

Livelihood and Basic Needs Working Group
Syrian, African and Iraqi Refugee Response in Egypt
Meeting minutes

Date: 16th September 2015

Time: 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Venue: UNHCR Cairo- Zamalek Office, Conference Room

Co-Chair(s): Amr Osman - (UNHCR)

Participants:

STAR – Refugee Egypt – UNWOMN – Caritas Alex – UNIDO – PSTIC – ACF – CRS – Don Bosco - UNHCR

Agenda:

1- Vulnerability Assessment;

2 - Cash Assistance;

3- 3RP Updates;

4- AOB

Summary of the Minutes:

1- Vulnerability Assessment:

- Sofia presented an update on the status of socioeconomic assessment that is conducted in Cairo and Alexandria in terms of number of assessments and status of WFP targeting. (presentation is attached)
 - PSTIC raised a concern regarding participants who are excluded from WFP for instance mental illness and disable persons.
 - PSTIC mentioned that it would be more effective to receive referrals and identification of vulnerable cases from partners in terms of vulnerability assessment and targeting.
 - PSTIC and STAR also highlighted that using the functional email for referrals of vulnerable people is not useful and response is not received on a timely manner.
 - CRS mentioned that according to the Graduation model, persons who are involved in the project need not to be cut from assistance whether cash or food.

- All partners need to be updated regularly on the socioeconomic assessment.
- It is important to receive updates from Caritas Cairo in regards to cash assistance provided to non-Syrian population.
- In the discussion of HH versus cases, it was mentioned by PSTIC that this type of assessment will link people together for the assistance purpose which might lead to domestic problems.
- UNWOMEN expressed their willingness for cooperation with UNHCR in terms of referrals of identified cases for their new livelihood project.

2- Cash Assistance by Kieta Kuboyama:

- Kieta presented the current status of cash assistance program in Egypt including Cairo, Alex and Damietta. (Presentation is attached)

3- Updates on 3 RP by Amr Osman:

- Amr briefed the participants about the 3 RP in terms of planning, timeline and working group on the draft. (Presentation is attached as well).

4- AOB:

Participants mentioned that it's been long time since the last working group and they did expect that other livelihood topics will be discussed in this meeting.

- It has been confirmed to the participants that livelihood working group will be held on a regular basis and next one will be focusing on livelihood topics.
- Date of next Livelihood meeting will be communicated by email