



PROGRAMME

4th MEETING OF THE COMCEC POVERTY ALLEVIATION WORKING GROUP (September 18th, 2014, Ankara)

“Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes in the OIC Member Countries”

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15-10.00 **The COMCEC Poverty Outlook**

- Presentation: “Outlook of Poverty in the OIC Member States: Multidimensional Poverty”
Mr. Mehmet FIDAN, Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office
- Views and Comments

10.00-11.00 **Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes in the OIC Member Countries I**

- Presentation: “Conceptual Framework of Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes and the General Overview of the OIC Member States”
Ms. Hande HACIMAHMUTOĞLU, Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office

Question(s) for Discussion

- Who are the key actors in your Country’s SSN system? What are the roles of these actors in terms of policy-making and implementation processes?
- Is there a clear division of labor among the actors in the SSN system?
- How is the coordination among the actors ensured?

11.00-11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15-12.15 **Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes in the OIC Member Countries II**

- Presentation: “Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes in the Selected Case Studies from the OIC Member Countries”
Dr. Sırma DEMİR ŞEKER, Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office

Question(s) for Discussion

- What are the main challenges in institutional system of SSN programmes in the Member Countries? (lack of coordination, shortage in human resources, lack of a MIS etc.)
- What lessons can be learnt from the selected case studies?

12.15-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-16.00 **Policy Options for Improving Institutional System of the SSN Programmes**

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advices for improving the institutional system of SSN Programmes. In light of the findings of the research report prepared for this Working Group Meeting and the answers of the Member Countries to the policy questions which have already been sent by the CCO, the Room Document on Policy Options for Improving Institutional System of the SSN Programmes was prepared by the COMCEC Coordination Office and shared with the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group focal points to enrich the discussions during the Session and come up with concrete policy advices for the policy approximation among the Member Countries in this field.

Question(s) for Discussion

- What is the role of human resources for an efficient SSN system? Do you have challenges regarding human resources in SSN related institutions?
- Do you have a MIS covering all SSN programmes? If yes, what is your experience in establishing a MIS? If no, what are the challenges stemming from absence of a MIS?

16.00-16.15 **Coffee Break**

16.15-17.45 **Country Experiences: Good Practices and Lessons to Learn**

- Member Countries' Presentations
Sharing Experiences and Good Practices in Institutional System of the Social Safety Net Programmes

Question(s) for Discussion

- How does the SSN system function? (centralized / decentralized or both)
- What are the financial resources allocated to SSN programmes? Does it mainly come from government budget or any other sources (i.e. donors)?

17.45-18.05 **The Experience of Local Authorities in Social Safety Net Systems**

- Presentation: "A Local Perspective on the Institutional System of Social Assistance"

Mr. Tolga GÜLMEZ, Expert

Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation of Tepebaşı District of Eskişehir/Turkey

Question(s) for Discussion

- Does your SSN system function at a decentralized or centralized level? If there is decentralization in your SSN system, what are the responsibilities of local agencies?

18.05-18.25 **PCM (The Way Forward)**

- Presentation on "Utilizing the COMCEC Project Cycle Management" by the CCO

Mr. Deniz GÖLE, Expert

COMCEC Coordination Office

Views and Comments

18.25-18.35 **Closing Remarks**