#31 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 13 March 2025

Minutes of meeting #30 **Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group**		
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid meeting from Brasov, KATYA Hub and on Teams, Thursday 13 March, from 13:00 to 14:00	
Co-Chairs	Besnik Ligaçi (UNHCR) and Laurentia Mereuta (World Vision)	
Participants	1. Besnik Ligaçi, UNHCR 2. Laurentia Mereuta, World Vision 3. Andreea Vrinceanu, Katya Hub 4. Raluca Stoia, AJOFM Brasov 5. Monica Zurita, IOM 6. Teodora Rogozea-Weatherlake, UNHCR 7. Oleksandra Sierova, Project Voiajer 8. Mariana Arnautu, World Vision 9. Mălina Baranciuc 10. Olha Trehub, UNHCR 11. Myroslava Dmytriieva 12. Reme Alkofairi, UNHCR 13. Liviu Constantin Vacareanu 14. Marieluise Knobloch, Sibiu Community Foundation 15. Alla Stegnii, UNHCR 16. Kateryna Korob, IFC 17. Eira Angelica Cerda, UNHCR 18. Daniela Avram, Ateliere fara frontiere 19. Roberta Fortugno, UNHCR 20. Roua Center 21. Desire Emmanuel Bateck, UNHCR 22. Bianca Mara Pop, UNHCR 23. Mihaela Sandu - Hands across Romania	
	Discussion	**Action Points**
Presentation World Vision	• Updates World Vision – different locations • Updates from AMDDB, visit to 2 beneficiaries of entrepreneurship grant: employment story **Follow-up:** AMDDB please share contacts for following up the mentioned employment opportunity for 3 new jobs in Bucharest.	Presentation may be found in the ShareDrive here

Presentation AJOFM	• AJOFM: 27 registered refugees since the beginning of the year. • Language continues to be one of the main barriers, at the same time most Ukrainians report wanting to go back and therefore having limited interest in integrating long term. • Currently 3 people are benefitting from unemployment benefits (thus fulfilling all the necessary legal conditions, including having worked for at least 12 months in the past 24). • Most Ukrainians are seamen, economists, doctors, and nurses and they look for jobs in the same fields or sectors. • AJOFM organizes job fairs twice per year, in April and October, and they invite local actors and refugees to participate. • **Challenges:** The biggest challenges for their employment remain the language barrier, the skills mismatch as well as the low salaries that are in the market, however, refugees can still afford good accommodation in a rather expensive city such as Brasov. **Follow-up:** AJOFM please update on Job Fair dates for April and October	
Presentation IOM	• INTERACT, which is for third-country migrants (mostly from Bangladesh, India) • AMIF (also opened to Ukrainians), with the possibility to offer Romanian language classes till 2026 (most in person, they have just opened a group of online courses). **Follow-up:** IOM please share (1) contact and link to the procedures for beneficiaries of medical expense reimbursement, (2) contacts of legal support, and	

	(3) a list of courses for possible beneficiaries to look up.	