

**Livelihood Sector Working Group Meeting
Thursday, 25 October 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep**

Chair(s): Özlem Çavuş (UNDP)

Participants as

Institutions: UNDP, IOM, Concern Worldwide, TRC, FAO, Maram, UNHCR, ASAM, Bonyan, Watan, DRC, CARE, WHH, MWL, UN Women, Al Sham Foundation, SEF, Kudra

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
1: Livelihood 2019-2020 Strategy and IM Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary employment/cash for work is separated from Job Placement indicator and will be evaluated as a separate indicator. Language training is also separated from vocational and skills training. • ‘Job creation output is added to the LH Logframe of 2019-2020. • Vocational training activity of Food Security and Agriculture (FSA) Sector will be evaluated under Livelihood Sector within the framework of 2019-2020 3RP. • Engagement with the private sector is a priority for the next cycle. • Temporary employment/ CfW, job placement and training core groups have been established to harmonize the modalities. • Training database will be developed with the support of IOM IT unit in Gaziantep. 	<p>-Livelihood Sector Working Group Turkey dashboards, assessments are reachable at https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/126?sv=4&geo=113</p>
2:Introduction of New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watan Foundation, Al Sham Foundation and Mercy Without Limits (MWL) are the new members of Livelihood Sector Working Group. • Watan Foundation conducted a presentation about its activities in Syria and Turkey. 	
4: Partners LH Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syrian Economic Forum (SEF) RUHSATIM project facilitates license and registration processes and supports businesses of the enterprises owned by Syrians. SEF implements its livelihood activities for SMEs in Istanbul and Gaziantep. At the 3rd phase of its programme 235 SMEs are targeted in Istanbul and Gaziantep (focusing on microbusinesses such as handicrafts) to provide legal assistance and support them during registration. During the implementation of its project, SEF organizes awareness-raising session at Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce (GCoC). 	<p>-SEF will make a presentation related to its market assessment when finalized. -Watan presentation will be shared. -The Gender Book is introduced by UNWomen. -“Guidebook of Job Placement for SuTPs in Turkey“ will be distributed to the partners at next LH meeting.</p>

A platform will be launched by SEF to reach SMEs and entrepreneurs, including training and network programmes.

SEF also arranges programmes covering Syrian women in Turkey and around the world to encourage them to start businesses.

In the first phase of its program %30 of the companies that have been registered were closed down.

- Bonyan has CfW activities in Syria where it has low cost when compared to Turkey. Bonyan searches for funds to implement its livelihood activities.
- IOM has an intensive programme for job placement and self-employment (start-up business) activities. Related to self-employment activities, 125 businesses in Şanlıurfa and 100 businesses have been started in Hatay and Gaziantep via in-kind and cash grant support.
- TRC plans to implement livelihood activities.
- UNHCR in collaboration with Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce is organizing an ‘awareness raising sessions’ for Syrian entrepreneurs with the participation of authorities from MoLSSF, Directorate General for Migration Management Office. The sessions cover the topics such as business registration in Turkey, necessary documents in exportation, outlining capacity reports for the private sector. UNHCR will provide vocational training courses on 8 areas for 375 beneficiaries in Şanlıurfa at the end of December, 2018.
- FAO will provide vocational trainings in 7 provinces on agriculture and livestock and plans to conduct a job fair.
- CARE has a 2-year project funded by BPRM in shelter, livelihood and protection sectors targeting 600 beneficiaries. For the next months in Gaziantep, Kilis and Şanlıurfa market assessment will be done including 3 components: (1) needs assessment in terms of livelihood, (2) stakeholder beneficiary assessment: observing stakeholder activities through community centers and (3) private sector engagement
- KUDRA conducted capacity building and training programmes by the attendance of 25 participants. At the second phase of the Start programme 22 participants were attended who came up with their own projects. A DEMO day will be conducted.
- UNDP realized the kick-off meeting of “Skills Development and Employment” Project in Ankara which supports İŞKUR. UNDP EU funded project with job creation, language skills trainings and support to municipalities components kick off meeting will be held on 9th of November.

-Services Advisor Online Platform showing the activities of partners in Turkey is reachable at: <https://turkey.servicesadvisor.org/#/>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern Worldwide has finished Turkish Language Training courses (A1 and A2) with the partnership of Harran University-TOMER. Funded by UNHCR, Concern Worldwide has ongoing vocational training courses in cooperation with Tradesman and Craftsmen Chambers and Unions of Şanlıurfa (ŞESOB) and Vocational Education Center (MEKSA). Vocational Training includes sewing, child-care and maintenance. Concern Worldwide plans to organize a ‘job fair’ in December 2018. • DRC will conduct a market assessment in Şanlıurfa and Gaziantep. DRC will conduct a job fair at November 2018 in Şanlıurfa with the support of Şanlıurfa Municipality and Chamber of Commerce. Vocational and language training courses, in kind assistance to provide small business grant are its ongoing activities. DRC also launched an online job matching platform: a website linking the producers with the wider audience and hosts product fairs to help these entrepreneurs sell their wares to the community and suppliers in Turkey. Apart from these DRC cooperates with İŞKUR in Kilis by reaching textile and food companies after vocational trainings to enhance private sector engagement. • Maram works with Kilis Municipality and will open Community Center in Kilis within the scope of project named “strengthening the resilience of Syrian refugees and host community in Kilis”. Opening Ceremony will be on the 15th November 2018 and invitation will be shared with partners. Maram also has activities in Hatay-Reyhanlı. • Mercy Without Limits (MWL) has activities in protection sector in Syria and it will support 454 orphans in Gaziantep focusing on covering transportation, education expenses. MWL prioritizes the beneficiaries who do not have ESSN and then targets host community members for their activities. For the next phase of LH activity, MWL will provide vocational training courses for the beneficiaries. 	
<p>4: Discussions /Challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some beneficiaries who have vocational training courses compare the opportunities of humanitarian aid organizations and tend to choose organizations that provide highest amount of economic benefit. As a result of this, ‘standardization’ is a significant issue. • It has been noted that the legalization of businesses during registration period cos is high (around 10.000 TL). • 	

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