

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

06.04.2017

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khaldia	Meeting Date	06.04.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (Coordinator) Emily Lewis (co-chair)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda

- 1) Update on work permit figures by MoL
- 2) Job matching and the role of incentives – updates by agencies
- 3) Coordination in livelihoods: national registry on assessment, data sharing and communication with refugees (UNHCR)
- 4) Homebased-businesses (UNHCR and update from agencies)
- 5) Presentation of Caritas/ livelihoods programme
- 6) AoB/General:
 - The Brussels Conference: Supporting the future of Syria and the region

Update on work permit figures by MoL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MoL figures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As of April 5th, Jordan has 46,902 work permits have been issued and renewed by the MoL to Syrians (11% of work permits issued to foreign workers). Work permits issued to Syrian workers by gender: women 2,352 (5%) and men 44,550 (95%). The number of Syrians workers who currently have valid work permits is above 39 000. ○ Agriculture work permits issued 15,371. ○ 374 work permits have been issued from both Azraq and Za'atari camps, with the majority being from Azraq Camp. ○ The grace period – free work permits to be issued to Syrians in Jordan – has been extended until end of December 2017. This is the longest extension of the grace period so far. 	ACTION POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the MoL/ILO presentation here.
Job matching and the role of incentives – updates by agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon request from MoPIC to focus on matching Syrians with existing jobs, the following will need to be looked into so as to step up coordination in some areas of livelihoods planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incentives for jobs that so far have not attracted Syrian refugees (yes/no? what kind?) ○ coordinate incentives' amounts ○ Task force to discuss the above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRC to present their literature review of the research that has been done regarding cash incentives in Jordan.

<p>Coordination in livelihoods: national registry on assessment, data sharing and communication with refugees (UNHCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Assessment Registry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs assessments should go through the registry including socio economic profiling or market assessment. ○ The website is designed to avoid duplication of assessments done in the past, ongoing and published. • Data Sharing and communication with refugees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicating about work permits to refugees has to be as uniform as possible. UNHCR can review content and advise. ○ dissemination and outreach for jobs is increasing as the number of actors involved in matching increases too ○ UNHCR/MoL FAQ's are updated on UNHCR's Inter-agency Information Sharing Portal. Please check the portal for latest version 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can find the Needs Assessment Registry on UNHCR's inter-agency portal here. - SOP's to be disseminated once finalized.
<p>Homebased-businesses (UNHCR and update from agencies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNHCR's Legal Unit's and field staff did enquiries about setting up HBB in Mafraq. While it remains difficult for Syrian refugees to open a business if only in possession of MoI card, local solutions include partnering with a Jordanian owner through a private contract. • World Bank: <p>World Bank efforts aim at harmonizing HBB directives and regulations nationally so as to support the GoJ to achieve what the programme for results (P4R) prescribes in terms of DLIs (disbursement linked indicators).</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access UNHCR's full presentation here. - Access World Bank's full presentation here.
<p>AoB/General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Brussels Conference: Supporting the future of Syria and the region. http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2017/04/05/ <p> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the Brussels Conference Annex here. - Access here, the press release of the EU: co-chairs declaration. - Jordan INGO Forum's Brussels press release can be found here. - Click here for further related information on the conference.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ActivityInfo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agencies listed within the Refugee component (22 organizations) for the JRP are requested to and responsible for reporting on ActivityInfo on a monthly basis for monitoring purposes. ○ Agencies who have not yet received funds, and therefore have not yet any data/numbers to report must enter “0”. ○ Indicating the number “0” is reporting. Agencies should not leave an empty entry. ○ Deadline for reporting is the 8th of each month for the preceding month. (i.e. May 8th for the month of April). • Services Advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training for the Services Advisor roll out will be conducted on April 26th 12:00-14:00. 	<p>- Email to be sent separately for session registration.</p>
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Next meeting date:

May 4th 2017 9:00-11:00

Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Updates from MoL/ILO
- 2) Entry Point for forthcoming Cash for Work activities GIZ
- 3) Services Advisor
- 4) Presentation/ CARE
- 5) DRC /literature review regarding cash incentives in Jordan

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