

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

Date:	31 May 2018
Venue/Location:	Gaziantep UN House (Kaymakam İsmail Paşa Sokak Bahçelievler Mahallesi No.10 Şahinbey/Gaziantep)
Participants:	Present: United Nations Development Programme, International Organization for Migration(IOM), UNHCR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Concern Worldwide, World Food Programme, Qatar Charity, Rizk Professional Development/Syrian Forum, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Medical Corps, Yuva, Mercy Without Limits, Acted, IMAAR Reconstruction, CARE, Ertuğrul Ocakları Derneği
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of the new Livelihoods Sector Coordinator 2. Update on the inter-sectoral M&E Framework and sector reporting responsibilities 3. NGO Sector Nomination (Final endorsement by the sector) 4. Strategy Development & Preparations for 2019 Planning 5. Reporting on job placements 6. Developing Occupation/Skills Categories 7. Update on SRG and STF Outcomes 8. Any Other Business

**Discussions:
(by Agenda)**

1. Introduction of the new Livelihoods Sector Coordinator

New Livelihood Coordinator who is Ms. Özlem Çavuş, was introduced to Livelihood Technical Group. New participants from organizations introduced themselves as well.

2. Update on the inter-sectoral M&E Framework and sector reporting responsibilities

UNDP- (Özlem Çavuş)

Monitoring & Evaluation Framework was developed by consultation with the representatives, sector coordinators and information management staff of agencies and was strengthened with intersectoral work. Its aim is to measure and track the impacts and outcomes of 3RP. It will give a way for the preparation of the future plans. By looking the data and results next years' plan and activities will be designed.

3. NGO Sector Nomination (Final endorsement by the sector)

UNDP- (Özlem Çavuş)

Ms. Çavuş has announced that a NGO will represent and participate in the STF meetings and provide feedback for themselves from NGO perspectives in the meetings as decided in the STF (Syrian Task Force). Concern was nominated as the Livelihoods Sector NGO representative.

4. Strategy Development & Preparations for 2019 Planning

UNDP- (Özlem Çavuş)

The livelihood sector has become more important and other sectors are willing to be involved in livelihood activities and develop partnerships which effects the strategic development for future. The examples of partnerships were seen for past years and it is expected to be continued.

UNHCR- (Christopher Bender)

He expressed that there was a partnership between Basic Needs and Livelihoods Group to look for pathways to transition from regular cash support to sustainable livelihoods.

FAO (Ahmed Ekzayez)

There were partnerships in past years at protection and livelihood sectors. But the discussions has continued at TWG Meetings regarding the ways of job placement. He has told that they, as agriculture group has provided many vocational trainings. FAO came up with the idea of the combination of ESSN, vocational training and job placement and meditate for how to make transition from ESSN to vocational training and job placement.

5. Reporting on job placements

Ms. Çavuş has informed that ILO would like to report Cash For Work (CFW), job placements should be included to job placement activities as well to provide right data.

Mr. Ekzayez and Mr. Bender has told that the revisions should be done for the indicators if the real job placements are not reflected.

Rizk Professional Development/Syrian Forum- (Anas Kaiss Al Sheikh)

Mr. Sheikh has stated that they as Rizk prepared many projects with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry, but some of them were not submitted on the grounds of duplication of other projects. He emphasized that another issue to pay attention is checking the job placement ratio after CfW project activities. He offered that CfW activity could have a standard. He informed that at vocational trainings, insurance was provided to trainers by the Chamber of Industry Vocational Training Centre.

6. Update on SRG and STF Outcomes

Ms. Çavuş informed that Syrian Response Group (SRG) is a group which have the participants in the heads of agency level and chaired by the resident coordinator. As decided in SRG how much funding has used by the government institutions will be reported and a draft will be prepared and presented. After finalization of the report it will be shared with Livelihood TWG.

It has been noted that UNDP has started conducting a labour market assessment and the results will be shared when completed.

UNHCR (Christopher Bender)

Mr. Bender has informed that the Syria Task Force (STF) also made a survey about how funding in support of government institutions has increased in the past reflecting the 3RP strategy. This emphasizes the overall objective to support existing systems.

Updates of TWG participants Activities

- YUVA (Mustafa Kemal Üsküplüoğlu)

Yuva Organization will implement Cash For Training project in Gaziantep and Mersin in June. CFT will possibly include language and textile courses. He has informed that vocational training and language training activities has also been continued in Konya with UNHCR. He added that another livelihood project will be implemented with Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

- CARE (Ali Kaya)

CARE has had livelihood activities such as Turkish language course and CFT from September in Gaziantep and Ş.Urfa.

- DRC (Elvan Aksoy)



DRC has livelihood activities of CFT, vocational and language trainings in Mersin, K.Maraş, Urfa and Hatay, cooperation with Orange Organization. DRC also provides “small business grants” to beneficiaries.

- **UNHCR (Burçin Tumay)**

UNHCR will plan micro-gardening activity for refugees as part of “Refugee Day” (dated 20th of June), that will help to get feedback from the refugees.

- **Qatar Charity (Zakarya Al Motair)**

Mr. Al Motair has informed that their organization may have vocational training and transition people from ESSN to training and work. Their organization also distribute AV1 card to Turkish Citizen and Syrian Refugees during Ramadan.

- **UNDP (Adile Şahin)**

Some of the project activities implemented with İSKUR (Turkish Employment Agency) was in line with another project of Worldbank with İSKUR and the relevant activities of two projects will be linked, discussions are ongoing.

- **UNDP (Hamit Doğan)**

The project has dealt with waste management and the inputs of project are the physical assets of to grant local Municipalities. “Project Management Offices” (PMOs) will be established within the scope of their project which will increase the capacities of municipalities in four provinces as Ş.Urfa, Kilis, Hatay and Gaziantep. These offices will support the preparation of the proposals for international funds.

- **Rizk Professional Development/Syrian Forum (Anas Kaiss Al Sheikh)**

The project with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry under GIZ for vocational training and cooperation with IOM is ongoing. Regarding job placement activities, İSKUR asked for official documents to their organization that were prepared and submitted to İSKUR for the approval and after finalization will keep on this activity.

- **FAO (Ahmed Ekzayez)**

FAO will organize a “workshop” to share key findings and policy recommendations on reporting system to assist at agriculture and livelihood labor market in Turkey. The main objective is to show both SuTP and host community contributions and what type of activities are performed on agriculture sector. Another objective of this assessment is to explore the labor market in agriculture how it affects the food consumption for both SuTP and host community. He has also emphasized that limited travel for Syrian refugees also affect addressing the labour market. He has remarked that besides agriculture, in livelihood activity we, as TWG have to address the food sector as an income for the reason that high food consumption for both SuTP and host community members.

- **WFP (Azhar Al Azzawi)**



Ms Azzawi added that one of the challenges that they face is that Syrian refugees works in seasonal jobs and many of refugees do not have ID (kimlik kart) and restrictions of the movement is another problem that have to be addressed. More than 50 family on board had registered to ESSN programme with the aid of WFP. WFP in Ş.Urfa has helped many Syrian refugees for settlement who should have gone to mukhtar (local authority) to give information for registration and then included in WFP ESSN programme.

- **IMAAR Reconstruction**

The organization has dealt with capacity building activities and looking for funds.

- **International Medical Corps (Tuğba Hilaloğlu)**

Within the vocational training project 100 Syrian SMEs has been supported with consultation activities.

The refugees having lack of knowledge on Turkish Labor System (TLS) and some of Syrian owned businesses were closed.

- **Acted (Louise Guibal-Engler)**

Ms. Engler has informed that within the scope of their programme vocational and business management trainings were provided. Legal support to beneficiaries (lawyer etc.) has been provided as well. Cash grant given is between TRY 10.000-15.000 depending on the business.

- **Concern Worldwide (Ali Osman Dizman)**

Concern implements entrepreneurship and vocational training projects in collaboration with UNHCR in Ş.Urfa. Project also includes Turkish language training courses and they support refugees with start-up business and daily cash programmes and CFT activities. Their organization is planning to implement new projects including Turkish language courses and CFT activities. The language training was given to 350 SuTP and vocational training was given to 375 Turkish nationals.

- **International Organization for Migration (Jamil Awan)**

After successful completion of the **PRM** and **Japanese grant** last funded project, IOM has received another fund to implement Livelihood project. It includes In Kind grant, Job placement. Entrepreneurship training grant and community farming.

The details are the followings,

PRM funded project, **In kind grant** 250 beneficiaries will get in kind kits and training to set up their businesses, IOM will do the assessment in Hatay, Urfa and Gaziantep and their modality would be cash grant and In kind grant.

From Japanese grant IOM will distribute 125 In Kind Grants to the beneficiaries in the same areas.

In our last In Kind Grant distribution we were covering almost 29 professions and the number of beneficiaries were 930.



In Job placement, our plan is to place 144 beneficiaries on different jobs with Turkish companies in 2018. These beneficiaries are the educated skilled and experience beneficiaries. IOM will sign a contract with the company for one year so that they should keep these beneficiaries for one year.

Entrepreneurship Grant training, in this activity IOM will provide 50 beneficiaries with the training of how to set up businesses, this training will be for two weeks and it will be over the weekend

This project is for the young beneficiaries and in this project we will encourage Turkish and Syrian partnership so that they could work together to increase social cohesion and to increase participation.

Community Farming, in this activity IOM will engage beneficiaries from the agriculture sector and will provide them material and training to preserve food and to market that food to the market to increase and generate the income of the beneficiaries, beneficiaries will grow cash crops to increase the income generated activities. The number of the beneficiaries will be 60 for this activity.

3. Participants' Highlights

Mercy Without Limits- (Nurcan Talay) & Acted- (Ecem Şahin) remarked that when refugees start to work officially, they will lose their ESSN card provided by TRC (Turkish Red Crescent), but not only for the individual that effect whole family as well. As a result they do not prefer registered work.

Mr Ekzayez has offered that regarding job availability on agriculture livelihood sector, which is a seasonal issue starting from November to February, they need to have collaboration with livelihood and food security actors. Syrian women are heavily engaged with agriculture sector. But they have challenges such as childcare, transportation etc. If their organization think of cash for training for women they need to consider these issues.

Several private sector members are willingness to work with SuTP but they think of **work permit, language, increasing the skills** as a disadvantage.

If we look from the point of SuTP **lack of social security, working condition and low wages** of these 3 problems badly affected the engagement of SuTP in the livelihood sector.

- Ms. Cavus has stated that UNDP will conduct a private sector survey which will contribute to the issues mentioned above.

The following points were made during the discussion:

- Job placement after Cash For Work Programmes
- Insurance at Cash For Work programmes
- ESSN card cancellation for whole family when one of the family member starts to work



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Action Points (action, responsible person and deadlines):	
AOBs and Announcements:	Mr. Azhar Alazzaw has informed that they, as WFP technical group will have a mapping for CFW and CFT ongoing activities in Turkey generally to illustrate a picture of it. Mr. Enver responsible for WFP will send a circulated e-mail to TWG regarding this unit to ask for updates about these programmes.

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