

**LIVELIHOODS SECTOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
Gaziantep  
Minutes of Meeting**

<b>Date:</b>	24 Aug 2017
<b>Venue/Location:</b>	Gaziantep UN House (Kaymakam Ismail Pasa Sokak No. 10 Sahinbey)
<b>Participants:</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> UNDP, UNHCR, ACTED, FAO, IOM, GTO, ORANGE, KUDRA, WFP, Habitat, Save the Children, Expertise France, Sons of War, GSO, Welthungerhilfe, Ground Truth Solution (Guest)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> AFAD, İŞKUR, Yuva Derneği, World Vision, UNV, UNIDO, IMPR, Handicap International, GIZ, DRC, Concern Worldwide, ASAM, Malumat, CARE, Global Communities, IBC, GOAL, WFP, EBRD, Maram Foundation, International Medical Corps, MercyCorps, COSV, NRC, GAUN, RIZK, KEDV, Support to Life</p>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<p>(Please follow the ordering in the narrative section below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Quick Round of Introduction</li> <li>2. Introduction of Mr. Jess Garana, UNDP 3RP Livelihoods sector coordinator</li> <li>3. Brief Update from UN Agencies and Partner Organizations on their Livelihood Activities</li> <li>4. Presentation by Hamzah Khamis on Service Mapping</li> <li>5. Update on Phase IV Verification by Reema Masoud (absent, postponed indefinitely)</li> <li>6. Presentations by applicants for LH TWG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sons of War</li> <li>• Orange</li> <li>• Habitat Association</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Drafting Operational Capacity Building Plan and Livelihoods Sector Messaging ISWG (absent, postponed indefinitely)</li> <li>8. Internal coordination issues</li> <li>9. Any Other Business (incl. the date and draft agenda for next meeting)</li> </ol> <p>-Ground Truth solutions- presentation</p>

	<p>- Brainstorming and information sharing on 2017 Mid-year review and 2018 planning</p>
<p><b>Discussions: (by Agenda)</b></p>	<p>Introductions          . LH Sector partners welcomed and round of introduction took place.          . UNDP introduced Mr. Jess Garana as a new UNDP Livelihood Coordinator</p> <p><b>Discussion by agenda Update from Partners</b></p> <p><b>1. <u>UNDP:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently implementing projects in Gaziantep, Urfa and Kilis to complement Syrian Crisis Response by strengthening capacity of local Municipalities and giving Basic Life Skills, Turkish language and vocational trainings.</li> <li>• In close coordination with ILO, UNDP provided Basic Life Skills training to make Syrian acquainted with the life in Turkey and Work Permit Awareness Seminar to inform them about work permit law, regulation and application process at Gaziantep Chamber of Industry Vocational Training Center.</li> <li>• For the ongoing project in Gaziantep, they mentioned that they targeted 4,800 beneficiaries and trained 8153 beneficiaries both Syrians and host communities.</li> <li>• New projects to complement the Syrian Crisis Response in the pipeline. The project will cover job creation, Turkish language training and solid waste management components.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>ACTED:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started livelihood trainings yet some registered trainees flew back to Syria and faced with the challenge to find new beneficiaries; worked with local NGO's to find beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Faced problems to conduct Turkish language training timely because of new law amendment which is only authorized National Education Ministry (NEM) to give Turkish language training.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. <u>FAO:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements two project that provides emergency assistance and vocational training. In scope of supporting emergency assistance, FAO is building greenhouses for 1,500 Syrians based in camps and host communities. In addition, FAO together with 6 partner NGOs is also implementing vocational trainings in 5 provinces targeting 30% host communities and 70% Syrians refugees.</li> <li>• Mentioned that market analysis regarding Livelihood Sector and Food Security is significant to achieve the sector targets yet there is no plan for market analysis.</li> </ul>

4. **KUDRA:**

- Launching a new project (Opening a Makerspace) that will provide vocational and skills trainings for Syrians and host community in Turkey.
- **The objectives of this project, are to:**
- Respond to the humanitarian community's need for innovative items and solutions to face the immediate challenges on the ground in Syria.
- Engage young people (refugee and host), give them the practical skills to help them both now and to contribute to the future rebuilding of Syria.
- Provide Gaziantep industry with access to R&D to allow them to supply the humanitarian sector with good relevant for the context.
- Support engineers within Syria and the building of a network of makers through Southern Turkey and Northern Syria, to allow a resurgent civil society to leap-frog the old barriers of industrial infrastructure and join the 21st century's digital manufacturing revolution!
  
- **The specific activities of the proposed center will include:**
- Hosting technical training sessions in 3D printing, innovation process and other maker related activities.
- Augmenting relevant training, such as design thinking, an entrepreneurship course or accelerator programs.
- Offering technical services to either humanitarian agencies or social entrepreneurs to develop products or other solutions.
- Providing open drop-in sessions for members of the community to use the maker facilities.

5. **UNHCR:**

- UNHCR has been expanding and expediting livelihoods activities since the beginning of 2016. UNHCR has various modalities for implementing activities. The first one is the collaboration with National and International Non-Governmental Organizations. The second one is direct implementation for activities carried out by UNHCR and the third one is the collaboration with other UN organizations.
- UNHCR is implementing livelihood activities in 14 provinces of Turkey and collaborating with municipalities as well local governments under four pillars:
  - Capacity strengthening of and collaboration with the Governmental Institutions
  - Skills Building and vocational training of refugees
  - Private sector partnership
  - Fostering refugee entrepreneurship
- Stated that they are also directly implementing projects along with the government bodies such as ISKUR and at Ministry level. Trainings are being conducted for ISKUR personnel in the aim of registering Syrian refugees in the national employment database. Equipment and personnel support is being provided to ISKUR as well.



- Highlighted that number of companies established by Syrians is over ten thousand and that is more than the number of companies established by Turkish citizens at the same time.

**6. ORANGE:**

- Stated that their ongoing project, in cooperation with DRC and UNHCR, aims to train Syrians and host communities with transferable skills and home base skills development in textile, design, computer science and entrepreneurship.
- Mentioned that they have trained 580 Syrians with transferable skills and home base skills development on textile and design.
- Highlighted that it has been a big challenge for them to cooperate with the National Education Ministry to certificate trainings.

**7. GTO:**

- Organized a seminar on Foreign Trade and Investment and 110 Syrian business people participated.
- Highlighted that they have 1094 registered companies to the chamber from different occupations such as textile and food. In addition, the procedure for the Syrians to establish company is the same with Turkish citizens.

**8. IOM:**

- Stated that they equipped 300 skilled Syrians with in-kind grant (IKG) tool kits to establish their own business. 670 IKG tool kits will be distributed by the end of 2017 through Gaziantep, Hatay and Sanliurfa.
- For the job placement, they have placed 25 Syrians (out of 100) in jobs in Turkish companies. 18 work permit applications with 2 companies are in approval process with MoLSS, and more than 30 recruitment processes are on the way with several other companies.
- Highlighted that they are running an Entrepreneurship Accelerator Training programme along with their IP InnoCampus on business management, product design, prototyping and branding. 23 beneficiaries have graduated from the summer program in Izmir; the IP will carry out the autumn training in Sanliurfa for 35 beneficiaries.
- Stated that they are providing seed-money (cash grants) to successful young entrepreneur teams who have graduated from above mentioned the Entrepreneurship Accelerator Training to turn their innovative business ideas to life. 3 team have started receiving the grants from the spring program in Gaziantep. IOM is still in process of selecting teams from the Izmir training program.

**9. Expertise France:**

- Currently implementing cross border projects rather than in Turkey and they will initiate a new project for the Turkey Program that basically provision of vocational trainings.

**10. GSO:**

- Currently implementing vocational trainings in partnership with ILO at GSO Vocational Training Center.



- Highlighted that Syrians beneficiaries age average is too high so that they face with difficulties in learning process. In addition, they mentioned that Turkish language acquisition and Work Permit process are significant obstacles for the Syrians to place in jobs.

11. **WHH:**

- Implementing projects in Hatay (Turkey) along with AFAD and in Aleppo (Syria).

12. **Save the Children:**

- Currently operating in Istanbul.

**Presentations**

1. **A. Updates on Information Management, Firat Olcay, Inter-agency**

A monthly dashboard regarding to ActivityInfo presented and updating LH activities to the ActivityInfo importance highlighted and mentioned also that CARE, CONCERN, FAO, ILO, UNIDO, UNWOMEN and WHH have not been updating ActivityInfo at all. In addition, Turkey Information HUB (<http://www.refugeeinfoturkey.org/>) presented in detail.

**B. Services Advisory, Firat Olcay, UNHCR**

Service Mapping Platform shows services for refugees and asylum-seekers on an interactive map to increase coordination among service providers. The platform includes NGO's, UN Agencies and Government actors responding to the crisis, the services provided to refugees and nationwide coverage.

2. **Sons of War, Alaaddin Osman**

Sons of War established in Aleppo, in 2011, in Syria and has been active in Kilis (Turkey) since 2015. The main vision of Sons of War is to build human capacity for becoming qualified and responsible, working for the revival of the Syrian community and making its civilization. The aim is to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure and productive communities. Currently implementing project in Kilis that cover basics of hand knitting (trained 80 Syrian women) and cash for work.

3. **Habitat Association, Başak Saral**

Habitat is active in the sustainable development field and was founded with the goal of improving the roles that youth play in sustainable development by activists who gathered for the '95 World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen and '97 Habitat II Summit of United Nations. In scope of the livelihood program. A new project, founded by UNHCR, that called Livelihoods Program Targeting Youth Empowerment, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Skills Building and Business Creation will be initiated soon. The Project seek to support the refugee community as well as local under-served populations across Turkey in an inclusive way in business creation, job creation and labor force participation.



	<p><b>Participants Input into the Mid-Year Review and 2018 Review Planning</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Member did not decide to form a small working group on the review preparations yet agreed to receive drafts and provide feedback by the stipulated deadline.</li> <li>2. Vocational training has been the most significant intervention of the Sector. Thousands of refugees have been trained on various skills sets. Many of the vocational trainings included provision of productive tools but were un-used after trainings.</li> <li>3. Trained participants barely have actual jobs or income-generating activities as a result of the trainings.</li> <li>4. There is a need to develop quality livelihood package of services that combines short term and long-term support.</li> <li>5. Currently, support from Sector partners are short-term, project activities whereas, the development of livelihoods requires a long-term and sustained support since the refugees have little skills (technical, cultural, language) and market network in Turkey to start with.</li> <li>6. Participants recognized that the Livelihood Sector strategy needs a serious re-thinking. Provision of training alone does not make any impact. Packages of assistance that combine short term and long term support should be developed with main consideration of market.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Action Points (action, responsible person and deadlines):</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MMP report will circulated.</li> <li>2. A template regarding info of LH Sector members' responsible coordinators will be circulated via e-mail to be fill. The LH matrix progress spreadsheet aim to updating the list of LH Sector partners' representative/s and their respective Head of Offices. The matrix is expected to be fill by stipulated deadline.</li> <li>3. Draft LH Sector Strategy will be shared and feedbacks from partner is expected by the stipulated deadline.</li> <li>4. Updating LH Sector activities to the ActivityInfo highly recommended and appreciated.</li> </ol>
<p><b>AOBs and Announcements:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next meeting will hold on <b>28 Sep 2017 at Gaziantep UN House.</b></li> </ol>

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