

**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:

- 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

It has been noted that it is the second meeting of 2018 on Livelihoods Sector Technical Working Group in Turkey. New Livelihood Coordinator who is Ms. Özlem Çavuş, was introduced to Livelihood Technical Group. New participants from organizations introduced themselves.

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

UNDP- (Özlem Çavuş)

Ms. Çavuş has stated that 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. Also it will give us a way for the preparation of the future plans. Therefore at the end of measurement we will have data and results. By looking at these data and results we will be able to design next year's plan and activities.

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). She informed that although ASAM submitted for Basic Needs Sector, they would like to participate to livelihood meetings. For this reason leader of WFP, 2 NGOs and Livelihood Sector Coordinator come together in order to disaggregate the NGOs according to the sectors.

4. Strategy Development & Preparations for 2019 Planning

UNDP- (Özlem Çavuş)

Ms. Çavuş has emphasized that livelihood sector has become more important for this year when compared to previous years of Syrian Crisis. She informed that other sectors are willing to involve livelihood activities and collaborate with partnerships which affects the strategic development for the future. So we, as technical group should show the edit values to each other for possible collaboration and partnerships. The examples of partnerships were seen for past years and it is expected to be continued at next livelihood activities.

UNHCR- (Christopher Bender)

He expressed that there was a partnership between Basic Needs and Livelihoods Group who came together for ESSN has given an impact.



- **UNDP (Özlem Çavuş)**

Ms. Çavuş has claimed that a government body will possibly own for the ESSN Programme issue. The discussions are ongoing and ESSN programme has not completed yet.

- **FAO (Ahmed Ekzayez)**

Mr. Ekzayez has expressed that 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 has had trouble about the reporting of job placement related to indicators and the kind of jobs which do not fit the reports properly. She noticed that Cash For Work (CFW), job placements should be included to job placement activities as well to provide right datas.

Mr. Ekzayez and Mr. Bender has told that the revisions should be done for the indicators to see the real job placements.

- **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 in next meetings.

It has been noted that an assessment has also been continued by UNDP at private sector and livelihood field with the aid of consultant group.

- **UNHCR (Christopher Bender)**

Mr. Bender has informed that SIG (Syrian Interim Government) also made a survey about how funding shifted the government over the last couple of years of which findings reflect the whole strategy of work.

Updates of TWG participants Activities

Each participant explained current and planned projects and activities that their organizations have been undertaking on the livelihoods sector as well as challenges and cooperation between NGOs and governmental organizations.

- YUVA (Mustafa Kemal Üsküplüoğlu)

Mr. Üsküplüoğlu has mentioned that 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 implement with Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

- CARE (Ali Kaya)

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

- DRC (Elvan Aksoy)

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

- UNHCR (Burçin Tumay)

Ms. Budak has expressed that their organization will plan micro-gardening activity for refugees to arrange for “**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)

Ms. Şahin has said over the project events which has implemented with İSKUR (Turkish Employment Agency). She has noticed that project was in line with another project of Worldbank with İSKUR and it will be linked in some points for activities in the upcoming days.

- UNDP (Hamit Doğan)

Mr. Doğan has informed that their project has dealt with waste management and the inputs of project are the physical assets of to grant local Municipalities. At the same “**Project Management Offices**” (PMOs) will be implemented 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 allow to prepare the proposals of international funds.

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

Mr. Sheikh has stated that they have continued project with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry under GIZ for vocational training and cooperation with IOM. 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)**

Mr. Ekzayez has informed that 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. This the main objective for both SuTP and host community how they contribute to agriculture system, what type activities they do on agriculture system. Also objective of this assessment will explore the labor market in agriculture how it affects the food consumption for both SuTP and host community. Briefly agriculture is the source point of income. He has also emphasized that limited travel for Syrian refugees also affect addressing the labour market in some area. 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 work seasonal and many of refugees do not have ID (kimlik kart) and restrictions of the movement is another problem that have to be addressed. For example they live in Ş.Urfa, but went to Adana for seasonal(temporary) work that causes problem. More 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**

Ms. Budak has informed that their organization has dealt with capacity building activities and looking for funds

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



Ms. Hilaloğlu has stated that within their project vocational training is provided to 100 Syrian SMEs and supporting them with consultation activities as well. The refugees having lack of knowledge on Turkish Labor System (TLS), some of whose business were closed.

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

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

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

Mr. Dizman has mentioned that they have entrepreneurship and vocational training activities collaborated 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 will expect to implement new projects including Turkish language courses and CFT activities. He has informed that language training was given to 350 SuTP and vocational training was given to 375 Turkish nationals.

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 him that effect whole family as well. So 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 this 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 livelihood sector

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

The following points were made during the discussion:

- Job placement after Cash For Work Programmes
- Insurance at Cash For Work programmes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESSN card cancellation for whole family when one of the family member starts to work
<p>Action Points (action, responsible person and deadlines):</p>	
<p>AOBs and Announcements:</p>	<p>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.</p>

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