

## #25 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 11 Sept 2024

Minutes of meeting #25 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group		
<b>Location, Date &amp; Time</b>	Online meeting on Teams, Wednesday 11 Sept 2024, from 13:00 to 14:30	
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Victoria Moren (UNHCR) and Florina Dragulin (World Vision)	
<b>Participants</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ana Cosma, Save the Children</li> <li>2. Andreea Groves, UNHCR</li> <li>3. Andreea Vranceanu, KATYA</li> <li>4. Arikh Galyna, Code for Romania</li> <li>5. Cristi Musat, CNRR</li> <li>6. Desire Emmanuel Bateck, UNHCR</li> <li>7. Eira Angelica Cerda Ruano, UNHCR</li> <li>8. Eugene Vovk, Fundatia Comunitaria Sibiu (SIPRI)</li> <li>9. Florentina Teodora Mihalcea, IOM</li> <li>10. Iris Alexe, Novapolis</li> <li>11. Kateryna Korob, IFC</li> <li>12. Laurentia Mereuta, World Vision</li> <li>13. Mihai Apostol, UNHCR</li> <li>14. Myroslava Dmytriieva, Fundatia Nationala pentru Tineret (FNT)</li> <li>15. Parviz Umarov, UNHCR</li> <li>16. Raluca Stoica, AJOFM Brasov</li> <li>17. Razvan Nicola, World Vision</li> <li>18. Roxana Popa, Project Voyager</li> <li>19. Teodora Lupu, UNHCR</li> <li>20. Vasili Gutu, World Vision</li> <li>21. Yiftach Millo, HIAS</li> </ol>	
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNRR presentation about the new emergency ordinance no. 96/2024</li> <li>• Project Voyager presentation about the information tool focused on access to social benefits</li> <li>• UNHCR presentation about the newly developed tool for mapping of access to social benefits for refugees</li> <li>• World Vision presentation about de-facto barriers seen when supporting refugees to access unemployment benefits</li> </ul>	
	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>CNRR presentation about the new emergency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cristi Musat from CNRR held a presentation (available on the share drive <a href="#">here</a>) about the new emergency ordinance, focusing specifically on the legislative changes which</li> </ul>	

<p><b>ordinance no. 96/2024</b></p>	<p>are related to refugees' economic inclusion.</p>	
<p><b>Project Voyager presentation about the newly developed information tool focused on access to social benefits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roxana Popa from Project Voyager held a presentation about an information tool which was built to give a clear overview of the new government programme and the social benefit system in Romania.</li> <li>• The tool is currently available in Romanian and Ukrainian.</li> <li>• All information on the tool has been reviewed by the relevant ministries and approved by the prime minister's chancellery.</li> <li>• It will be published on the DSU website and protectieucraina. It can be incorporated on other organization's websites as well, upon request.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone wants to test the tool, they can write directly to Roxana Popa: <a href="mailto:roxana@jobs4ukr.com">roxana@jobs4ukr.com</a>.</li> <li>• The final version of the tool will soon be published and shared with the working group.</li> </ul>
<p><b>UNHCR presentation about the newly developed tool for mapping of access to social benefits for refugees</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mihai Apostol from UNHCR presented a newly developed inter-agency tool which maps refugees' effective access to social benefits in Romania.</li> <li>• The tool is intended to monitor potential barriers and issues that may arise, to inform advocacy effort on a local and national level.</li> <li>• The tool will be used by NGOs to track cases that they have assisted directly. No hearsay challenges should be recorded.</li> <li>• All the information from the tool will publicly be available in a dashboard which will be published on the UNHCR data portal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any feedback on the tool can be sent directly to Mihai Apostol (<a href="mailto:apostol@unhcr.org">apostol@unhcr.org</a>) by Friday 13 September.</li> <li>• The finalized version of the tool will be shared with the group as soon as it is ready.</li> </ul>
<p><b>World Vision presentation about de-facto barriers seen when supporting refugees to access unemployment benefits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vasili Gutu from World Vision held a presentation (available on the share drive <a href="#">here</a>) about the process for refugees to access unemployment benefits, and the key barriers that World Vision have seen when supporting refugees to do so.</li> <li>• Raluca Stoica from AJOFM highlighted that in Brasov, three refugees from Ukraine have already accessed unemployment benefits successfully. She underlined that</li> </ul>	

	AJOFM remains available to support with information and guidance on this topic.	
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