

# Livelihood Working Group

## Amman, Jordan

### 21.06.2018

<b>Meeting Location</b>	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	<b>Meeting Date</b>	21.06.2018
<b>Facilitator</b>	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00– 12:00
<b>Minutes Prepared by</b>	Rema'a Alawi (UNHCR)		

#### Agenda

1. Updates on work permits figures (MoL)
2. Advocacy actions and way forward in supporting the Compact (ILO/UNHCR)
3. Brussels conference outcomes and monitoring of progress (EU delegation)
4. UNICEF's training project for youth – initial lessons learnt (UNICEF)
5. Updates from chair on SGBV training and other updates
6. AOB

#### Updates on work permits figures (MoL)

- Cumulatively, 104,294 work permits have been issued/renewed for Syrian refugees in Jordan since 2016. Further breakdown as follows:

	Total permits Jan 2016- June 19, 2018	Total permits Jan 2018- June 19, 2018	Total permits Jan 2017-June 17, 2018 (P4R Y2 Target)
Male	<b>99,936</b>	<b>19,915</b>	<b>64,260</b>
Female	<b>4,358</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>3,244</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,294</b>	<b>20,787</b>	<b>67,504</b>

- Number of work permits issued in the agriculture sector January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018- June 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 is 5,090. However, the increase of number in agriculture work permits does not reflect number of Syrian refugees working in agriculture per se. As work permits are obtained and refugees work in other sectors.

Access the full MoL presentation [here](#).

#### Advocacy actions and way forward in supporting the Compact (ILO/UNHCR)

- Based on the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, the Cabinet instructs the Ministry of Labour to re-circulate the decision to all labour directorates and confirm the exclusion of Syrian labour active in the Industrial sector from the reduction of foreign migrant workers' currently implemented.
- Under NEEP, companies have to reduce the percentage of foreign migrant workers they employ.
- The tourism sector has specific quotas of allowed foreign workers based on classification (star rating).

<p><b>Brussels conference outcomes and monitoring of progress (EU delegation)</b></p> <p>All documents available at:  <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2018/04/24-25/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2018/04/24-25/</a></p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Jordan partnership paper is detailed and has tangible suggestions, with women and youth at the center of the livelihoods narrative.</li> <li>2. There is a commitment to improving livelihoods and decent work for Jordanians and Syrian refugees as well as a commitment to improve the economic and investment environment.</li> <li>3. Trade facilitation will continue and additional targeted firm-level assistance and innovation support programmes, aimed at increasing Jordanian firms' export capability in sectors where the country has a competitive advantage in the global market will be supported.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The GoJ on the other hand commits to regulatory predictability, with the aim of reducing red tape and costs for investors.</li> <li>-</li> <li>- EU has considered the request of flexibility on the RoO agreement from the GoJ including broadening the scope beyond the 18 special economic zones and on the percentage of Syrians that companies have to hire (no future increase to 25%)..</li> <li>- The EU Council has to approve the proposal.</li> <li>- Paragraph number 26 of the partnership paper looks at monitoring. <i>“At a national level, the GoJ and international community will identify the best modality to keep assessing progress against mutual commitments made in London and Brussels”</i>. The HDPG (Humanitarian Development Partners Group (donors and agencies) and JIF have worked on a matrix that should be easy to implement and realistic.</li> <li>- EU continues to monitor progress of the international community and the GoJ. For GoJ the coordination is extremely important and they would like to set up a monitoring mechanism to assess the impact of the Jordan Compact – potentially looking at indicators such as improved self-reliance, well-being of the refugee population etc. Coordination with the JIF to be expected.</li> </ul>	<p>The partnership paper is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>UNICEF’s training project for youth – initial lessons learnt (UNICEF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Amaluna” aims at providing 1,400 vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian youth aged 18-24 with employment opportunities.</li> <li>- Amuluna is working on youth economic engagement by providing technical and vocational skills, life-skills, entrepreneurship and employability skills.</li> <li>- The TVET training is demand driven. UNICEF work through partners along with the private sector to facilitate access to employment.</li> <li>- Luminus is an IP for this project and most of the successful graduates were employed by UNICEF or Luminus directly, as Luminus is an IP.  <a href="https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12583.html">https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12583.html</a></li> </ul>	<p>Access the full presentation <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>For more information contact Sonia Ziadeh <a href="mailto:szideh@unicef.org">szideh@unicef.org</a></p>
<p><b>Updates from chair on SGBV training and other updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGBV Safe referral ToT : info @ <a href="https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/63974">https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/63974</a></li> <li>• SGBV working group will conduct a training of trainers on July 9<sup>th</sup> aimed on safe referrals. 2 seats are available for the Livelihoods Working Group. It is one full day training targeting coordinators at field level and key sectors members with minimum basic protection</li> </ul>	

<p>background who commit to replicate the training twice by the end of the year. Trained colleagues are expected to attend the full day and replicate the one day training twice-reporting back on list of trained people and providing feedback and recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This training should reach frontline workers and guide them on how to receive a disclosure and safely refer individuals in need of SGBV assistance. Those interested are to approach Laura and Emily.</li> </ul> <p>UNHCR, DRC and IRC met with USAID LENS took place to continue to seeking solutions to HBB run by Syrian refugees by adapting policies/regulations instead of advocating for full change of laws. The promotion of Syrian-Jordanian joint ventures by the government should make it easier to use existing regulations but the feasibility of these joint venture remains to be seen, especially when businesses are very small and/or home based.</p>	<p>Questions/suggestions for LENS are to be directed to Laura and Emily.</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GIZ will have a bi-monthly coordination meeting solely for active CFW activities.</li> </ul>	<p>Contact Nicole to be added to the list (if active in CfW activities)  <a href="mailto:nicole.roy@giz.de">nicole.roy@giz.de</a></p>
<p><b>Next meeting date:</b>  July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Agenda:</b>  TBA</p>	