

**3RP Livelihoods Working Group Meeting****25 May 2017 at 2:00 pm****UN House, Gaziantep****MINUTES of the MEETING**

Participants: Hamit Doğan (UNDP), Ünal Tiryaki (UNDP), İlhan Keser (AFAD), Anas El Sheikh (RIZK), Hasiba Ammar (RIZK), Mehmet Kılıç (GAUN), Tefide Kizildeniz (FAO), Aylin Şen (DRC), Ali Kaya (NRC), Mustafa Al Dabbagh (GSO), Ahmad Taj Aldeen Jamous (KUDRA), Salah Hamwi (CARE), Subhi Kurd Arabo (GTO), Ufuk Gülmez (ASAM), Asya Ergün (ACTED), Kemal Alp Taylan (Save The Children), Moahmmmed Abualhoda Attar (World Vision), Rami H. Sharrack (Syrian Economic Forum), Özge Boztaş (WHH), Ruth Hale (GIZ), Bekir Halhallı (CONCERN), Sigfrido Romeo (FAO), Mohamad Taher Kurdie (Maram Foundation), Ceyhan Karaduman (Maram Foundation)

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Quick Round of Introduction

UNDP, Hamit Doğan has opened the meeting and thanked the participants for their presence.

Agenda Item 2: Brief Update from UN Agencies and Partner Organizations on Their Livelihoods Related Activities

KUDRA stated that they have two workshops. The first workshop is finished and was funded by Kudra organization while the second one is still in progress:

- 1- Program for startup Project Management: 3 days of an empowering workshop for Syrian Refugees who have startup project or new initiatives who want to develop. We trained them how to start their project, how to build their business model, how to reach their beneficiaries, and how to make some market assessments.
- 2- Secretariat Management Training: Empowering Syrian Women's secretariat management in this workshop by mentoring and funding them. We will choose 3 initiatives and support them.

NRC stated that they reduced Syrian staff and volunteers and decided to renew the activities and the programs by working more through partnerships.

They also stated that they still have ongoing courses in 3 different locations (Kilis, Antakya, and Urfa). They mentioned that from April; they had skills training and Vocational Trainings for 50 people for each training.

ACTED stated that they will start Language Courses and Vocational Trainings in June.

WHH stated that they submitted two project proposals and waiting for results.

FAO stated that the vocational trainings are still on going for the current project. They also stated that in general they don't have projects for Syrians based here in Turkey and their focus point of Syrian Crisis is in Syria. They pointed that they want to get lessons learned and practices out of these meeting to adapt with the Syrian context and to understand how partnership of Chamber of Commerce can work on the other side of the border and see how links can be made between producers in Syria and buyers in Turkey.

GIZ stated that; Unfortunately, our discussion with MONE resulted in not being supposed to do any vocational training through NGOs anymore. They also pointed that this was so sad for us because this was a very good cooperation within the last year. So, every NGO should register in the Education Center and get the license and sign a protocol with MONE to get the permission of doing vocational training.

RIZK stated that on 18th of May they opened a center in İstanbul with SELATECH Foundation which was a very big event. They also stated that SELATECH is an institution concentrating on job placement and has programs in 16 countries. They pointed out that RIZK is the only office that is related to SELATECH in Turkey.

MARAM stated that they opened an orphanage Center in Reyhanlı with two donors. They also stated that they're about to open Women's Center inside the orphanage center. This center aims to be opened for both communities Syrians and Turkish and to provide Turkish Language Courses and small-scale of Vocational Trainings.

CONCERN stated that from the beginning of this year they have started Livelihood activities of Vocational training which is funded by UNHCR for 400 Syrian participants. They also stated that for May, their Labor Market Assessment Report is out and on basis of this report they will determine which type of vocational courses is most relevant for their project. They pointed out that next week; they will have raising-awareness event in Urfa for business sector.

Agenda Item 3: Brief Introduction by AFAD and ISKUR Representatives

AFAD stated that the number of Syrians who are under the temporary protection is 331,411 and 37,986 of them living in temporary accommodation centers.

Agenda Item 4: Presentations by applicants for LH TWG

SAVE THE CHILDREN made a brief presentation about their organization and their upcoming projects in response of Syrian crisis. They mentioned that they are active in 120 countries and they have cross borders operations in Syria. Their upcoming project is prepared with the support of UNICEF for opening "Adolescent Friendly Centers" aged (10-25) one in Hatay and the other in Şanlıurfa. They also highlighted that they are planning to have a partnership with Kızılay (Turkish Red Crescent) and partnerships with other local and private sectors as well. Their program focuses on Livelihood, Education and Child-protection and their target number is 11.0000 beneficiaries.

Norwegian Refugee Council NRC made a brief presentation about their project. They stated that they are advancing the resilience and access to the rights of the most vulnerable refugees and host communities. They are operating in Gaziantep and Ankara and registered in Urfa but not operating yet. They also working for ICLA and Educational Program in Konya through ASAM as partner. Their Livelihood project focuses on gender equality aged as (10-40) and which aims to get 180 people as target number per each city.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation on the Outcomes of Business and Employment Forum

UNDP made a brief presentation about Business and Employment Forum that was organized with the cooperation of UNDP, Gaziantep Chamber of Industry and GAP Regional Administration located in Urfa. The event was held in 10-11 of May at Gaziantep Chamber of Industry Vocational Training Center in the Industrial Zone. On behalf of the UNDP, thanked everyone for coming, supporting, and giving feedbacks. Stated that they tried to bring all the actors about Syrians, Business and Employment and mainly IŞKUR at the local level. UNDP has brought many national and International level companies from the west of Turkey. Pointed out to an example of a Turkish company that was hiring 22,000 people with zero number of Syrians. ‘‘By this forum we believe that we succeeded of raising awareness and made the companies get total knowledge, database, and procedures about Syrians Employment. 45 companies and organizations opened stands. We had a CV Center to help people learn how to write a CV and distributed all the CVs to the companies who participated in the event. It was a very interactive event’’.