
Meeting minutes

Livelihoods and socio-economic inclusion 1st meeting

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Agencies present: HIAS, Bright Future NGO, CNRR, CORE, World Vision, Jobs4Ukraine, OPF, NRC, CNRED, ANOFM, DLA Piper, BCR Social Finance, Kaufland, AFF, Patrir, FONSS, IOM, CRS, Teleperformance, Novapolis, IKEA, Romanian Microfinance Association, REACH, Mercy Corps, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, WHO Norwegian Council for Refugees, Action Aid, ICAR Foundation, Oxfarm, Action contre la faim, Plan International, Care International, EBRD

Main topics discussed:

- **Introductory remarks and agenda points presentation**
- **UNHCR presents a short overview on:**
 - Mandate and RRP
 - Current context and trends
 - Contingency and preparedness
 - Socio-economic data, demographics, labor market profiling and needs
 - Gaps and challenges
 - Summary of approved NAP
 - Global guidance and policies developed by UNHCR
- **Tour de table**
 - Bright Future NGO (in development)
 - Kids play center and community building and empowerment for mothers
 - Provides language classes (Romanian and English) for mothers
 - HIAS
 - Provides technical assistance for local partners and helps build capacity for economic and social inclusion
 - CNRR
 - Strong legal background in refugee intergration with over 20 year of experience in the field
 - Now focusing on mid to long term solutions for socio-economic inclusion and access to services
 - Core
 - Main objective is to build local capacity through offering financial support
 - Gives vouchers for cash through partners
 - Supports a community center in Galati through Damen that provides language classes, childcare, accommodation and job opportunities
 - World vision
 - Focus on child protection
 - Provides food, NFIs, child friendly spaces, child protection needs, access to education services

- Will also focus on job/life skills building activities for youth
- Works with MoE to complement and help fill in gaps
- Jobs4Ukraine
 - Put together technical solutions to help facilitate employment
 - Run a multilanguage platform that can bridge the gap and connect employers with people looking for jobs that was adapted for the Ukrainian people
 - Provide in person counseling for those less technical/ digital literate
 - Are looking to integrate a component on skills development
- OPF
 - Social solidarity solutions oriented NGO
 - Give financial assistance and provide medical and phycological support as well assist in family reunification
- NRC
 - Provide support to local organizations
 - Have set up 3 youth centers in witch they provide activities to help empower youth through technical vocational trainings, support in finding internship/traineeship opportunities and develop life/employment skills
- CNRED
 - Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas
 - Tailored info for Ukrainians
 - No significant uptake in Ukrainians requesting recognition of qualifications for professions
 - All info on website as well as contact modalities
- DLA Piper
 - Network of Pro bono lawyers that can provide info and legal support to Ukrainians on various domains including labor market rights and business creation
- BCR Social Finance
 - Micro finance institution
 - Extended expertise in lower income / non bankable loans and consumer loans as well as micro loans for NGOS and micro enterprises
- Kaufland
 - Are currently hiring up to 300 Ukrainians in their shops and will accept Ukrainian and Russian speakers
 - Have learnt the procedures to hire Ukrainians and are willing to share good practices
- Ateliere fara Frontiere
 - Will implement a holistic approach partnership for the integration of Ukrainian refugees through UNHCR founding
- Patrir
 - Cluj based NGO focused on cross border humanitarian assistance

- Non formal youth empowerment and educational programmes, capacity building for stakeholders and direct work for social inclusion
- FONSS
 - Federation of 44 NGOs for social services
 - Focus on protection oriented services livelihoods and socio-economic inclusion
- IOM
 - Provides for accommodation, protection and tailored assistance to victims of trafficking, cash based assistance, helps to access labor market, social and cultural activities
- CRS (Caritas)
 - Provides for accommodation
 - Have active social service hubs in which they provide access to summer school for children, job search support, language classes and referral for services when needed
- Teleperformance
 - Has a hotline for offering help to their Ukrainian employees who wish to relocate in the neighboring countries
 - Are looking for Ukrainian translators into English and other language that will provide remote interpretation
- ANOFM: Employment services
 - Offering vocational trainings, job trainings and matches people to existing jobs on the market
- Novapolis
 - Focus on labor inclusion and entrepreneurship, access to labor market support, gathered good practices examples
- IKEA
 - Description of the Employability Programme for refugees and lessons learnt
 - Can help support with donations of furnishings
 - Put together a toolkit on Skills for employability that talks about how to hire and better integrate refugees
- Romanian Micro Finance Association
 - Provides micro financial solutions, micro credits with low or no collateral
- Reach
 - Conducts assessments for informing decisions
 - Are currently working on developing a questioner that can include livelihoods aspects and are open to suggestions of indicators
- Mercy corps
 - Provides for basic needs psychosocial support and protection
 - Work on alleviating the burden in accessing the labor market
- 5Ws and ways forward
 - The 5Ws matrix will be circulated by UNHCR and needs to be filled in by all participants by 18th July

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- Monthly livelihoods meeting
 - Sub-thematic task forces may be created as needs arise