Livelihood Working Group Amman, Jordan 15.01.2017

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	15.01.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (Coordinator) Emily Lewis (co-chair)	Meeting Time	9:00-11:00
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Agenda

- 1) Update on JRP
- 2) Facts and figures from MoL/ILO
- 3) Review of the Livelihoods working groups TORs and improved coordination
- 4) Updates from agencies
- 5) Taking stock of the Jordan Compact one year later

Update on JRP

- The launch of JRP 2017-2019 was officially endorsed by the JRP platform on Thursday 11th. It has been sent to the cabinet for final approval.
- JRP 2017 budget for Livelihoods is 117 million USD dollars budget.
- 106 million USD was appealed for the inter-agency appeal, according to ActivityInfo.
 - 22 million under refugee component and 84 million is under the resilience component.
- The 3RP resource matrix will be submitted to MOPIC for review and give no objection.
- On the 24th January in Helsinki there will be a global launch for the 3RP.

Facts and figures from MoL/ILO

- MoL figures:
 - As of January 15th, Jordan has 37,325 Syrian working legally in the country with a work permit (10% of foreign workers). Percentage of work permits issued to Syrian workers by gender: female 1,312, 4% and male 36,014, 96%. This is following awareness campaigns in Mafraq and Irbid targeting women specifically in the agriculture sector. The campaign aims at reaching 10% by June/July 2017.
 - 12,574 work permits have been issued in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors.
 - 6,731 work permits have been issued in the manufacturing sector.
- ILO project of certification of construction worker
 - This project will help Syrians to have self-employed status
 - 2,500 Syrians are undertaking a training which will result in a certificate from CAQA (Central Accreditation and Quality Assurance) confirming their skills in the sector.

- Access the MoL/ILO presentation here.

ACTION POINTS

 ILO will support Syrians who obtain this certificate to register with Social Security; after which they can apply for work permits as self-employed.
 1,500 Syrians have already passed the test.

Review of the Livelihoods working groups TORs and improved coordination

- (UNHCR) Possible TOR's for this year: advocacy, mapping of projects (which has been done in ActivityInfo), define targeting, make information available, reducing duplication, monitor and evaluation, guide and facilitate planning for the interagency appeals for the refugee component of the JRP/3RP as well as developing mass information messages, FAQs, etc. Connect with and support relevant government-led structures, including the JRP Task Force for Food Security/Livelihoods.
- (RC/HC) suggested the mapping of groups to avoid duplication.
 - Synergies expected from groups, donors would like to see government leadership.
- (MoPIC/PMU) Programme Management Unit: PMU started in July 2016 with primary objectives being: monitoring the commitments made by the government of Jordan and donor community under the Jordan Compact, and align donor assistance towards the compact effectiveness.
 - As a conclusion of PMU's own mapping 4 technical areas have been identified to which they can contribute: funding -a critical issue and tracked through various mechanisms-; 1) Investment 2) Labour 3)
 Business environment 4) Trade.
 - PMU has made suggestions to restructure/refocus existing coordination mechanisms/ groups.
 - Groups could review their TORs and possibly meet around task forces on specific themes.
 - Presentation PMU (Linda) Based on work permits that were issued in 2016, PMU has come up with assumptions of 3 different scenarios for 2017-2018: Indicator is "work permits issued within that calendar year" (counting restarts each year): 3 Scenarios:
 - Conservative Scenario: 50% of Syrian will renew their work permits + 1000 new work permits per month
 - Modest Scenario: 65% of Syrian will renew their work permits + 1500 new work permits per month
 - Optimistic Scenario: 80% of Syrian will renew their work permits +
 2000 new work permits per month
 - ➤ Based on 2017 planned interventions by different implementers another 13,000 work permits are expected to be issued from May up to September 2017.

- Access the Livelihood's working group TOR's <u>here</u>.
- A meeting will be held (date TBA) to discuss which area the group will choose.

Access PMU's full presentation here.

- Conference was postponed.

Updates from agencies

EU: Rules of Origin agreement will be the object of a meeting in Brussels on Wednesday 25th of January Jordanian private companies will attend, a few

- agencies (ILO, UNHCR) and NGOs (Oxfam). The conference includes a B2B component. Ministry of Industry and Trade leads the exercise.
- BICC (Bonn International Centre for Conversion): A stakeholder workshop is to be held in UNHCR on January 18th intended to provide a forum for exchange among organizations and interested individuals about recent insights on "work and social relationships of Syrian refugees in Greater Amman". In the framework of a Special Initiative on Flight, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development BMZ is funding the research project "Protected rather than protracted – strengthening refugees and peace".
- Mercy Corps: Launching small to medium enterprises projects and home based businesses project. Main focus are Irbid and Mafraq. A market assessment has been initiated to set up the intervention.
- Invitation to be sent out separately to interested members of the LWG.
- For more information regarding this, kindly contact Mercy Corps.

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