

**Livelihood & Resilience Sector Working Group (LRSWG) Monthly Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Agenda Items**

1. Remarks and Updates from Co-chairs
2. Sector Mapping Report
3. Uganda Market Systems Development Network Presentation
4. Good Practice and Lessons Forum
5. Thematic Advocacy and Coordination
6. AOB

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**Action points**

**Remarks and Updates from Co-chairs**

The information shared by partners from the sector mapping exercise on current livelihood projects has been validated and the product on activity *info* is a robust depository of information on livelihoods sector status.

It was noted that more coordination is required for support of urban refugees and members were urged to join the platform.

A committee to spearhead the Good practices and lessons forum was constituted led by Isabella Karvenin and Joseph Irumba which has so far met twice and already created the selection criteria.

Regarding GRF roundtable, two workstreams have made progress i.e., Minimum requirements for measuring self-reliance and Market Systems Development.

**Cash Working Group Updates – Matilda**

Bank of Uganda endorsed the minimum standards for financial literacy training that taskforce developed.

CWG is working on strengthening collaboration with Bank of Uganda on an upcoming workshop on financial inclusion for Forcibly Displaced Persons.

There's a new national strategy for financial inclusion with refugees being of specific interest that both CWG and livelihood sector need to align with and support.

CWG is working on common cash approach to enhance access to financial services and ensure there's a range of refugee relevant financial products.

Fostering linkages with Livelihoods and enhancing self-reliance.

**Sector Mapping Report**

After bilateral interactions to clean the data shared by partners on active livelihood projects;

- 64 partners were reported
- 124 projects were registered
- Budget for the livelihood projects stands at 246M USD
- Total beneficiaries: 817,920. 572,544 and 245, 376 for Refugees and Host community respectively.

**Breakdown of projects;**

| Sector                 | # of projects | Budget |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Agriculture            | 66            | 65M    |
| Skills & Employment    | 26            | 40M    |
| Enterprise development | 22            | 43M    |
| Financial Inclusion    | 21            | 11M    |
| Graduation             | 4             | 76M    |

Still, 33 projects are under 100,000 USD funding cap thus requiring the sector to innovate more around investment into livelihoods.

Much as Kampala has the highest percentage of working age population at, there's very little investment for urban refugees.

Furthermore, there are a few multi-year projects as only 6 projects run until 2027.

**Uganda Market Systems Development Network Presentation – Dorothy, Feed the Future IAM & Collins Apuoyo.**

Together with relevant public and private actors, started UMSDN to increase understanding and appreciation of MSD approach, increase visibility of MSD programmes and projects and strengthen knowledge management of MSD resources.

Held first webinar around attracting private sector engagement into refugee settlements. Key highlights were: use of smart approaches rather than heavy subsidies that drive away genuine private sector, Development agencies fostering sustainable models, coordination, and collaboration among development agencies, need to generated information highlighting investment opportunities, reducing cost of doing business.

**How can LRSWG institutionalize the approach.**

Incentivize development agencies working in settlements to adopt elements of market-based approaches, creating enabling environment and policies, identify and avail relevant information for private actors, and leverage private sector to offer services to the refugees to refugees.

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| <p><b>Good Practice and Lessons Forum</b></p> <p>A committee to lead this initiative was constituted which has so far drafted Good practise Selection Guide and created a plan to collect, review, consolidate and share good practices.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop good practice submission template and selection criteria – <b>October 2023</b></li> <li>• Announce the selection criteria and application modalities to the LRSWG – <b>October 2023</b></li> <li>• Submit applications (one pagers) – <b>November 2023</b></li> <li>• Review and select applications based on agreed criteria – <b>December 2023</b></li> <li>• Develop a full good practice submission template and share with selected partners/projects – <b>December 2023</b></li> <li>• Work with selected partners to finalize full good practice and lessons forum – <b>Dec – February 2024</b></li> <li>• Publish submissions and organize the good practice and lessons forum – <b>February 2024</b></li> <li>• Produce a forum report and share with LRSWG members – <b>March 2024</b></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Thematic Advocacy and Coordination</b></p> <p>The rationale for this approach in improving livelihood programming is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen technical coordination – harmonization of approaches and standards</li> <li>• Promote collaborations and synergies among partners</li> <li>• Create platform to share good practices and lessons</li> <li>• Generate evidence to inform the sector</li> <li>• Collective contribution to the sector and the JLRIP</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic Coordination structures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Agriculture Value Chains</li> <li>✓ Skills and Employment</li> <li>✓ Graduation</li> <li>✓ Enterprise development</li> <li>✓ Financial Inclusion</li> </ul> | <p>Develop advocacy notes per theme</p>  |
| <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adebasiku Ferdinand</li> <li>2. Albert Macharia</li> <li>3. Babar Humayun</li> <li>4. Batte Charles</li> <li>5. Cecilie Gundersen</li> <li>6. Flora Tumwebaze</li> <li>7. Isabella Karvinen</li> <li>8. Isharaza Mwesigwa</li> <li>9. John Kahuma</li> <li>10. Joseph Irumba</li> <li>11. Joseph Mutus</li> <li>12. Mara Forbes</li> <li>13. Matilda Jerneck</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22. Nuba Elamin</li> <li>23. Nyambane Anne</li> <li>24. Ochom Ben David</li> <li>25. Patrick Langoya</li> <li>26. Paul Atikoro</li> <li>27. Paul Mwirichia</li> <li>28. Kaleab Zelalem</li> <li>29. Peter Kimotho</li> <li>30. Richard Kibwota</li> <li>31. Simon Marot</li> <li>32. Simon Ocana</li> <li>33. Stephen Anecho</li> <li>34. Teddy</li> <li>35. Tamsin Scurfield</li> </ol>  |

14. Melle Van-Hilten
15. Moses Gateja
16. Muhangi John Mary
17. Festo Muriisa
18. Collins Apuoyo
19. Dorothy Najjingo,
20. Ariong Godfrey, CRRF secretariat
21. Nandora Christine

36. Theodore Jasper
37. Thomas Akol
38. Alexander Igel
39. Samantha Tinkamanyire
40. Gratian Nareebah
41. Musa Aruna Kamara
42. Wanume Henry