

**Livelihoods and Resilience Sector Working Group Coordination  
Ms. Teams Meeting, 21 July 2021**

**Agenda**

- I. Updates from the Co-chairs and review of previous minutes
- II. RRP update
- III. Partners Quarter 2 Reporting and update from partners
- IV. Discussions on transitioning from short to long term resilience
  - Presentation on Graduation model Trickle Up / AVSI
  - Open Discussions
- V. Partner announcements
- VI. A.o.B

**Updates from CO-Chairs**

- Due to COVID-19 situation and food ration reductions, Partners were advised to review their programming with a focus on addressing food insecurity and increasing income generation. Activities such as labor-intensive public works should be promoted to inject cash into the economy.
- The second meeting of the Steering Committee for the Jobs and Livelihoods Integrated Response Plan (JLIRP) was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July. During the meeting, Ms. Lilian Achieng Otiego, the Co-Chair of the LRSWG, was elected Co-Chair of the JLIRP steering Committee. The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development (MGLSD) is the other Chair of the JLIRP Steering Committee.
- Partners are encouraged to align their programming to the JLIRP
- MGLSD shared the next steps for the roll out of the JLIRP which several stakeholders, including UN agencies and development agencies have pledged to support.
- The refugee individual profiling exercise (IPE) was delayed due to the lock down that was announced by government in June to control the spread of COVID-19 . In the interest of updating information that would be suePartners working on the refugee response were requested to share details on training, kits and other support provided to refugees (using a template that will be circulated). The information will be uploaded onto Progress4 refugee database to assist minimize duplication of assistance provided to refugees.

**Updates on the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-23 preparation**

- The Current RRP(2020-2021) ended in December 2021, thus a new RRP is being developed for the period 2022-2023.
- Secondary data review was done and draft thematic papers on protection risks and socio-economic vulnerabilities were prepared.
- Bilateral consultations were held with key stakeholders including Government, UN agencies, local and International NGOs and donors.
- An Intersectoral meeting on the RRP planning process was also held in June.

- Field -level situational analysis workshops were conducted in Adjumani, Arua, Kyangwali, Mbarara, and Yumbe,

### **Feedback from the bilateral consultations on the RRP**

- Partners indicated that the RRP planning process has been inclusive and consultative
- Suggested increased engagement with district local governments and national NGOs
- RRP planning process cannot move forward without fully engaging with the government lead sector
- RRP narrative must link concrete transition steps for specific sectors while aligning indicators to create synergy
- Interagency and Intersectoral meetings must serve as space for strategic and cross-cultural discussions
- Partners in the field should be briefed on development funding, for instance DR DIP
- IM products generated are useful for partners to inform planning and decision making
- Reporting on refugees by nationality is unnecessary and complicated and should be revised

On the timeline for the RRP 2022-23, the final document should be submitted to the region by end of November 2021.

### **Highlights on Quartet II Sector Performance**

- There was a general improvement in reporting for quarter II as 32 partners reported compared to 25 partners that reported for Quarter I.
- In terms of total funding for the Sector, US \$21.2 Million (22%) was received as of June out of a targeted US \$ 98.2 million (year-end target)
- On performance by selected indicators(year-end targets), emergency livelihoods were at 22%, Income generating activities were at 33% and formal and informal employment opportunities were at 2%.
- Low reporting for some locations and for the Burundi situation, as well as low achievements on some of the key indicators were noted
- In general, a disproportionate focus by partners on emergency livelihood activities was noted
- Partners do short-term training which is insufficient to support wage and self-employment.
- Notable presence of development projects by DANIDA, ILO, USAID, BMZ, World Bank and others.

### **Presentation on Graduation Model - Trickle Up / AVSI** *(refer to the attached presentation for details)*

The presentation covered:

- An overview of the Graduation Approach and its main components;
- Key factors to consider when designing graduation programming to serve refugees and other persons of concern; and
- Lessons learned/success factors from work with UNHCR and other implementing partners.

## Questions following the presentation

i) How does AVSI/Trickle Up identify graduation participants- poor/extremely poor people?

- *AVSI conducts Participatory Rural Appraisal with target communities to define a criteria for poor, extremely poor and moderately rich people.*

ii) Do poor people fall back to poverty after participating in graduation projects?

*According to AVSI and Trickle Up, about 4% of participants fall back to poverty after graduation. The common reasons for this are death of a household head and shocks. Host communities participating in graduation projects have some advantages over refugees for instance in terms of access to land.*

## Updates from Partners/ Announcements

### ILO:

- Is rolling out a Gender and Entrepreneurship tool named: ‘GET ahead’ to Nakivale(Isingiro district), Imvepi(Terego district) and Rhino Camp(Madi Okollo).
- GET ahead will target organizations providing Business support and develop a network of certified GET ahead trainers to train women and men on entrepreneurs.
- GET ahead uses business planning as the basis for building both business management and soft skills , including negotiation and decision making.

**BRAC:** Using a graduation approach, Supports 15 groups in Rhino Camp and links them with banks.

**FAO:** is implementing agricultural livelihoods and value chain development projects(for 3 years) targeting 5500 and 2360 households in Lamwo and Kiryandongo respectively.

### Closing remarks

The Co-chair thanked AVSI and Trickle UP for the presentation on the graduation model and for explaining the approach clearly to the members.

Thanked members for the timely submission of the *activityinfo* reports and informed partners that they will be required to provide additional information about their activities. A template will be circulated to members to report on the needed information.

The next LRSWG meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### List Of Participants

1. Lilian Otiogo, Co-Chair, UNHCR	27. Michael Opio, CARE
2. Bik Lum, UNHCR	28. Rose Wilder, Trickle up
3. Katie Medeiros, US PRM	29. Christine Laura Okello-Caritas
4. Patrick Samabaga, TPO Uganda	30. Julius Barigye- CARE Uganda

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