

**Livelihoods Working Group Meeting  
Thursday, 12 July 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Ankara**

**Chair(s):** Ozlem Cavus / UNDP  
**Participants:** UNHCR, UNDP, WFP, UNV, UNIDO, RCO, ILO, UNWOMEN, CONCERN, GIZ, USBPRM, TRC, IMC

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
<b>1: Update on SRG and STF Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Discussions in SRG are ongoing on the next years' planning</li> <li>- In STF, it was discussed that refugee and resilience pillars of 3RP will remain in next two years, but resilience is gaining more importance as the time going by.</li> <li>-Social protection and inclusion is becoming more important and the emphasis on these issues will be reflected in regional overview as well.</li> </ul>	
<b>2: Sector reporting responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partners were reminded that the data in ActivityInfo will be used in the process of mid-term reporting and they can direct their questions on ActivityInfo reporting to the coordination unit anytime.</li> <li>- There is a need to differentiate the employment through cash-for-work activities from other types of employments and job placements. However, it is not possible to change these indicators for the current year. LH Sector Coordination will ensure that indicators will be adjusted for the next year cycle.</li> </ul>	
<b>3: Presentation on M&amp;E updates- Bastien Revel, UNDP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Bastien Revel, Individual Consultant for UNDP, delivered a presentation on M&amp;E related updates. Key points of his presentation can be summarized as below:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Based on the compilation of various reports and assessments:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20 % of Syrian HH with no working members</li> <li>▪ 65%-78% HH without skilled/reliable work</li> <li>▪ Labour force of 650,000 people</li> <li>▪ Poverty rate of 59%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 43014 Syrians with work permits (SUTP + regular residency) – 14,500 granted permission to start their own business (CSGB)</li> <li>○ For the host communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9.1% poverty rate</li> <li>▪ 10.2% unemployment rate (3.25 m people)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ For the Private sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Net job creation from formal business close to 0</li> <li>▪ Number of firms still growing in 2015 (+8.8%).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Through programmes implemented by partners, creation of 26,707 jobs have been supported.</li> <li>○ Livelihoods programming needs to be scaled up significantly to have impact</li> <li>○ Indirect job creation is significant but not enough.</li> <li>○ M&amp;E needs to be strengthened to demonstrate credibility/impact of ongoing interventions.</li> <li>● Key points of the presentation related to the public institution support provided under 3RP can be summarized as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scale of support to public institutions in the response is growing.</li> <li>○ There have been over 250 interventions targeting public institutions.</li> <li>○ In 2017, 185m USD were invested <b>to</b> and 351m USD cash were invested <b>through</b> public institutions. Figures for 2018 are 245m USD and 729m USD, respectively.</li> <li>○ Amount of money invested in support to municipalities have been in increasing trend since 2015, reaching around 23 m USD in 2018.</li> <li>○ There is an online map available to show who does what in where in terms of support to municipalities in Turkey, reachable through <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>4: Basic Needs &amp; Livelihoods Sector linkages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic Needs / Livelihoods Joint Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> of July in Ankara to discuss more on how the transition from basic needs to livelihoods can be facilitated.</li> <li>- Profiling analysis under the scope of ESSN was conducted. Preliminary results of profiling of ESSN applicants demonstrate that 85% are working, but only 1% of them have working permits. Preliminary results can be shared later.</li> </ul>	

**5: Agency updates**

- UNIDO has been implementing a training programme in three refugee camps since 2016. Target of the last phase of this project is to reach 1000 youth and women refugees. In 2018, 450 refugees have been reached and their skills were certified by MoNE.
- UNV is working on a new UNV contract type for refugee youth to support UN agencies in their response to Syria crisis.
- UN WOMEN conducted a needs analysis of Syrian women and girls. Analysis demonstrate that language barrier and access to proper shelter are the main two problems. Report can be circulated amongst the working group. They have been implementing a MADAD funded project with ASAM and ILO's support. Since February 2018, 430 women have accessed to increased livelihoods opportunities.
- ILO is implementing a project in Istanbul, Adana, Mersin, Hatay and Şanlıurfa, focusing on creation of jobs through TVETs. Also, they are conducting value chain analyses to see which sectors in which cities are most suitable for Syrians' employment. Lastly, they will start implementing a programme to facilitate 2400 Syrians' employment by providing incentives directly to the employers to cover their initial expenses for recruiting Syrians.
- CONCERN is implementing a UNHCR funded project for the last 2 years in Şanlıurfa to deliver vocational and entrepreneurship trainings for Syrians as well as facilitate registration of Syrians to İŞKUR database.
- UNHCR is implementing employment support programme, reaching 605 individuals who benefitted from work permit issuance and 560 people who were registered in ISKUR database. Also, more than 700 beneficiaries received entrepreneurship programme. In addition, they are implementing vocational skills and language training programme in Kayseri, Konya, Bursa and Ankara provinces. Within the scope of awareness raising activities, they have distributed 3000 booklets which include information on legal framework of Syrians' employment.
- UNDP has started to implement MADAD funded projects, focusing on job creation and delivery of Turkish language courses to Syrians in Konya, Adana, Mersin, Bursa, Istanbul, Izmir, Hatay, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa and Kilis, aiming to employment of 2000 Syrian and HC members and certification of 52000 Syrians from A1 to B2 level Turkish, through delivery of language trainings, entrepreneurship supports and construction of model factories in these provinces. Also, UNDP is implementing another project with an aim to increase ISKUR's technical capacity.

<b>6: Any Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners will be requested a half-pager information on their activities and photos to create content for newsletter to be published on livelihoods sector activities.</li><li>• Assessment mapping exercise will be conducted to compile reports, assessments and analyses conducted by partners. Details will be shared after the meeting.</li></ul>	
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