support constant and ongoing</li><li>➤ OCHA SY to support through Billy, Bounena, and Rosaria</li><li>➤ OCHA JO to support with follow up with the sectors</li><li>➤ FAO Turkey to support when required and possible</li></ul>

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### NIF Work stream 8 – Total Population Estimates

Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong need on finding a reliable estimate of people living in Syria</li><li>• Current estimates out of date given IDPs and refugees</li><li>• UNDESA usually committed to updating population figures every 5 years by the end of the June; NIF currently reliant on same momentum for that update</li><li>• Total Population concept note deadlines to be revised once the work to the experts is known</li><li>• Light process, purpose is to reach agreement by different actors so that it feeds the HNO/SRP ensuring consensus</li></ul>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Liaise with UNDESA and ESCWA on age and sex disaggregation</li><li>➤ Define unit of measurement/ level of granularity by the experts</li><li>➤ Look into possible rapid estimation assessment for the short run and another more accurate exercise for the long run</li><li>➤ Explore NPM role and possible contributions to total population estimation exercise</li><li>➤ Amend and disseminate total population concept note</li><li>➤ Finalize estimations and methodology at the lowest granular level possible by end of June</li></ul>

### NIF Work stream 9 – People in Need

Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It would be useful to set up a regional assessment calendar showing the different initiatives</li><li>• Sectors need to finalize their respective PiN methodology; some sectors might have difficulties quantifying their PiN (Protection, WASH)</li><li>• SNAP statistician available to support in total population and PiN estimation methodologies</li><li>• Global level cluster consultations on PiN to take place between June and September; first results of consultations is by September – might be complementary to NIF exercise</li><li>• Inter-sector PiN; overlap between sectoral PiN figures needs to be discussed</li></ul>
Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Set up bilateral meetings with the sectors to discuss respective PiN methodology and offer support where needed</li><li>➤ Send out survey to sectors outlining meeting questions/inquiries</li><li>➤ Explore inter-sectoral PiN overlap</li></ul>
Sectors Survey Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Filling the Registry</li><li>➤ Assessments planned for this year</li><li>➤ PiN methodology for this year</li><li>➤ AoO indicators or additional ones for HNO (list to be provided by Shannon)</li><li>➤ Severity Scale</li></ul>