

**LIVELIHOODS SECTOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Gaziantep
Minutes of Meeting**

Date:	30 November 2017
Venue/Location:	Gaziantep UN House (Kaymak Ismail Pasa Sokak No. 10 Sahinbey)
Participants:	Present: UNDP, UNHCR, ACTED, KUDRA, Sons of War, DRC, YUVA, RiZK, ISKUR, Maram Foundation, ASAM, GAUN, TRC, GESOB
Agenda:	<p>Particulars (Please follow the ordering in the narrative section below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Quick Round of Introduction 2. Finalization of the livelihoods strategy and publication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3RP/Livelihood Sector M&E Framework (Cecilia Utas, M&E Officer, UNDP) - Livelihood Sector M&E (Jess Garana, LH Sector Coordinator, UNDP) - Food Security and Agriculture (Ahmed Ezkayez, FSA Sector Co-Cordinator, FAO) (Postponed indefinitely) - Protection (Terra Mackinnon, Protection Sector Coordinator, UNHCR). 3. Information Management- reporting updates (Maisa Ahmed, IM Officer, UNDP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress summary- January- October 2017 - Challenges and actions 4. Discussion on the Livelihood Sector draft ToR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback 5. Presentation (4-7 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KUDRA - Union of Gaziantep Craftsmen and Tradesmen Chambers (President's Office) - Al Resala 6. Livelihood Sector Newsletter and visibility 7. Tour de Table (updates from all partners) 8. Any Other Business (incl. the date and draft agenda for next meeting)



**Discussions:
(by Agenda)**

Welcome and Quick Round of Introduction

Participants welcomed and quick round of introduction took place.

Finalization of the livelihoods strategy and publication

Information given regarding the progress on development of the sector strategy. Mentioned that 3RP strategy have been discussed last two months in Gaziantep, Urfa, Ankara and Istanbul and inputs from the partners were consolidated into the strategy. 3RP strategy for 2018-19 was given to the government review for their feedbacks and comments and it's expected to be finalized in the next two weeks and it will have launched in January-February. After that, 3RP partners will be able to make commitments to 3RP funding's.

3RP/Livelihood Sector M&E Framework (Cecilia Utas, UNDP)

Strengthen M&E frame framework on intersectoral level is highly important. Highlighted that there are challenges, which are lack of common needs/context analysis, underutilization of available data as lack of data sharing, false fragmented information, lack of harmonization of assessment and lack of trust in other assessments, that need to be addressed and solved. Having comprehensive assessments is significant in order to understand the M&E landscape. Strengthen coordination between the sectors is important for delivering services efficiently. Cooperation is significant to establish a coordinated assessment approach to assessments and surveys among 3RP partners and to support the systematic management of knowledge assets for purpose of creating value and meeting strategic requirements. Therefore, developing systems which will sustain and enhance the storage, sharing, consolidation and analysis is needed.

Information Management- reporting updates (Maisa Ahmed)

Information maps presented which are indicated breakdowns regarding skills development, social cohesion and income generation base on reports received from partners on ActivityInfo. Report to the ActivityInfo monthly and timely is highlighted. As it is important and challenging IMO TWG created core group to track beneficiaries. Core Group will create a training list and matrix of beneficiaries to tract them.

Discussion on the Livelihood Sector draft ToR

Stated that harmonized assessments initiated among Livelihoods (LH), Food Security and Agriculture (FSA) and Protection sectors. Draft ToR of LH Sector will be shared with the partners to be commented.

Presentations

KUDRA (Emad Nasher, Grants Manager)

Kudra presented a documentary film produced in its Social Innovation Lab indicates what are Social Innovation Labs and how the community can benefit from the Social Innovation Labs, Kudra shows in the video how for example the people inside Syria could benefit from such labs, and how the refugees in Turkey and the host community may use the social labs for.

Kudra encourages the organizations who are interested in supporting the entrepreneurs and start-ups to collaborate with Kudra in conducting training



programs that are targeting the entrepreneurs and start-ups , such as Design Thinking ,Value Proposition, Business Model and others.

Union of Gaziantep Craftsmen and Tradesmen Chambers (Mehmet Ihsan Ercan, Education Manager)

GESOB represents 75 Craftsmen and Tradesmen chambers and has more than 32.575 active members and carrying registration, tariff and disciplinary manners. Therefore, GESOB has been providing vocational, language and skills development trainings to the members, host communities and Syrians base on market demand in three training centres since 1993. GESOB 's cooperating with ISKUR, KOSGEB, Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Industry, Silk Road Development Agency etc. and implemented projects with governmental institutions and UN Agencies that funded by government and EU. GESOB's primarily target groups are disadvantages people, unemployed, employers, employees etc.

El Resala (Rawaa Al Skwry, Education Manager)

El Resala is implementing livelihoods, food security, WASH, health care services, training, relief and development programs in Syria and Kilis to improve the quality of life of Syrian and host communities. The primarily targets are to strengthen community capacities, coping mechanism, improve health/sanitation facilities, livelihoods opportunities and education quality in the camps.

Partners' Monthly Highlights

UNHCR:

- Trainings and capacity building programme for ISKUR personnel are ongoing. There have been 8 trainings; 2 in Ankara, 2 in Istanbul, 2 in Gaziantep and 2 in Antalya. In total, there will be 10 trainings in overall Turkey. The training will be finalized with another 2 sessions on Ordu. Overall, approximately 300 ISKUR employees will be trained at the end of the trainings. While trainings are conducted, UNHCR's assistance for registration refugees to ISKUR database is also ongoing. There will be two registration sessions in Gaziantep ISKUR in collaboration with UNHCR.
- While UNHCR is working with partners in implementing projects, UNHCR is also directly implementing Community Support Projects (CSP) in Turkey. The last CSP was implemented with Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce in their premises targeting Syrian Entrepreneurs. The project is planned to have overall three sessions and the first two were finalized. Overall, 300 entrepreneurs attended the two awareness raising sessions on entrepreneurship and taxation regime in Turkey. The last session of the project will take place in December 2017.

Sons of War:

- Operating a woman community center in Kilis that provide Turkish and English languages trainings along with service provider, namely, Bousla.

- Providing vocational courses especially for women such as cooking and knitting. Programs are funded by Concern

ACTED

- Currently implementing projects in Mersin.
- Providing vocational trainings in cooperation with service provider, namely, MESEDER in 6 different occupations that are based on MoNE modules.
- %85 of beneficiaries successfully graduated from VET's.
- Providing business implementation course and registration support to 50 beneficiaries.
- Holding job fair on 9th of December

ASAM:

- Providing Turkish language and vocational training course at Skills Development Centers in Adana and Istanbul. The project is funded by PRM.
- Initiated computer science courses and installing a kitchen for cooking course
- Highlighted that they have faced some bureaucratic problems in Adana and there is a need of regular Sectors meeting in Adana. (In response, Chris Bender mentioned that the Gaziantep meetings are covering Adana yet it will be discussed in the inter-sectorial meeting)

DRC:

- DRC will start implementing project, funded by KfW, that will cover Livelihoods in Hatay, Urfa, Kilis, Mersin and Kahramanmaras on January 2018. The project has three components which are transferable skills/language trainings, vocational/technical trainings and income generation.
- Providing trainings base on entrepreneurship etc. at Business Incubator in Hatay.

SEF

- SEF is especially interested in Syrian private sector investments and engage in activities in Istanbul, Bursa, Mersin, Kilis, Gaziantep, Adana and Maras
- SEF will be launching a new project that will implemented in Istanbul and Gaziantep. The project will provide language, vocational and business trainings to host communities and Syrians.

YUVA

- Implementing projects in Istanbul, Ankara, Hatay, Mersin ad Gaziantep.
- Currently, implanting cash for work project in collaboration with GIZ and will continue in 2018.
- Signed protocol with UNHCR for livelihood project
- A new office opened in Gaziantep

**Action Points
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1. A half page summary of cumulative achievements, challenges and plan for 2018 along with photos required from the Sector partners for the LH Sector Newsletter.
2. The draft ToR of LH Sector will be shared with the partners to be commented.
3. LH Sector will send out a regular report of consolidated achievement of the Sector.



LIVELIHOOD SECTOR RESPONSE COORDINATION

person and deadlines):	
AOBs and Announcements:	1. Next meeting will hold on 25 Jan 2018 at Gaziantep UN House.

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