



## South & Nabateih Livelihoods Working Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING			
<b>Title</b>	Livelihoods Working Group	<b>Meeting date</b>	May 29, 2024
<b>Meeting location</b>	MTeams	<b>Meeting time</b>	12:30 PM – 02:00 PM
<b>Chairperson</b>	Malak SAFA / UNDP	<b>Meeting duration</b>	1 hour 30 min
<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	UNDP		
<b>Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IOM, Ali Tarraf</li> <li>▪ UNHCR, Abir El-Achkar</li> <li>▪ UN-Habitat, Mazen Mahfouz</li> <li>▪ Nabaa, Hiba</li> <li>▪ Amel, Houda Khatoun</li> <li>▪ WFP, Ali Ahmad Ibrahim</li> <li>▪ ACF, Mohammed Mousa</li> <li>▪ ANERA, Mohamad Kaddoura</li> <li>▪ UNDP, Yousra Taleb and Mhmd Dagher</li> <li>▪ UNIFIL, Paul El-Amil and Moussa Barakat</li> <li>▪ DPNA, Zaher Abu-Zaher and Nihal Al-Hariri</li> </ul>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- <b>Welcome and Introductions</b></li> <li>2- <b>Livelihoods Cross-Sectoral Reporting</b></li> <li>3- <b>Amel NGO: 2024 Livelihoods Programme Overview</b></li> <li>4- <b>GBV Referral Pathway</b></li> <li>5- <b>Field Updates (general livelihoods updates, the impact of the ongoing closure of MSMEs, insights from the Nabatieh governorate, etc.)</b></li> <li>6- <b>AoB</b></li> </ol>		

### Summary of Discussion Points

Deviations from original agenda: None	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> UNDP welcomed the participants. The agenda was briefly presented and validated by partners.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Livelihoods Cross-Sectoral Reporting</b> ➤ <b>LH sector Cross-Sectoral Reporting (Annex.2)</b> Contact person: <b>Yousra Taleb</b> National Livelihoods Sector Coordinator <a href="mailto:yousra.taleb@undp.org">yousra.taleb@undp.org</a> Mobile: +9613789349 / +96171010949

3.	<p><b>Amel NGO: 2024 Livelihoods Programme Overview</b></p> <p>➤ PPT presentation is attached to the MoM (Annex.1)</p> <p>Contact person:</p> <p><b>Houda Khatoun</b>  Amel NGO, Livelihood Program Coordinator  Email: <a href="mailto:livelihoodyouth@amel.org">livelihoodyouth@amel.org</a>  Mobile: +9613713524</p>
4.	<p><b>GBV Referral Pathway</b></p> <p>➤ PPT presentation is attached to the MoM (Annex.3)  ➤ IA Referral Form En Ar_2023 (Annex.4)  ➤ GBV Referral Pathways_Q2 2024_All Location_Lebanon (Annex.5)</p> <p><b>NB: The GBV Referral Pathway is intended only for humanitarian actors, and should not be shared with beneficiaries, as it includes phone numbers of partner staff.</b></p> <p>Contact person:</p> <p><b>Mariam Kandil</b>  South &amp; Nabatieh GBV Sector Lead  <a href="mailto:kandil@unhcr.org">kandil@unhcr.org</a>  Mobile: +96170751867</p>
5.	<p><b>Field Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Insights from the Nabatieh governorate</li> <li>▪ Livelihoods Lessons Learned / Good practices</li> <li>▪ Livelihoods implementation challenges</li> <li>▪ General livelihoods updates</li> <li>▪ The impact of the ongoing closure of MSMEs</li> </ul> <p><b>Insights from the Nabatieh governorate</b></p> <p>The escalation of the geopolitical conflict continues to have a significant impact on the economic activities and on people displacement in the South. As the conflict in the South and Nabatieh extended for a longer period than it was expected, Lebanese IDPs started to pursue Livelihoods opportunities through opening small businesses in the areas of displacement, most of it took the form of street selling platforms of vegetables and other goods, and also competing with locals on job opportunities what led to an increase of tension between the Lebanese IDPs and the Lebanese local community as highlighted by the governor of Nabatieh on early May.</p> <p>Regarding the current measures by GSO to enforce the rule of law resulting in the closure of several illegal businesses and the limitation on the work for Syrian refugees, the general security and based on judicial signals, continue to shut down several shops and professions run illegally by Syrian refugees. It was reported that some municipalities started to flag their reliance on Syrian refugees to carry out some essential non-skilled works, which might impose new challenges on the local level.</p> <p><b>Livelihoods Lessons Learned / Good practices</b></p> <p>Direct registration/enrollment by beneficiaries in Livelihoods activities, especially in the cash for work (CfW) interventions proved to be time saving and to reduce the dropout rate as beneficiaries are consenting to commit for a period of forty (40) days. On the other hand, receiving interagency referrals is time consuming and the rate of drop outs of the referred participants is higher.</p>

### **Livelihoods implementation challenges**

Cash for Work payment rate (10 – 12 USD) in comparison with the market high prices is causing drop out of beneficiaries.

### **ANERA – Field Updates**

Registration is open for technical and vocational trainings in Tyre and Saida areas.

#### Training courses in Tyre area

Implementing partner: CIS

- Waiter and Agrofood code: 2095898

#### Training courses in Saida area

Implementing partner: Mouwasat

- Child education code: 2095888
- Special child Case: 2095892

Implementing partner Education Planet Association

- Phone maintenance code: 2085671
- Industrial and domestic electricity: 2085675
- Mechanical code: 2085667

#### Criteria:

- 1- Age range from 18 to 24.
2. Participant not committed to any educational or employment hours.
3. Residing in a Southern region, such as Sidon or Tyre.

Note: Those interested in registering for any course must enter the registration code for each course when logging in via the following link: [ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/VMnffQlo](https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/VMnffQlo)

### **UNIFIL – Field Updates**

The Meiss El Jabal Governmental hospital, based on a statement by the director Dr. Hussein Yassin, they are in need of fuel for the generators, also they are facing a major issue regarding the salaries, the director explained that the available budget they have will only cover the operational costs for 2 or 3 months.

Dr. Hussein Yassin: 03935334.

### **WFP – Field Updates**

WFP-Relief International project: Training and Coaching of five (5) processors in the South area. Coaching sessions with the three small dairy businesses in Ghazieh, Msayleh, and Bayssarieh are ongoing.

WFP-Care project: Support and Rehabilitation of fifty (50) Greenhouse farms and ten (10) livestock farm (in Nabatieh and Zahrani area). Food safety and business development training are ongoing. Capacity needs assessment with sixty (60) selected farmers in the South, mainly in Sarafand area and nearby.

### **ACF - Field Updates**

A new project intends to contribute to the livelihoods of the host population and refugee communities in vulnerable areas, improving the socio-economic conditions and food security of refugee and vulnerable Lebanese households in Baalbek-Hermel, Bekaa, Nabatieh and South governorates through labor intensive work, while offering environmental services, raising environmental and nutritional awareness in the communities in targeted areas and promoting wellbeing and social cohesion.

	<p>This will be done through labor-intensive work in the key sector of solid waste management, while supporting the development of environmental services (cleaning road shoulders, ITSs, public parks, historical sites, natural reserves &amp; collecting waste in these areas and sorting the waste in the sorting facilities; rehabilitating the public parks and gardens) and promoting dynamization of local markets and improving nutrition essentials practices and knowledge to vulnerable population in these governorates.</p> <p><b>The Donor:</b> This project is funded by the German Cooperation, implemented by KfW, and executed by Action Against Hunger in South Lebanon and Bekaa.</p> <p><b><u>The core elements of the project are the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid income generating activities through labor-intensive works in Solid Waste Management Sector (waste collection and cleaning in neighborhoods, informal tented settlements, roads, shoulders, and public parks &amp; gardens).</li> <li>• Sensitization of the targeted population on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Solid Waste Management &amp; Environmental Cleanliness awareness sessions</li> <li>➢ Nutrition session</li> <li>➢ Solid Waste Management &amp; Environmental Cleanliness in the schools via group sessions</li> <li>➢ Increase the capacities of sorting facilities through labour insertion and small rehabilitation. (if applicable).</li> <li>➢ Cleaning and rehabilitating public parks and gardens to provide communal space for the residents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deliver awareness session on solid waste management at schools. In the attached excel you will find the locations and the schools. A side note we got the approval from MEHE for this implementation that will be implemented in 2024 – 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project implementation Modality:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The project will be running over cycles. (Each cycle will be 2 months, 20 days per month, 40 days in total).</li> <li>✓ <b>Overall target (2 years):</b> this will be identified based on the baseline assessments and site identification.</li> <li>✓ <b>Required Target:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lebanese residents and Syrians refugees</li> <li>○ Male (60%), Female (40%).</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Working days:</b> Each group will be working for 40 days (working days)</li> </ul> <p><b>Daily wages:</b> 10\$ per day for unskilled labor, and 12\$ per day for skilled labor.</p> <p><b>List of Villages/Areas of Intervention:</b> Nabatiyeh El Fouka, Arnoun, Kfartebnit (pending), Adloun, Kafar Chouba, Tyre Union, SZUM Union, Nabatiyeh El Tahta, Habboush, Kfarreman, Deir Kanoun al Naher , Insareyye.</p> <p>Hotline for registration: 81-864 362</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://shorturl.at/cdluV">https://shorturl.at/cdluV</a></p>
5.	<p><b>AoB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reminder to update service mapping and Activity Info.</li> <li>▪ Presentation of the local needs/gaps flagged at field level. Sheet is accessible through the following link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mnzLhXLAX_mztYOLbHGdv1yEVlb_vxQY/edit#gid=1408226185">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mnzLhXLAX_mztYOLbHGdv1yEVlb_vxQY/edit#gid=1408226185</a></li> <li>▪ The next South and Nabatieh Livelihoods Working Group is scheduled on Wednesday June 26, 2024.</li> </ul>