**Livelihoods and Resilience Working Group meeting - 18 June 2019 at** **Finnish Refugee Council**

**Agenda**

1. Opening remarks from the Host (FRC)
2. Co-chair update (30 minutes)
   1. Standards update
      1. Field level coordination update
   2. Updates from coordination forums (e.g. Inter-sector and Inter-agency)
   3. Updates from other related sector WG
   4. Other topics of coordination
3. Presentation on mapping exercise and discussion on meeting RRP targets for 2019 (45 minutes)
4. Discussion: establishing a Sector Working Group work plan for the remainder of 2019? (20 minutes)
5. Discussion: Ebola situation and re-activation of the sector task force? (15 minutes)
6. Partner announcements (5 minutes)

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1. **Co-Chair Updates:**
2. *Standard Updates:*

* All partners invited to give additional feedback to livelihood coordination structure to further aid the mapping exercise.

1. *Updates from last inter-agency meeting:*

* Agreement on the need to strengthen humanitarian and development coordination especially at district levels to communicate good practices for sustainable solutions for the refugee response.
* Land taskforce will be invited to the next inter-agency meeting.

1. *Updates from other coordination forums:*

* UNHCR is rolling out the Feedback, referral and resolution mechanism. All partners are invited to contribute to this mechanism or institutionalize a similar complaints/feedback structure for accountability purposes. **Next ActivityInfo reporting deadline for partners is Friday 5 July 2019.**
* The reporting timeframe for activity info has been changed and now mandatory information to be fed only on a quarterly basis. Monthly reporting still remains possible but optional.
* All partners in the livelihood sector are called to report any funding received for refugee response. **Deadline is 5th July, 2019**.

1. *Updates from other related sector working groups:*

* Cash working group discussed the need to streamline Cash for work rates. A taskforce will be formed to lead the harmonization process.

1. **Presentation on Mapping exercise and discussion on meeting RRP targets for 2019:**

* The objective of this exercise is to enhance coordination and access partner capacity for future interventions. While the data produced does not vouch for 100% accuracy, it is reflective enough of partner representation in different districts and which districts are underserved/overserved in accordance with their respective beneficiary targets.
* This mapping shall help partners take a call on priority districts while deciding where to dedicate intervention resources in the future.
* Through the mapping exercise it was observed that objective 2 and 3 pertaining to long term sustainable solutions for refugees are not being adequately addressed by the partners.
* A question was posed on why the partners are not looking into objective 2 and 3 as priority areas. It was highlighted that partners are limited by their respective mandates and donors are bias towards lifesaving interventions.
* As a potential remedy, it was discussed that the creation of a referral mechanism wherein beneficiaries can be referred to development partners after life saving interventions are carried out will prove to be very useful.
* In the same vein, the needs to forge humanitarian-development linkages was discussed. As an example, encouraging VSLAs can act as little fixes in humanitarian intervention to create continuum.
* Future sector working group meetings will have a stronger focus on objectives 2 and 3 with a view to raising awareness on the needs in these areas, encouraging linkages with existing activities, raising partners’ capacity etc.

1. **Discussion: establishing a Sector Working Group work plan for the remainder of 2019? (20 minutes)**

* Future areas of sector engagement to be prioritized:

1. Minimum economic recovery standards.
2. Humanitarian-development linkages with examples of best practices.
3. Role of private sector for financial inclusion (i.e Centenary bank)
4. Market linkages and income generation – domestic NGOs with expertise in market formation and strengthening.
5. **Ebola situation:**

* A national response plan is already in action and a 21-day window is in place to declare whether Ebola is controlled or otherwise.
* **Sector Ebola task force is being reactivated** wherein the role of the taskforce is to finalize draft sector plan. The livelihood Ebola task force members are: Samaritan Purse, BRAC, LWR, HOT, Oxfam, Humane Africa Mission - **Save the Children volunteered to be added to the taskforce.**

**Next meeting on 16th July 2019 at Danish Refugee Council**