

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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| Meeting Location | EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda | Meeting Date | 18.01.2018 |
| Facilitator | Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC) | Meeting Time | 9:00– 11:00 |
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| <p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work permit numbers and updates of policies (MoL/ILO) 2. Support to home based and small businesses: challenges and way forward (Chair, LENS) 3. AVSI's project "Amal" in Jerash, Sahab and Aqaba : progress and challenges (AVSI) 4. JRP/3RP – summary of final submissions in Livelihoods (Coordination unit) 5. Terms of reference and work plan (Chair) 6. Updates from agencies | | | | | | | |
| <p>Work permit numbers and updates of policies (MoL/ILO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumulatively, 83,507 work permits have been issued/renewed for Syrian refugees in Jordan since 2016. Further breakdown as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017</td> <td>83,507 *</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017</td> <td>46,717 *</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Of which issued from camps February 2017 to December 31, 2017</td> <td>12,995 *</td> </tr> </table> <p>*all figure continue to be reported cumulatively and with no breakdown of new/renewed work permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6,043 work permits were issue in December 2017. - Irbid Labor Directorate issued the highest number of work permits in December. - The agriculture sector is still the most important sector in terms of work permits issued (20,247 work permits January-December 2017). - Also according to MoL, 7,962 work permits have been issued for refugees registered as residents of Azraq Camp and 4,419 from Za'atari Camp during the time period of 1-2-2017 to 31-12-2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Challenges exist in Azraq, where many refugees mostly former village 5 residents are not allowed to leave the camp for work, in spite of the fact that they have obtained a work permit. o The grace period for obtaining work permits has been extended till June 2018. | January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 | 83,507 * | January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 | 46,717 * | Of which issued from camps February 2017 to December 31, 2017 | 12,995 * | <p>Access the full MoL presentation here.</p> |
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| <p>Support to home based and small businesses: challenges and way forward (Chair, LENS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LENS is a USAID project that aims at supporting increased revenue at local level. - https://www.usaid.gov/jordan/fact-sheets/usaid-jordan-local-enterprise-support-network - LENS was invited to the meeting to present the work they have done on Jordanian home based businesses. | <p>- Access the full LENS presentation here.</p> <p>Access the HBB's regulations here.</p> | | | | | | |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LENS found that there are around 12,000 HBB's in the country and given the government restrictions almost all of them are informal. - Transport is one of the most difficult issues to enable access to markets and scale up of HBB's. - LENS began to support the GoJ efforts in improving the legal framework for HBB's three years ago in collaboration with the World Bank, whose P4R includes a DLI for the registration of 1,000 HBB; 100 of which have to be Syrian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LENS has contracted Naffa Law Firm, available in all governorates/municipalities to guide with the registration of HBB. Governorates might enforce differently the regulations on registration of HBB's. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agencies are encouraged to get in touch with Naffa Law Firm directly if they are looking for assistance in formalizing Jordanian home based businesses. - LENS is planning an end-to-end support, partnering with IRC, to pilot a model of strengthening and register HBBs owned by Syrian refugees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the moment difficulties for Syrians and HBBs formalization lies in licensing the businesses, as there are significant restrictions on what type of businesses non-Jordanians can own and operate. | <p>LENS contact: Nadeen Sousou Policy Coordinator nsousou@jordanlens.org</p> <p><u>Naffa Law Firm:</u> Saad Naffa Managing Partner Tel: +962 6 582 7710 Fax: +962 6 582 7704 P.O. Box 852613 Amman 11185 Jordan Sweifiyeh, 14 Ali Nasoh Al Taher St. Forum Building </p> | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>AVSI's project "Aamal" in Jerash, Sahab and Aqaba : progress and challenges (AVSI)</p> <p>AVSI's Aamal project consists of building capacities of Jordanians, Syrians and Palestinians through vocational training (180 hours) and internships in the private sector (3 months internships) in the industrial sectors. AVSI's objective is to help people to secure employment with work permits. The challenges identified by AVSI during the initial period of implementation include the cultural barriers of women working, child care and transport, as well as the lack of interest for low-paid/minimum wage salaries. While some of these challenges are being addressed through different subsidies by NGO and agencies, AVSI raised the known but important issue of how to avoid competition amongst providers of incentives, which increases manipulation and makes finding people interested and committing to projects difficult.</p> | <p>Access to the full presentation here.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>JRP/3RP – summary of final submissions in Livelihoods (Coordination unit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The JRP is the 3RP chapter for Jordan; the 3RP Jordan chapter includes an Inter-Agency Appeal in support of the Government of Jordan's JRP; - Inter-Agency Appeal is areas of intervention where UN agencies and NGOs have a comparative advantage to leverage funding sources to support JRP. - The JRP budget is higher due to it covering the overall budget that also includes the support to ministries. - The total 3RP budget for both Refugee and Resilience component are as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="159 1581 813 1696"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>3RP</th> <th>JRP</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Refugee</td> <td>52,768,437.43</td> <td>53,341,808.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilience</td> <td>46,846,680.75</td> <td>57,570,795.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Component | 3RP | JRP | Refugee | 52,768,437.43 | 53,341,808.00 | Resilience | 46,846,680.75 | 57,570,795.50 | <p>Access the full sheet of projects/budgets for the Refugee component here and the Resilience component here.</p> <p>Agencies are reminded to report on ActivityInfo on a monthly basis for the monitoring of projects.</p> |
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| <p>Terms of reference and work plan (Chair) Chair has revised TOR's of the working group and has asked for volunteers to. While the LWG has been mostly about sharing of information and sub-groups such as ILO for employment and ILO/GIZ for cash for work forum have brought about more concrete joint or harmonized actions.</p> | Oxfam, EU and PMU will review; TOR's will be finalized next meeting. |
| <p>Updates from agencies - An email of the MoL to NGOs has requested some increased reporting and beneficiaries' lists. To ensure protection standards are upheld, UNHCR and MoL have discussed putting this request on hold while data sharing concerns are addressed.</p> | |
| <p>Next meeting date: TBA 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: TOR's finalization.</p> | |

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