

LIVELIHOODS AND RESILIENCE SECTOR WORKING GROUP(L&RSWG) MEETING

Date: 20th June 2023

Venue: UNHCR, Lion Boardroom

Agenda:

1. General remarks: LRSWG Chairs
2. Sector Updates
 - i. Sector Performance
 - ii. Global Refugee Forum (GRF) Preparation and Next steps
 - iii. Settlement Strategy Development and Planning
3. RIMA: Snapshot and Process
 - Q&A/Comments
4. Partners' announcements & AOB

Remarks and Updates from Co-Chairs

- Appreciated partners for the participation in the preparations for the Global Refugee Forum 2023, which will be co-convened by Uganda
- Urged partners to review the draft GRF documents, including the pledges and share any suggestions with the Co-Chairs
- Thanked partners for participation in the meetings over the previous three months and for providing inputs to the revised sector strategy
- This was Lilian Achieng Otiego's final meeting with livelihood partners after about three years as Co-chair of the Livelihoods and Resilience Sector Working Group
- Kaleab Zelalem, Livelihoods Officer at UNHCR, was introduced as the new L&RSWG Co-chair

Sector Performance Updates from Festo Muriisa, Asst. Information Management Officer, UNHCR

- Only 34 partners reported for Q 1, 2023
- For Q1, 2023, 11 partners reported receiving funding totalling to US \$17M, which is 30% of the sector target for 2023, leaving a gap of US \$115M
- In preparation for Q2 reporting in July, the Information Management Unit at UNHCR will train partner staff on reporting using *activity info* reporting tool starting on 27th June
- The working group should set performance targets for reporting starting with Q2 reporting

Global Refugee Forum Preparation (GRF) and next steps, presented by Paul Mwirichia

- In preparation for the Self-reliance Resilience roundtable at the GRF, the Sector working group organized partners into technical groups to analyse achievement, challenges and opportunities based on the following themes: Ultra-poor graduation model, value chains, market systems development, employment creation and private sector engagement. Refer to the presentation for details
- proposed pledges and asks were presented to a roundtable held on 30th May
- It was noted that GRF sector discussions were still dominated by international NGOs, thus the sector will engage with local/national NGOs to ensure they are brought onboard
- Infrastructure component should be further reviewed, especially the financial requirements
- The Private sector needs to be less ambitious with targets in refugee areas as it could take five or more years to realize returns on investments
- L&RSWG to plan for impact evaluations as most of the partners do not have adequate funding for the activity

Reactions to the GRF presentation

- L&RSWG should also advocate for funding to de-risk the private sector as an incentive for them to invest in refugee hosting areas
- L&RSWG should document approaches by partners that facilitate or *de-facilitate* market systems
- L&RSWG needs to be clear about the Asks when it meets with the Government and their level of pledging- the sector could prepare 2-3 high level pledge statements

Action points on GRF preparations

- Follow up meetings with MDAs - 6th July 2023
- Multisector Meeting to update the socioeconomic context – August 2023
- Mapping of partners against the Self Reliance and Resilience Components – by LRSWG, July 2023
- Finalize the GRF Livelihoods and Self Reliance Sector Overview: Analysis and Recommendation - September 2023
- Mission by Development Partners and Donors 5th – 7th September 2023
- CRRF – DPG and RHPG Meeting for the Field Mission Debrief – October 2023
- Partners to indicate under what component they will pledge and contribute
- Physically meeting to map out partner pledge

Settlement Sector Strategy Development

- The L&RSWG co-chairs at settlement level together with Commandants at the OPM in workshop held on 18th May 2023 in Hoima, agreed that settlements develop livelihood sector strategies and action plans for the period 2023-2026
- Initial meetings were held in most of the settlements with support from UNHCR
- One of the key outcomes of the settlement level livelihood planning meetings are strategies on how access to land for farming by refugees can be addressed
- National Planning Authority should be engaged to assist on the alignment of the settlement sector strategies and action plans with government plans

Next steps

- Second round of meetings will be held starting on 27th June and partners were reminded to participate
- Draft settlement sector strategies are due at the end of June and validation meetings will be held in July
- Final settlement level sector strategy documents and action plans are due on 15th August

RIMA snapshot, presented by Monica Schuster, FAO (virtually)

Highlights (refer to attached presentation for details)

- RIMA is a quantitative type of approach that creates evidence to develop evidence-based resilience data from refugee communities
- Food security indicators have been steadily declining after 2020
- Resilience for both refugee and host communities is recovering from the COVID 19 shock

Policy recommendations:

1. Social protection mechanism should focus on **building Long-term assets/endowments** to address structural vulnerabilities.
2. Agencies should give more effort on **reducing the gap** between ex ante and ex post transfer liquidities to mitigate effects of unprecedented shocks and stressors
3. Extend the existing policies and emergencies towards **nutrition and food security** restoration programs
4. Attention should be paid to understanding the systematic ways in which the social component in Uganda plays a role in resilience

Why should partners invest in the RIMA?

- RIMA provides the necessary evidence to more effectively tailor, design, deliver, monitor, and evaluate assistance to vulnerable populations, based on what they need most.
- FAO has applied the RIMA for data collection covering refugee and host community households in Uganda since 2017
- Reduced FAO HQ involvement in the RIMA in Uganda in the coming years, thus need for the Uganda country office and partners to take ownership of the tool

Actions

- FAO to share a copy of the recent RIMA report and the tool with stakeholders for feedback
- Partners urged to have bilateral discussions on how they can use the RIMA for their programming
- Partners to provide feedback in the next L&RSWG meeting on if and how much they would invest in the RIMA

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Next &LRSWG meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of July- 18th July

Annex: Attendance

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kaleab Zelalem, UNHCR 2. Paul Mwirichia, World Vision 3. Lilian Otiego, UNHCR, 4. Gerald Peter Emoyo, UNHCR 5. Mara Forbes, Trickle Up 6. Okello Christine Laura (Caritas Uganda) 7. Opio Paul (FAO) 8. James Terjanian (FAO) 9. Festo R. Muriisa (UNHCR) 10. Alexander Fgel (FCDO/BHC) 11. Charles Alemi (UNHCR) 12. Mbabazi John Bosco (FAO) 13. Christine Nandora - Save the Children (virtual) 14. Emmanuel Pacoto, JICA (virtual) 15. Monica Schuster ,FAO (virtual) 16. Marijke Deleu, ULEARN (virtual) 17. Sylvia Alaso CRS (virtual) 18. Ernest Wasake. World Bank (virtual) 19. Melle van Hilten, IMPACT (virtual) 20. Julian Nyachwo,GOAL (virtual) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Peter Okaje, FAO (virtual) 22. David Obongonyinge, ALIGHT(virtual) 23. Mesele Fitsum, ZOA (virtual) 24. Cecilie Gundersen, WFP (virtual) 25. Odumna Joseph; Finn Church Aid- FCA (virtual) 26. John Ilukor World Bank (virtual) 27. Africano Kasingye (virtual) 28. Denton Nsamizi (virtual) 29. Esther Ainembabazi (virtual) 30. Geremew Yadessan(virtual) 31. Innocent Munno (virtual) 32. Jane Ruth Nakintu (virtual) 33. Damalie Zalwango, UNHCR(Virtual) 34. Martina Scarace (virtual) 35. Okot Charles (virtual) 36. Shuster Monica FAOBE (virtual) 37. Tumsid Scurfield (virtual) 38. Vusia Roselyn Davina GIZ UG (virtual) 39. Henry Wanume, UNHCR |
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