

**Livelihoods & Resilience Sector Working Group (LRSWG) Monthly Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Agenda Items**

1. Communications from the co-chairs - 10 mins
2. Update on the governance structure of the LRWSG - 10 mins
3. Update on activity info reporting for 2023 - 15 mins
4. WFP presentation on self-reliance model - 45 mins
5. Update on the self-reliance index - 15 mins
6. ULEARN- Settlement Local Actors mapping – 15 mins
7. AOB - 10 mins

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Action points</b>
<p><b>Communications from the co-chairs - 10 mins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thanked members for contributions to the GRF pledges for self-reliance and urged for commitment from partners to align their activities to GRF pledges.</li> <li>▪ The CRRF Secretariat will be invited to the February meeting to provide updates on the GRF</li> <li>▪ Thanked partners that reported for quarter 4, and encouraged all to report so the LRSWG can establish current investments in the sector and establish gaps</li> <li>▪ On Government representation in the Livelihood sector working group, Mr. John Paul Magezi, represents OPM as Co-Chair</li> <li>▪ The Government has pledged to create 300,000 new opportunities for value chain, employment, etc</li> <li>▪ The UNHCR development team is working on a gradual transition towards more durable and sustainable delivery of services in refugee hosting districts</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LRSWG to provide a schedule for all meetings in the year so partners can plan better with prior information on when meetings will be held.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Update on the governance structure of the LRWSG - 10 mins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In line with the Uganda refugee management model, Mr. John Paul Magezi (OPM) will join the LRSWG as Co-chair at the national level. Similarly, OPM and DLG staff at the District/settlement will continue to Co-Chair the LRSWGs in the field.</li> <li>▪ The LRSWG will focus on expanding the participation of a wider range of actors - Government, local NGOs, academia, RLOs, Private sector, etc to enhance collaboration and minimize duplication.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Update on activity info reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LRSWG launched project mapping tool and 64 partners reported 124 active projects with a total budget of \$246m. Graduation Approach had the biggest budget (\$76m) even though accounting for the fewest projects sector-wise.</li> <li>▪ There was an increase in partners reporting from 42 in Q3 to 55 in Q4</li> <li>▪ On funding, as of Q3 2023, \$27.8m was reported against a total requirement of \$132m, leaving a gap of \$104.2m</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. LRSWG to organize a meeting with field-level LRSWG Co-chairs on activity info data at the field level, including validation of the data</li> <li>3. LRSWG to schedule a meeting to define the sector's targets for 2024</li> </ol>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To mitigate duplication in data entry, it is crucial that bottom-up validation with reporting focal persons is done as soon as information is shared</li> </ul>	
<p><b>WFP presentation on self-reliance model - 45 mins</b> WFP presented its self-reliance Programme aimed at transitioning refugees from aid to self-reliance. (<i>Refer to the presentation for details</i>)</p> <p>Colleagues raised the following concerns and questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The eligibility criteria should have proxy indicators, for instance for graduation programs, which will then be linked to the Self-reliance indicators.</li> <li>2. Is WFP considering movement to the urban centers missing the food distributions. If in employment, what are the wages?</li> <li>3. <b>Qn:</b> Do we want refugees to be self-reliant in settlements, on return or do we encourage them to move? <b>Answer:</b> The WFP strategy is designed with the assumption of supporting the refugees where they are and focus is on on-farm support in settlements and off-farm, based on market opportunities.</li> <li>4. Is this presented as a strategy for all partners to adopt or only WFP program?</li> <li>5. There's need to investigate further how many PoCs really require that kind of assistance and what informed the categorization percentages?</li> <li>6. <b>Qn:</b> Since the Self-reliance index is not ready, will the categorization wait? <b>Answer:</b> The solution is to convene meetings and do joint assessments to understand the graduation model including components of the SRI index</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. WFP to organize a session for partners to further discuss the self-reliance program.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Update on the self-reliance index - 15 mins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WFP is still working on finding stable indicators for self-reliance measurement.</li> <li>• It was suggested that UBOS advice be considered to refine the index</li> <li>• It was clarified that the SRI tool is a tool for the whole sector to measure self-reliance of partner programs</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Partners were reminded to send their feedback on the self-reliance index tool, which was presented to the LRSWG during the November 2023 meeting.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ULEARN- Settlement Local Actors mapping – 15 mins</b></p> <p><i>Postponed to next meeting</i></p>	
<p><b>AOB – 10 mins</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U-Learn has conducted an entrepreneurship learning review focusing on support given to refugees in Uganda's refugee response and currently preparing a learning brief. The findings will be disseminated in March.</li> <li>2. ULEARN was urged to expand the Technical working group on entrepreneurship learning brief in coordination with the LRSWG chairpersons.</li> <li>3. Feed the future is organizing a 3-day training for partners on Market Systems Development in Rwamwanja. Joseph Mutua (at DAI) will share information to be circulated to the partners.</li> </ol>	

4. Partners were encouraged to consider starting projects in Palabek, Palorinya, Adjumani, Kyangwali & Kyaka II

**Attendance**

1. John Muhangi, Alight
2. Sylvia Alaso, CRS
3. Gerald Emoyo, UNHCR
4. Arifur Rahman, UNHCR
5. Paul Mwirichia, WVU
6. Festo Muriisa, UNHCR
7. Emma Sohi-Isolani, Impact reach
8. Leonaro Frisani, ACTED
9. Matilda Jerneck, UNCHR
10. Charles Data Alemi, UNCHR
11. James Tarjanian, FAO
12. Joseph Mutua, FTF\_IAM DAI
13. Cecelie Gundersen, WFP
14. Sanad Habila, U-learn
15. Irungu Milka, WFP
16. Marikje Deleu, U-RIL/U-LEARN
17. Paul Onyait, ACF
18. Kullein Ankunda, U-Learn
19. Joseph Kabanda, BRAC
20. Okaya John Bosco, CEFORD
21. Magdalene Amujal, Kulika Uganda
22. Denis Kaffuko, GOAL Uganda
23. Nuba Elamin, Mercy corps
24. Damalie Zalwango, UNHCR
25. Henry Wanume, UNCHR
26. Comfort Cynthia Achayo, World Vision Uganda
27. Ocan Godfrey, FAO
28. Raphael Obbo, Action Against Hunger
29. Jeeyoung Moon, UNDP
30. Robert Okello, Oxfam
31. Martin Lukyamuzi, GiveDirectly
32. Noel Anzo Alabi
33. Adotu Daniel, NRC
34. Zedek Malile, NRC
35. Mara Forbes, Trickle Up
36. Atetri Wilfred, CEFORD
37. Manas Upreti, Mercy corps
38. Alex Igel, British High commission
39. Steven Wamono, AWYAD
40. Isabella Kervenin, UN Women
41. Ariaka Francis, CEFORD
42. Juliet Namukasa, LMI Uganda
43. Sam Businge, ADRA
44. Sunday Denis Aliti, UNCDF
45. Opio Paul, FAO
46. Wendy Alvarado
47. Erasto Kivumbi