

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khaldia	Meeting Date	08.06.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (Coordinator) Emily Lewis (co-chair)	Meeting Time	10:00– 12:00
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Agenda

- 1) Terms of reference of the LWG/rotation of the co-chair (UNHCR/DRC)
- 2) Numbers and trends in work permits (MoL)
- 3) Area-based Livelihoods analysis (DRC)
- 4) Decent work in manufacturing sector (Better Work Jordan)
- 5) Debrief on employment services workshop (ILO/MoL)
- 6) Recruitment services for solid waste management and strengthening of cooperatives (AAH)
- 7) Upcoming research results launch:
 - I. Study on Jordanian, migrant and Syrian workers in the labour market (ILO/SDC)
 - II. Agricultural and Syrian refugees in Jordan: current situation and opportunities ahead (UNHCR/ICARDA)

Terms of reference of the LWG/rotation of the co-chair (UNHCR/DRC)

- The terms of reference for the group include mapping; the Inter-sector coordination mechanisms of UNHCR has an effective tool - Services Advisor - that is a user-friendly and is can be used by all agencies/NGOs whether or not listed in the JRP. The tool has been discussed and should be adopted as widely as possible. It would also give MoL a better picture of ongoing projects also on employment services.
- Some NGOs a facing challenges the JORISS approval of employment related projects as additional steps of screening by MoL are requested. *
- Partners in Livelihoods are asked to continue report on ActivityInfo and increase reporting/data entry of services on Services Advisor.
- Chairpersonship: co-chair is due to rotate. Given that the JRP is intensive and requires a deep understanding of projects and planning is was suggested to keep DRC as the chair until the end of the JRP process this year.

*Following the LWG meeting, DRC has discussed with MoL and have come to an understanding of the following: NGOs must approach the MoL with a written description of their project prior to submission on JORISS. Once the MoL signs off, they will produce a document indicating their support for that specific project. This document should either accompany the JORISS application or the MoL will provide it during the MCC meeting. After the project is approved by MoPIC, agencies will be asked to create an MoU with the MoL for that specific project.

ACTION POINTS

- Agencies are asked to report on Services Advisor.
- Should NGO's wish to propose a change and candidate themselves, kindly send an email to the chair and Rema'a.

<p>Numbers and trends in work permits (MoL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of June 8th, 2017, work permits numbers are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work permits (issued and renewed) 1/1/2016 to 31/5/2017 is 52906 Work permits (issued) 1/1/2017 to 31/5/2017 is 16116 Work permits inside camp till 30/5/2017 is 584 	
<p>Area-based Livelihoods analysis (DRC and REACH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary objective: Support humanitarian and development actors implementing livelihoods programmes in East Amman in order to provide a deeper understanding of the barriers especially related to mobility faced by those seeking to access work opportunities and those seeking to provide work opportunities. Hypothesis: Mobility is the main barrier to accessing income generating opportunities for Syrians and Jordanians living in East Amman, which were identified by DRC and REACH teams based on programmatic observations. Approach: Qualitative area-based assessment, with East Amman as the target unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access the full presentation here. Full report, methodology and toolkit to be shared at a later stage.
<p>Decent work in manufacturing sector (Better Work Jordan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessments, factory visits and training are included in BWJ service package (advisory service, industry seminars, and trainings) to ensure decent work is provided to all workers through BWJ's compliance assessment tool. Factory performance are reviewed to ensure national laws and international labour standards are being implemented and the use of effective management systems. An assessment report is released roughly one month after the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access the full presentation here.
<p>Debrief on employment services workshop (ILO/MoL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why Employment Services? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate matching of a new workforce with employers; Job matching is not only skills matching; Importance of other aspects: wages, working conditions. Replacement of migrants by Syrians is proving not to be "automatic"; Need for a new business model in manufacturing sector to be informed by ES. Legality: employment services should not be provided without the approval of the MoL. However, if an INGO has obtained approval for a project offering employability services, then they are still fine to implement. Main services of Employment Service Centers: Registration of job seekers and vacancies, job matching and placement, active labour market programmes and labour market information and analysis. Super Counselling Centre: A fully integrated online system will be set up by MoL/ILO to connect all counselling centres within the MoL in a targeted area. It will act as a database for employers and job seekers to enable job matching. ➤ UNHCR has been working closely with ILO to set up the employment centres in both camps. Two things have been worked upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mechanism for SRAD and MoL to check movement in and out of camps (leave through work permits) The establishment of an employment centre, SOP's. The system at Za'atari camp level is almost ready. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access the full presentation here. To be rolled out in three months. Access UNHCR's Mobility out of Camps and Work Permits here.

<p>Recruitment services for solid waste management and strengthening of cooperatives (Action Against Hunger)</p> <p>The objective of this project is to increase short and long term employment opportunities for both vulnerable Jordanians and Syrians in the solid waste management sector, and to strengthen local cooperatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries: 1,000 workers (50% Syrians, 50% Jordanians – women and men) • Implementation phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cooperative identification and technical capacity building ○ Contractual procedures - Cash for Work scheme ○ Value chain study (done by DWR – consortium Action Against Hunger, CARITAS and DRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the full presentation here.
<p>Upcoming research results launch:</p> <p>I. Study on Jordanian, migrant and Syrian workers in the labour market (ILO/SDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of <u>“A challenging market becomes more challenging”</u> a report by ILO with the support of SDC on June 12th on Jordanians, migrant workers and Syrian refugees in Jordan’s labour market. The report aims to provide practical recommendations to some of the most pressing challenges facing Jordanian, migrant and Syrian refugee workers in Jordan. Based on primary data gathered with nearly a thousand workers, employers and other key informants, the report examines five specific sectors: agriculture, construction, domestic work, manufacturing and tourism. <p>II. Agricultural and Syrian refugees in Jordan: current situation and opportunities ahead (UNHCR/ICARDA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on Livelihoods, UNHCR will conduct a working session with ILO, WFP and FAO in order to coordinate and explore future programming in agriculture and value chains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date/invite to be later confirmed.
<p>AOB</p> <p>Mercy Corps is launching a project funded by Google. Focus will be introducing and supporting existing solutions that help with employability, training for employment and certain employment ideas such as supporting micro manufacturing. Mercy Corps is currently in the research phase, and are looking to collaborate with agencies in collecting data.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact MC for further information.
<p>Next meeting date: <i>July 13th 2017 9:00-11:00</i></p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Updates from MoL/ILO, including new directives on occupations in manufacturing; work permits in construction sector and short term work permits. 2) Caritas presentation 3) Mercy Corps EC JHDF Project Presentation 4) ILO presentation on e-learning on labour rights 5) Use of RAIS in livelihoods projects (DRC). 	
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