

**Livelihoods Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, 27 June 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep**

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Participants as

Institutions: UNDP, UNHCR, CARE, Imaar Reconstruction, DRC, Mercy Without Limits, GCI, IOM, Concern Worldwide, International Medical Corps, Orange, Acted

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
1: Update on STF Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building activities of UNHCR for the national NGOs are ongoing. Policy and crisis coordination specialist informed about the priorities of 2019-2020. Two pillars will remain but definition of resilience pillar will be strengthened. Social protection and social prioritization will be respected in a regional overview context. Impact assessment and M&E framework will be future plan of next 2 years. There is not a mechanism in place to impact of the works done by the sector which shows the importance of M&E that was clarified in a workshop held in Ankara. 	
2: NGO Sector Nomination (Finalized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern Worldwide is selected as the NGO representative of livelihood sector who will participate in STF meetings. 	
3: Livelihoods-Basic Needs Sector Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions are ongoing on the referral mechanism and for transition from ESSN to sustainable livelihood support. A joint meeting with the Basic Needs and Livelihoods Sectors will be realized at the end of July in Ankara. Lack of data is a handicap for food assistance to design pathway. Last year a joint assessment was done by IOM which will be shared with LH TWG. UNHCR organizes meetings in Urfa, it will be good to have a meeting with the partners who are active in Urfa. Registration of Syrian Refugees business is another matter to do their business activities. Even some refugees in business sector do not have an ID for a few years. IOM has a department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -IOM Emergency case management department contact information will be shared with partners. -Group will be informed about the regular meetings in Urfa.

	<p>regarding emergency case management (focal point) for ID issues that will be shared with LH TWG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees are not able to find jobs with higher salaries even for qualified workers/engineers which is valid for Turkish citizens as well. • Target oriented beneficiary is a key point to achieve goals and check other organizations' activities. • Data sharing mechanism is discussed with TWG in order to avoid duplication in language courses. • Vocational Training Centre of Gaziantep Chamber of Industry is a good alternative for beneficiaries to attend courses as well as finding job opportunities in private sector/factories. • It is informed that Livelihood sector support packages will be developed to support the beneficiaries before, during and after the trainings. The package before the trainings will include language courses and basic skills trainings and after the trainings there will be job placement activities, support on work permits and mentoring. • GCC (Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce) has a Syrian Desk who follows vocational training courses within the scope of projects as informed. 	
4: LH Sector Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newsletter will be prepared after obtaining information about the activities and achievements from the partners for the first half of 2018, success stories will be included as well. 	-Information on the activities of partners will be collected
5: New Member Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new member of the LH TWG, Imaar Reconstruction, delivered a presentation to partners on their ongoing and planned projects. IMAAR is established by Syrian engineers residing in Turkey, Syria and some other countries. The organization is looking for opportunities to implement their project related to vocational trainings on construction sector. 	
6: Updates from the Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern Worldwide provided tricot training courses in 2017 and ISKUR approached us for asking referrals of graduates of that course for a new textile factory which will be established in Ş.Urfa. They also provide Turkish language courses for 350 refugees, application process is ongoing. • Mercy Without Limits look for donors regarding income generation of Syrian Refugees. • DRC has activities in provinces of Kilis, Hatay, K.Maraş and Ş.Urfa. It is informed that skills are transferred to beneficiaries via workshops, language courses and humanitarian aid trainings. • Care has vocational training activities for 100 Syrian Refugees and Turkish language courses for 60 Syrians as informed. 	-LH Coordinator will request from FAO to have a presentation on LH related activities and microgardening.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imaar Reconstruction has discussed a project with GCC. They look for experienced civil engineers from both Syrian Refugees and host community. • UNDP; PMOs will be established in municipalities of 4 provinces within the scope of Madad Project. • IOM has started in kind grant activities in Ş.Urfa. Livelihood activities will go on in G.Antep, Hatay and Ş.Urfa provinces via in kind grants, job placement, entrepreneurship and trainings. • UNHCR has 2 modalities including project partnership agreement, direct implementation and community support projects in 6 provinces. Within in kind grant support, entrepreneurship trainings continue with HABITAT (imece). Agricultural livelihood project with FAO continues via microgardening activities in 5 provinces. • IMC has capacity building activities for 100 Syrian business owners in Hatay province whose partner is ABİGEM. In World Refugee Day a panel was realized in Hatay Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the attendance of government authorities (İŞKUR, Chamber of Craftsmen and Tradesmen etc.). • Acted implements livelihood activities in Mersin with UNHCR. They have ongoing vocational trainings and entrepreneurship programmes. 	
7: Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of a range for cash for trainings would be a solution in order to avoid inequalities between organizations. 	-CfT amounts will be searched among the sector