Summary of the Southeast Türkiye Livelihoods Working Group (SET-EWG) meeting
Wednesday, 27 October 2022, 14:00 AM – 15:30,

- **Chairs:** UNDP (Hamit Dogan) and Orange (Mustafa Alallloush)
- **Attendance:** participants from organizations comprising (by alphabetical order): DRC, ILO, IOM, Orange, SENED, TRC, UNDP, UNHCR, and UN Women.

Agenda	Summary of Discussion
Introduction	All participants introduced themselves.
Agenda: ongoing activities; 2023 planning; advocacy	See below
Follow up and recommendations	-To plan for a dedicated session on business formalization/registration for information and patience sharing, including opportunities and challenges; -To plan for dedicated session on innovative approaches on promoting access to employment and formalization of green jobs, including in ICT sector; and - To start sharing preliminary inputs for key advocacy messages that can be raised at local/regional level (or by the national WG, at central level). Any of these points should ideally be included in the December/last 2022 meeting of the southeast LHWG

ORGANİZATİON (in order of presenting)	ONGOING ACTIVITIES	2023 PLANS
IOM	Cash grant (Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Şanlıurfa) Enterprise Development Fund (Adana, Gaziantep, İzmir, Şanlıurfa)	- Planning to expand the area of intervention in Adıyaman province - Livelihood activities promoting access to basic needs, job creations, sustainability, social cohesion and harmonization

UN Women	SADA Women's Cooperative: livelihood trainings on digital literacy, Turkish language courses etc.	- Renewal of the Nationwide Needs Assessment which will be finalized in December - The strategy of the UN Women will be depending on the results of the assessment - Textile brand (North66?) and products for sale to attain income (UN Women National Community)
SENED	Implementing business registration activities in coordination with GIZ, targeting 200 beneficiaries. Supports informal businesses with tech and other/financial means (Adana, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mersin)	- Focusing on employment, job matching, targeting 100 beneficiaries. (Adana, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mersin) Soon to start operating in Istanbul
DRC	Skill development activities, Turkish language courses, vocational training in specific sectors Short-term modality with municipalities (career centers) Long term modality (employment facilitation through private sector) Self-employment support for home-based and macro businesses (Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Şanlıurfa) Assisting informal businesses financially and administratively	- DRC will steer away from skills development and focus on value chain analysis more. - Focus also more on market system approach - Promoting formal employment and decent long-term jobs.
ILO	Transition to formalization of businesses (Adana, Kahramanmaraş, Mersin, Şanlıurfa) Focusing on Refugee Resilience Programme GESOB The first Information Centre opens in Gaziantep to support the formalization of Syrian	- Peer in project applicants will receive on-off job trainings and certification for the new phase of the project - Providing access to labour market, entrepreneurship skills development, vocational training - Supporting the school to work transition - Facilitating access to livelihood for vulnerable groups - Increasing the green job

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	and Turkish informal enterprises and employees information center, on the job training Peer-in project on the career center of municipalities, which is the national level component of the project.	
UNHCR	Examples: Sanliurfa greenhouses and culinary center projects Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce partnership for cooperative support GASMEK career center in Gaziantep MM Repair workshop project in Adana	2023-2025 planning is in progress More focus on collaborative profiling/needs assessment – let's think together which locations to prioritise for purposes LH/social cohesion interventions (UNHCR will make suggestions at the Dec WG meeting) Perhaps through a local partner, launch LH/SC project focusing more on persons with specific needs (re disabilities, prevention/response to child labor) Focus more on advocacy, as part of the LHWG for southeast Türkiye
TRC	Profiling of beneficiaries, having businesses in Turkiye (Adana, Bursa, Gaziantep, İstanbul, İzmir, Kocaeli, Konya, Şanlıurfa) Soft skills training and referral to labour market	2023-2025 planning is work in progress

On Advocacy, LHWG members agreed that to ensure capturing all key issues, it is important to list:

- Issues that mainly require advocacy at national level (bottom-up approach, as reminded by UNDP in relation to work-permit advocacy)
- Issues that can be addressed (in parallel or exclusively) at local level
- Advocacy message and type of advocacy interventions depending on e.g. expected outcome, target audience

UNHCR volunteered to draft and share a template encompassing the above, for discussion at the December 2022 meeting of the group.

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