

## Livelihood Working Group Amman, Jordan

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	07.12.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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<p><b>Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work permits figures (MOL/MOPIC) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health care workers assessment (MDM)</li> <li>▪ Discussion on JRP livelihoods sector changes and next steps (chairs)</li> <li>▪ Feedback on cash for work/EIIP (ILO)</li> <li>▪ Updates from agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>MDM presentation on nexus between health and healthcare workers + livelihoods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Syrian Public Health Network, Cambridge, MDM looks at healthcare workers in Lebanon and Jordan, where they are located, their expertise, their future prospects. . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledging that returns are on the horizon</li> <li>▪ Will engage with INGOs who are involved in livelihoods for training opportunities for these professionals</li> <li>▪ Will put measures in place so they are trained, look into formalization opportunities if any? Many are working under the auspices of registered physicians</li> <li>▪ Programmatic options</li> <li>▪ Better understand regulations regarding healthcare workers in each country.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Updates from MoL/MOPIC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ End of November: New work permits figure for 2017 was 5,931.</li> <li>○ Main increase was in the construction sector as a result of the MoL new regulations. Overall numbers increased to 41,888 for 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monthly average used to be approximately 3,000, during November it increased to 6,000. This jump also to be attribute to construction sector work permits as well as faster processing in directorates</li> <li>▪ MoL/directorates in several Governorates are working extra hours (2 hours/day) in order to reduce delays issuing the work permits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Access the full MoL presentation <a href="#">here</a></p>
<p><b>Regulation changes on the issuance of work permits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Now Syrians don't need clearance from previous employer once work permit has expired. If the work permit hasn't expired, they need clearance.</li> <li>- 14 days paid sick leave can be extended to another 14 days so the total is 28 days paid sick leave through the year (if medical report is provided).</li> </ul>	<p>All information related to the new regulations is on the portal</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the CfW work permits, the agency/institution implementing the project (municipalities, field directorates of line ministries, NGOs or associations) will request the work permit to the MOL. The work permit will have a duration based on the duration of the contract and for a maximum period of six months.</li> <li>- For agricultural work permit, Syrians need to pay 10 JOD to MOL and 2 JOD service fee to the cooperatives and for construction work permit they need to pay 10 JOD to MOL, 2 JOD to trade union and 45 JOD for the insurance policy.</li> <li>- Syrian refugee can now get a work permit in other sectors open to foreigners when their current permit in the agricultural, supporting services or bakeries sectors is expired.</li> <li>- Refugee can get a work permit in the construction sector without recognition of prior learning certificate.</li> <li>- UNHCR disseminate new regulations to Syrian refugees' in the working age through SMS, UNHCR FB page and twitter too. So 364,000 SMS went out with all needed information (see report <a href="#">here</a>) .</li> </ul>	<p>UNHCR Communicating with Communities actions available <a href="#">here</a></p>
<p><b>JRP 2018 Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feedback on the JRP submission for the livelihood sector was received by the MoL</li> <li>- The JRP total volume level for livelihoods are approx. half what requested by agencies in the 3RP/Activity info.</li> <li>- The structure of the PSSs has also changed;</li> <li>- Agencies will be requested to reduce and re-submit for the 3RP;</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ARDD</b></li> </ul> <p>ARDD have a new project that allow Syrian refugees to work as community facilitator. They will get 6 months' work permits as community facilitator. This project is targeting 60 Syrian refugees and the same number for Jordanians in three governorate for two years.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cash for Work</b></li> </ul> <p><b>A workshop was hosted by ILO on 2 December to discuss the C4W and EIIP initiatives, with the aim of harmonizing interventions. Main points discussed included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ legal framework</li> <li>○ targeting and harmonizing selection criteria</li> <li>○ Sustainability of refugee participation after the program ends: Can they be connected with longer term livelihood opportunities.</li> <li>○ Social security</li> <li>○ 6 working +1 rest paid days should be the norm. This needs to be included in the cost of the employment.</li> <li>○ The meeting did not arrive to a set recommendations on wage rates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Template will be circulated for agencies to be filled out;</li> <li>▪ A discussion on sector-specific wage standards needs to be held</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTED/PRM project</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Involves 560 Syrian refugees, 240 Jordanians</li> <li>○ Increase cooperative capacity building</li> </ul>	<p>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Equip 560 Syrians and 240 Jordanians with the necessary skills to engage in microbusinesses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TREE committees will evaluate business plans (ICARDA etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Effective support mechanisms in place for agricultural market entry for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Field farmer training model will be used</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Consultants are needed by Acted – please in climate smart agriculture and value chain. Jobs are in <a href="http://bayt.com">bayt.com</a></li> <li>○</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next meeting date: 11.1.2018</b>  <b>Next Meeting Agenda:</b>  TBA</p>	