

Livelihoods & Resilience Sector Working Group (LRSWG) Meeting – 20TH November 2024

Venue: SKYZ HOTEL, Naguru

Agenda Items

1. Co-chairs update - 20 minutes
2. Performance of the sector by UNHCR IM – 20 minutes
3. Sector strategy discussion – 45 minutes
4. 2025 Targets – 40 minutes
5. ULEARN presentation – 30 minutes
6. 2025 Research and discussion topics - 20 minutes
7. Partner updates – 10 minutes
8. AOB - 10 minutes

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Co-chair updates

The co-chairs highlighted key topics discussed by the sector in the course of the year. He also present some of the challenges still faced including sector reporting on which the sector agreed to hold a dedicated session to address

Details of discussed topics are in the attached document here:



LRSWG Key topics in
2024.docx

Performance of the sector by UNHCR IM – 20 minutes

Festo presented the sector data and trends throughout the entire year highlighting mapping of livelihoods partners as of September 2024, partner reporting, performance indicators, funding in the sector, and the challenge the sector faces.

Reactions to IM presentation by Festo

- There's a need to share data trends with the sector to capture what and what not to do as a sector moving forward.
- Regarding VSLAs, we need to ensure that more refugees are beneficiaries from the services, and also to link VSLAs to formal financial institutions
- Partners should support refugees to take advantage of financing options e.g., US government backed refugee loan guarantee scheme
- There's need to document climate change and impact on agriculture as well as foster agricultural insurance
- Access to financial services information needs to be captured better, the reporting often doesn't capture all the work that FSPs are doing in the refugee space
- Integrate market systems development in interventions for sustainability
- Need to support produce aggregation to address challenge of access to market

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to markets still difficult, the sector thus needs to prioritise market linkage support come 2025 • Rural development of RHDs will trickle down to refugees • Sector needs to develop access to markets and land for productivity • Environmental degradation should be discussed in the sector too since it reduces productivity • Increase inclusivity in livelihood interventions to cater for the different groups 	
<p>Review of Performance indicators and setting of targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion was deferred discussion when FSNA is out. However, it was advised to include JLIRP indicators, factor in refugees in informal sector while tracking performance indicators, and indicators on productivity, levels of harvest, income, metric tons sold etc., 	
<p>ULEARN presentation</p> <p>ULEARN presented an overview of sector resources in the fields of private sector engagement, entrepreneurship, value chain analysis among others that the sector can leverage in programs. All these were uploaded on the UNHCR data portal for easy access to partners.</p>	
<p>Suggested 2025 topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated engagement/session on reporting within the sector • Review of performance indicators and setting of targets • refugee land access/ Land use planning considering increasing pressure on land • Enhanced sector coordination bringing onboard local actors and RLOs involvement • Data coordination • Apply existing data and research for strategic alignment of the sector • Joint monitoring of livelihood interventions • Energy and Environment 	
<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sector will continue advocating for multi-year funding, strengthen thematic coordination, including sharing of good practices and lessons learned, around key sector priorities of graduation, value chains, market systems development, and skills development, entrepreneurship and employment linkages at both national and settlement level. Increasing refugee access to arable land remains a priority for the sector, with ongoing advocacy efforts directed at the government. The sector will continue to mobilize partners to align activities in line with the Jobs & Livelihoods integrated response plan. Sector activities will also be geared towards the GRF 2023 commitments and tracking matching pledges. • The LRSWG will convene dedication session on sector reporting early in 2025 • Discuss issues deferred to next year such as Review of performance indicators and setting of targets 	
<p>Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alice Matena, Ugafode 2. Rachel Alinaitwe, Ugafode 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Diana Kafuuma, UNCHR 25. Mwesigwa Isharaza, Save the children Uthabiti

3. Misheal Carolyne, RGF
4. Odumma Joseph, FCA
5. Joseph Mutua, DAI
6. Joseph Kabanda, BRAC
7. Arafa Kamoga, AVSI
8. Lilian Otieno, UNHCR
9. Charles Alemi, UNHCR
10. Okongo Desiderio, Agroref
11. Drateru Peace Agnes, Enabel
12. Magezi Junior, Hungers Fighters Uganda
13. Wanadi James, Real Phoenix Development Initiative (RPDI)
14. Simon Marot, AYAN
15. Otto Lucy, MGLSD
16. Okodi Francis, Alight
17. Grace Rukanda, LWF
18. George Kidega, NRC
19. James Terjanian, FAO
20. Kibwota Richard, CRS
21. Mable Moureen, CRS
22. Winnie Alum, WFP
23. Batte Charles, WIENU

26. Kullein Ankunda, ULEARN
27. Marikje ULEARN
28. Sunday Denis Aliiti, UNCDF
29. Jerry Chamayi, FRC
30. Martina Starace, CESVI
31. Henry Wanume, UNHCR
32. Paul Mwirichia, World Vision
33. Adeun Stephen, UNHCR