

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	1.9.2016
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (Livelihoods Coordination) Bryn Boyce (co-chair)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda

- 1) Updates
 - JRP Calendar and updates on Task Force meeting; Comprehensive needs assessment by next week
 - IA Coordination: request agencies' planned budget; training on activity info mid-October
 - DRC and employment of Syrians (Bryn)
 - Updated figures Works permits (Maha, ILO)
 - Update GIZ – new member – on the municipal CFW project (Nicole)
- 2) Service Advisor (Gorgui, Interagency Coordination)
- 3) Livelihoods strategy/JRP preparations:
 - Presentation of Strategic Objectives and of thematic discussion:
 - Group 1 Short-term livelihoods provision (Bryn)
 - Group 2 Employment and job placement (Laura)
 - Group 3 Self-employment and entrepreneurial initiatives (Julia)
 - Group 4 TVET (May)
- 4) Presentation of ILO main projects (Maha)

Updates

JRP (Jordan Response Platform for the Syria crisis) process update; calendar and updates on Task Force meeting; Comprehensive needs assessment by next week:

- JRP preparation: template and guidance received for CVA. Currently writing concise text. As for the calendar, the JRP Secretariat has published details on the process [here](#).
 - CVA needs to be done by September 8th 2016 followed by project proposals. Most likely will use the draft document of the JRP for the 3RP component. Template has not come out for the projects yet. ILO assisting the MoL in leading the task force with help of UNDP.

Inter-Agency Coordination:

- UNHCR IA coordinator Yukiko to get in touch with IA agencies to request their budget plans for livelihoods in 2017.
 - Training on ActivityInfo to take place Mid October. Agencies are to start to project out their needs/appeals for livelihoods for the coming year.

DRC and employment of Syrians:

- DRC was able to employ two Syrian volunteers in their community centres with a full time contract. DRC has a process chart that well explains steps for employment of refugees: Social security clauses and relevant organisation registration numbers are required in the

ACTION POINTS

Chair + co-chair draft and input to resilience part. Inputs from LWG welcome until 07.09

DRC to share information regarding this upon request.

<p>contract template. The contract has to receive MoL approval. Additional extra health check (35 JD) was required as health check behind the MOI Service Card process was not sufficient. Salary scale was in line with DRC's national scale in Jordan. Title of position is field workers. TOR reflect work in open profession</p> <p>Updated figures on work permits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ILO is advocating for the work permit grace period extension till at least end of 2016. After elections, cabinet might change along with the Prime minister. - ILO is encouraging women working in agriculture to apply for the work permits. Many mistakenly believe that a permit held by a male family member or spouse covers the entire family. <p>GIZ – on the municipal CFW project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Waste to positive Energy” is a GIZ implemented is part of the Special Initiative tackling the root causes of displacement, reintegrating refugees funded by BMZ (German cooperation). - The project focusses on labour intensive waste collection and processing and will reduce the environmental impact in the refugee hosting communities such as Irbid, Ramtha, Mafraq. - At the end of the project (September 2015 – December 2017) it should reach 9000 most vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees as cash workers in the municipalities. GIZ works directly together with 6 municipalities and through Oxfam in Zaatari camp. - In September, the work in 10 further municipalities will start Caritas. - So far 3008 cash workers (men and women) were employed for waste collecting and sorting. Syrians and Jordanians are working together employed on a short term basis. - GIZ started discussions on obtaining work permits for Syrian refugees with the help of ILO. The municipalities as employers will apply for the work permits at the municipal labour directorates. The process will be similar to the process of obtaining work permits in the agricultural sector (through cooperatives). - So far more male workers are employed. However, GIZ also aims at reaching women, especially in Zaatari Camp and Wasattyha. As the project gears towards more awareness campaigns, more women should be included. 	<p>To be verified: permits should be issued (as opposed to requested) by the directorates prior to the end of the grace period in order to avoid the fee.</p> <p>MoL lifted the extra health check on 09.09</p> <p>Find full updated figures for the month of August here.</p>
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Service Advisor (Gorgui, Interagency Coordination)

Planning: The comparative timetable of JRP and 3RP has been presented to give an overview of the requirements and actions expected from sectors and GoJ in order to align JRP review and the 3RP appeal deadlines.

- similarity between the JRP and the 3RP (inter-agency appeal)
- Template will be used by the Livelihood sector to pre-plan and pre-budget activities for 2017 and 2018, as will the other sectors of the ISWG do.

- Services Advisor:

IAWG Information Management has introduced the online service advisor system; focal points of each organization of the livelihood sector will be trained. Service advisor records services provided to refugees and will also be used for referral.

Livelihoods strategy/JRP preparations: Presentation of Strategic Objectives and of thematic discussion:

The objectives the Livelihoods Working Group discussed and identified during thematic discussions can be summarized as follows (draft needing inputs):

Short-term livelihoods provision

Improved short term self-reliance measures in order to promote protection, human dignity and social cohesion in preparation for long-term economic opportunities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To improve the ability of vulnerable households to meet basic needs and stabilize household assets through community and municipality-based cash-for-work opportunities;

To provide short term, gender and disability sensitive livelihood tools and support to economically marginalized individuals;

To increase refugees' involvement in service provision in camps through cash for work ensuring age, gender, and diversity mainstreaming and the inclusion of vulnerable groups

Employment and job placement

Increased access to formal employment opportunities meeting decent work and protection standards.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To improve access to job readiness, counselling and employment matching programmes benefiting refugees and host Jordanian job seekers;

To provide demand-driven, certified training to job seekers;

<p>To expand financial and employment support services that underpin inclusive labour markets, particularly in favour of women and youth;</p>	
<p>To support employer understanding of, and adherence to, legal and regulatory frameworks around decent work in Jordan;</p>	
<p>Self-employment and entrepreneurial initiatives <i>Increased ability of men and women in refugee camps and host communities in developing sustainable, market-oriented entrepreneurial activities leading to equitable economic development.</i></p>	
<p>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</p>	
<p>To promote the expansion of employment generating community cooperatives and social entrepreneurship activities</p>	
<p>To support women and men in developing viable, registered micro and home-based economic activities</p>	
<p>To improve and expand existing businesses, support access to financial services and enhance entrepreneurship of crisis-affected populations</p>	
<p>To improve understanding of the regulatory framework on business creation in Jordan, promote compliance and increase awareness on economic and fiscal rights.</p>	
<p>TVET/Vocational training <i>Increased access to, and recognition of, demand-driven, certified and accredited vocational training opportunities.</i></p>	
<p>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</p>	
<p>To expand access to in-demand vocational training courses in areas most heavily affected by the Syria crisis;</p>	
<p>To provide refugees with skills recognition, equivalency and vocational certifications aligned to the labor market demands as identified in open sectors and positions;</p>	
<p>To support the documentation and accreditation of vocational and professional skills in preparation for durable solutions.</p>	
<p>Gender Analysis/sector gender focal points update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector Gender focal points in coordination with the Senior GenCap adviser, are organizing a training on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Gender Marker. The Gender Marker tool allows for gender sensitive design and is a requirement for all Consolidated Appeals Processes (CAPs) and other humanitarian appeals and funding mechanisms. • As for Gender Analysis, the literature review has been finished. Next phase is conducting FGD's 	<p>Separate email: workshop on September 21st.</p> <p>Presentation of Gender Analysis for next meeting</p>
<p>Presentation of ILO activities</p> <p>'Job opportunities for Syrians in Jordan' uses a Facebook page launched 2 months ago, with now 1700 followers. Some cooperatives are linked to the FB page which is used by individual refugees also to advertise their products/services. ILO advertises jobs; companies advertise vacancies; information regarding work permits and social security is posted.</p>	

<p>Skills recognition of Syrians working in construction; interested Syrians are being contacted to facilitate a skills recognition test and provision of business license. This is a pilot for 100 Syrians.</p> <p>Apprenticeships/skills training 160 young people in i.a.l. Manufacturing, trade, food preparation/catering. This activity was set up for Jordanians but is now expanding to Syrians. They are considered apprentices not workers. In collaboration with IYF.</p> <p>EEIP: funded by KfW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creates short term employment for Syrians and Jordanians. - Target is 3500 working days - 5000 beneficiaries (both Jordanians and Syrians). - Rehabilitated 7 kilometres or road in Irbid and Saeed and water catchment in Mafrq. <p>Promotion of Home based businesses: ILO visited a number of refugees with home based businesses to understand how best to support. The challenge of these businesses appears lack capital not marketing.</p> <p>Support to agricultural cooperatives: Cooperatives run 20 employment “offices”; staff was trained on basic employment services.</p> <p>ILO’s “Better work- Jordan” program will continue monitoring working conditions as well as the percentage of Syrians in factory eligible to export to Europe.</p>	
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Next meeting date: 6th of October EMOPS Room UNHCR (TBC , depending on JRP retreat dates).

Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Presentation of Gender Analysis (Sector Gender focal points Bothaina & Julia)
- 2) Update on the Project Sheets and JRP Process
- 3) Update on current research work, findings
- 4) Presentations from partners

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