

**Livelihood Working Group**  
**Amman, Jordan**  
**13.10.2016**

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khaldia	Meeting Date	1.9.2016
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (Livelihoods Coordination) Bryn Boyce (co-chair)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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**Agenda**

- 1) Updates from the chair/co-chair, updates from agencies:
  - World Bank presentation on the “Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees program”
  - REACH/UN Women’s study on refugee women’s economic opportunities
  - Better Work with Jordan- ILO
  - PMU/MOPIC introduction
  - Work permits – MOL
- 2) JRP process: inputs, budgets, PSS

**1) Updates from the chair/co-chair, updates from agencies:**

**ILO project of certification of construction workers**

CAQA Test for Accreditation in the Construction Sector by ILO is a great opportunity for persons with skills in construction: 2500 Jordanian and Syrians in Amman, Irbid and Mafraq and Zarqa governorates will be able to accredit their prior learning and experience in construction sector through a Formal Skill Testing. The test will be preceded by a short one-month training. Testing will be conducted by the Centre of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (CAQA). New participants will be selected each month.

Interested applicants will be supported with the CAQA Skill Tests application process in the following occupations:

Sector	Occupation	Skill level
Construction	Floor Layer and Tile Setter	Skilled
	Assistant Floor Layer and Tile Setter	Semi-skilled
	Building Painter	Skilled
	Assistant Building Painter	Semi-skilled
	Plastering Worker	Skilled
	Assistant Plastering Worker	Semi-skilled
	Plumber	Skilled
	Assistant Plumber	Semi -Skilled

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**ACTION POINTS**

All actors working directly with communities should disseminate.

<p><b>World Bank presentation on the “Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees program”:</b></p> <p>The PforR <u>(with IDA, IBRD and CFF financing of \$300 million)</u> sets out to provide economic opportunities for both Jordanians and Syrian refugees by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reforming Jordan’s labor market regulations to grant access to Syrian refugee workers to the formal labor market and allowing them to legally contribute to Jordan’s economic activity.</li> <li>Improving Jordan’s investment climate</li> <li>Attracting and retaining investments especially in manufacturing, in Special Economic Zones that will benefit from preferential access to the EU.</li> </ol> <p>The presentation discussed the 1st program result and <u>some specific aspects of it</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 2019, 130,000 Syrians working holding active work permits.</li> <li>Government to disseminate information about the process of obtaining a work permit and MOI card twice a year.</li> <li>Government to include refugees and economic migrants in quarterly Labor Force survey.</li> <li><u>Better Work Jordan (see next presentation)</u> will be publicly disclosing factory level compliance <u>with a list of at least 29 social and environmental related items</u>.</li> <li><u>Reforms needed and streamlining of the regulatory environment for SMEs including</u> home-based businesses.</li> </ul> <p><u>During the grace period of free work permits some lenience is expected with Syrians that are working without work permits and are in the process of regularizing their situation.</u></p> <p><b>REACH/UN Women’s study on refugee women’s economic opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This assessment (by UNWomen in collaboration with REACH) was conducted to answer <u>questions related to whether or not women (Syrian and Jordanian) want to work in the manufacturing sector; what motivates women to enter the labour market and what enabling environment is needed to increase participation of women in the labour market</u> based on evidence from Irbid and Zarqa.</li> <li><u>It is important that</u> potential new researches to be conducted are recommended to be consulted with Bryn and Laura.</li> </ul> <p><b>Better Work with Jordan- ILO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>BWJ is a partnership between ILO and IFC, focusing on how to enhance working and living conditions of workers in the garment sector in the global supply chain. Leads the sector-wide effort, to sustainably improve adherence to Jordan labor law and core labor standards, as well as enhancing the business competitiveness of the apparel sector in Jordan within the global supply chain.</u></li> <li><u>BWJ is currently looking at supporting apparel industries in Jordan accessing the EU agreement on relaxed RoO, which foresees the obligatory employment of a quota of Syrian workers (15%). BWJ is open to dialogue and collaborate with NGOs and other agencies working on job placement and other work preparedness actions.</u></li> <li>For more information about BWJ, use this link. <a href="http://betterwork.org/global/">http://betterwork.org/global/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>PMU/MOPIC introduction</b></p>	<p>-Full presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>-For comments about <del>the</del> <u>application of</u> the project, or any input on what to include for the monitoring, email Susan at: <a href="mailto:srazzaz@gmail.com">srazzaz@gmail.com</a></p> <p><u>Main findings and presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</u></p> <p>- Full presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PMU has been established in MOPIC to support <u>and</u> monitor the Jordan compact and the World Bank P4R (program for results of the 300 million loan).</li> <li>- Being embedded within MOPIC, PMU is part <u>of government</u>. PMU's mandate is to track <u>and</u> <del>conduct donor coordination under and coordinate actions under the</del> Jordan compact, <u>in</u> <del>which they play the m</del>onitor disbursements <u>based on verified</u> indicators <u>as well as</u> <del>verification role to insure the government is paid once it meets the and on</del> obligations <u>met</u>.</li> <li>- <del>PMU is the intermediary between larger donors, INGO's and the government of Jordan.</del></li> <li>- <del>In regards to the donor coordination and tracking</del>- PMU ensures that the EU agreement <u>contributes to</u> increased <u>exports</u> <u>and supports the</u> government of Jordan <u>in</u> <u>seeking</u> new and expanded investments to create new jobs ( private sector development) and connect Syrians and Jordanians to those jobs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Work permits – MOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of work permits issued for Syrians as of October 6th 2016: 29,975 (11%) comparing to 2% before the London conference in February 2016.</li> </ul>	<p>-</p> <p>Full segregated data and statistics for the month of October can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>2)JRP process: inputs, budgets, PSS</b></p> <p>The JRP concerns any programs or fundraising <u>of</u> agencies working in Livelihoods <u>in the ,and/or</u> <del>those who have to report against any activity in the coming year and</del> 2017-2019 time period.</p> <p>Points discussed: Recap on calendar or JRP, inputs into the process and project sheets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calendar for JRP/3RP Inter-Agency Appeal (Refugee) and the appeal process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHASE 1: Configure Activityinfo in line with JRP structure / Trainings</li> <li>• PHASE 2: Open Activityinfo / Partners insert appeals</li> <li>• PHASE 3: Revision of appeals in line with 3RP Criteria</li> <li>• PHASE 4: Compilation into 3RP Matrices</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Roles and Responsibilities (Refugee Sector) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sector Coordinators: Responsible for the quality and credibility of the appeal for their sector, as collated and reviewed in ActivityInfo, and as presented in the final Sector Response Matrices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ confirm the excel version of the structure of ActivityInfo during Phase 1</li> <li>➢ reviewing the appeals submitted by partners during Phase 3,</li> <li>➢ revising the appeals online with the partners,</li> <li>➢ 'signing-off' on the final product</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coordination Associates: Supports sector coordinator in the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ conduct reviews line by line in ActivityInfo</li> <li>➢ identify any data entry errors</li> <li>➢ perform other tasks as required by the Sector Coordinators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inter-Sector Coordination /Information Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ configure ActivityInfo</li> <li>➢ manage the database</li> <li>➢ extract the data and produce analysis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Criteria for Inclusion to Inter-Agency Appeal (Refugee): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The appeal is only open to partners who are formally registered with the Government of Jordan.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) The total combined partner appeal at the project sheet/output level has to be equal to or under the government JRP approved budget for that project sheet or output. Where total appeals go past these limits, Sector Coordinators will discuss with partners affected on how to reduce or reallocate their appeals.</li> <li>3) Some sectors have established targeting ceilings, for instance, that the most vulnerable 40% should be targeted with cash assistance. Should total indicator targets go past these limits, Sector Coordinators will discuss with partners affected on how to limit the number of appeals for the same activity.</li> <li>4) Similarly, partners activities should be meeting an established need/gap, as defined by recent needs assessments by the JRP and at the taskforce/sector level.</li> <li>5) To avoid duplicate UN and NGO appeals, where a UN agency appealed for funds and an NGO appealed for funds for the same activity, and the NGO is an implementing partner of the UN agency, the appeal should be recorded by the UN agency, and removed from the NGO's appeal. However, visibility will be provided by the UN agency to the NGO within the activity text and/or in the output table as an implementing partner.</li> <li>6) Partners may be contacted where there are significant differences in costing per beneficiary for the same activity.</li> <li>7) Partners may be contacted for more information should their activities not be gender aware, or do not include disaggregated data by age and sex</li> <li>8) For previous 3RP/RRP appealing agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite appealing under the previous 3RP/RRPs, should the partner not have attended sector meetings or reported any information/achievements, they will not necessarily be included in 2017;</li> <li>• Should partners have appealed for the activity in 2015 or 2016, but was 0% funded; then including the same activity in 2017 may be questioned by the Sector Coordinator, seeking further justification from the partner.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>- Should there be disagreement between Sector Coordinators, the issue can be raised up to the heads of agencies under the IATF.</p>
<p>Once reviewed, the appeal data will be aggregated into Resource Matrices, in line with the JRP format, and presented to MoPIC for review.</p> <p><b>Project Summary Sheets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>JHF budgets should be with OCHA, do not combine both in ActivityInfo.</del></li> <li>- During the Dead Sea workshop, organizations/agencies went through the structure for the new JRP Livelihoods chapter.</li> <li>- The overall objective is: To ensure dignified, sustainable livelihoods and create economic opportunities for Jordanians in host communities and Syrian refugees, as well as strengthening institutional capacity.</li> <li>- Sector specific objectives have been agreed upon as well for each of the Refugee pillars, number of direct targeted groups/beneficiaries indicators for each objectives, areas its covering as well as budgets for the 2017-2019 time period.</li> <li>- The baseline for the JRP is 2017.</li> </ul>	

**Next meeting date: 3<sup>rd</sup> of November EMOPS Room UNHCR**

**Next Meeting Agenda:**

- 1) A reflection on how to use results of research and how to operationalize results for Livelihoods.
- 2) City and Guild?

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