

#6 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 12th Jan

Minutes of meeting #6 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid Meeting on Teams and at the UN House in Primaverii Bucharest, Thursday 12 th Jan 2023, from 13:00 to 14:00	
Facilitators	Christian Renson, Lucian Dinu, and Victoria Moren	
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eugene Vovk, Sus Inima 2. Veronica Cazacu, HEKS EPER 3. Teodora Rogozea-Weatherlake, UNHCR 4. Damien Thiery, AFF 5. Fawzia Rehejeh, Arab Cultural Center 6. Nikola Simonovic, IKEA 7. Victor Sulla, The World Bank 8. Marija Vuckovic, IKEA 9. Daria Badescu, EaSI 10. Diana Chiriacescu, FONSS 11. Nurhak YILMAZ, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) 12. Anna Kalinichenko, DLA Piper 13. Mihaela Nadia Sandu, Hands Across Romania 14. Roxana Popa, Jobs4Ukraine 15. Lucian Silviu Dinu, IOM 16. Calin Chioreanu, HEKS EPER 17. Lu Knobloch, Sus Inima 18. Mykolay Latushkin, Association for Supporting Ukrainians 19. Fawzia Rehejeh, Arab Cultural Center 20. Konstantina Loupeidou, UNHCR 21. Adriana Filip, Regional Adult Training Center Cluj 22. Desire Emmanuel Bateck, UNHCR 23. Astrid Hamberger, Migrant Integration Center Brasov 24. Lestat Monroe, Romanian Diversity Chamber of Commerce 25. Mihaela Stirbu, Romanian Diversity Chamber of Commerce 26. Iryna Bystrytska, UNHCR 	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new Working Group members • Update of 5Ws (link) • UNHCR update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief situational overview - UNHCR Data Portal overview (link) - Refugee Response Plan (RRP) Activity Info Sector Dashboard and Reporting (link) - Working Group ShareDrive (link) • Task forces creating coaching and counselling guidance and SOPs on entrepreneurship support and business grants • ToR (link) and workplan 2023 (link) • Open floor for discussions/updates 	
	Discussion	Action Points

<p>Introduction of new Working Group Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veronica Cazacu - HEKS EPER HEKS EPER is a Swiss foundation working on inclusion. • Fawzia Rehejeh - Arab Cultural Center The Arab Cultural Center is located in Sibiu and acts as a platform for promoting social and cultural integration of refugees and migrants in Romania. Among other activities, they organize Arabic and Romanian language courses and the Arab Cultural Festival. • Eugene Vovk – Sus Inima Sus Inima has been operating in Sibiu since the beginning of the conflict, offering various forms of support to refugees including transportation, accommodation, educational services, sports activities, and theater classes. 	
<p>UNHCR Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR presented a situational overview and showed some features and functionalities of the UNHCR data portal, Livelihoods Sector Dashboard, and the Working Group Share Drive. • Diana Chiriacescu – FONSS Diana underlined that the link to support services (daycare, after-school services, language classes, etc.) are critical for the success of economic inclusion interventions, and that these services have not received enough attention. • Mykolay Latushkin - Association for Supporting Ukrainians The Association for Support Ukrainians has a Community Center in Galati which offers a safe space for kids and for co-working. The Association has a group of individuals in their community seeking job opportunities and is looking to connect with employment agencies / employers / organizations offering such opportunities. • Lu Knobloch – Sus Inima - Sus Inima underlined that public authorities are providing job seekers with professional/vocational courses for free, however the exams are in Romanian which presents a challenge for many. Sus Inima suggested to the authorities that the courses could be conducted online with an automatic translation. - Sus Inima is creating a multi-disciplinary center for refugees (aiming to be operational around mid-February) where public authorities will be present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Info Everyone is encouraged to report their activities into Activity Info to have their work showcased on the Livelihoods Sector Dashboard (here). Those who wish to receive training on how to use the activity info tool are encouraged to reach out to Christian or Victoria. • Everyone is encouraged to update their ongoing and planned 2023 activities in the 5Ws document (here). • Everyone is encouraged to look through the resources available on the common ShareDrive (here) and email any

	and where refugees can access various services including translation of documents, information about available jobs, access to computers, etc.	suggested additions to Victoria.
Task forces creating coaching and counselling guidance and SOPs on entrepreneurship support and business grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those interested, the working group could create smaller breakout sessions / task-forces to discuss topics of common interest, such as issues related to coaching and counselling or entrepreneurial support services. These forums could facilitate discussions around how to overcome common barriers, share best practices, create SOPs to guide and harmonize our work, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those interested in discussing a particular topic (such as coaching and counselling or entrepreneurial support services) in a breakout session / smaller task-force meeting are encouraged to reach out to Christian or Victoria.
ToR and WorkPlan for 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR presented a zero draft for the 2023 ToR and Workplan and encouraged everyone to read them through after the meeting to provide inputs/comments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone to read through the ToR and Workplan and add any inputs/comments.