

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	10.8.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates on work permits (MoL) 2. Work permits in construction: latest developments and achievements (ILO) 3. Update on the JRP process /Livelihoods and refugee response preparations (Chair/UNHCR) 4. Mapping, ActivityInfo and Service Advisor (Inter-agency coordination/UNHCR) 5. LEADERS consortium – brief on the project (LEADERS coordinator/DRC) 6. Mobility out of camp, work permits and employments activities (UNHCR Zataari/Azraq) 	
Updates on work permits (MoL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As reported by MoL, 58,290 work permits have been issued and renewed to Syrian refugees in Jordan, 4% of which to women. - Amman holds the most work permits issued in a governorate (19,486) - The agriculture sector still provides for the highest number of work permits. - 1228 work permits have been issued for refugees that live inside the camps. 	ACTION POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the full presentation here.
Work permits in construction: latest developments and achievements (ILO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ILO worked with MoL for a year to reach a model for issuance of work permits construction similar to the one in the agriculture sector. - ILO estimated that 41% of Syrians working in Jordan are working in construction. - The General Federation of Trade Union is the entity that has agreed to take the role played by the cooperatives. It will not be an employer, but the entity that facilitate access to non-employer specific work permits that will allow refugees to work freelance. As a pre-condition workers will have to participate in a private insurance scheme, as it was not possible to secure Social Security membership. A second condition will be obtaining a certificate of Recognition of Prior Learning in the construction sector. Courses will be organized by the ILO/MoL in collaboration with NET for this purpose. Certification will be provided by CAQA Centre of Accreditation & Quality Control . - MoL and Ministry of Industry and Trade are receiving offers from insurance companies; the list of selected companies will be distributed to labour directors for Syrian refugees to subscribe to an insurance policy. - Insurance schemes will cost 45-50 JDs. Ceilings of benefits have been discussed and sent to the Ministry of Industry and Trade. - 250 work permits have been issued so far in the construction sector with the new model. 1300 requests have been received for occupation certificates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access ILO fact sheet here.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirements are: insurance policy, occupation certificate, Mol card, auditing fee of 10 JOD and a picture. Syrian applicants will approach one of the 3 offices of GFJTU A (trade unions) in Amman, Irbid or Mafraq. There will be agents from the insurance companies to register them into the insurance scheme. The premium for the whole year is 45 JOD. Refugees will submit all papers, after which they will re-approach after 2-3 days to collect the work permits without the need to go to a labour directorates. - It is expected that up to 10,000 Syrians will obtain work permits in construction through this model within the next 6 months. 	
<p>Update on the Jordan Response Plan (JRP) process /Livelihoods and refugee response preparations (Chair/UNHCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The process started officially with a meeting of MOPIC Secretary General with JRP Task Force Chairs on Monday, 3 July 2017. A first meeting of the Livelihoods task force took place on July 16th. - The Task force is a forum for sectoral strategic decision-making. - The Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment has been finalized as well as the Sector Vulnerability Assessment. Work on the Impact Assessment and indicators for the Livelihoods sector continues and will be finalized by August 17th. A review of strategic objectives is also a task for the “core group”. - The “core group” consists of: Chair of the Task Force (MoL), ILO-UNDP (UN agencies acting as TF Secretariats) supported by UNHCR and DRC of the Livelihoods Working Group along with one member of the JRP Secretariat. - The LWG will hold a working day to discuss the objectives of the refugee response within the JRP/inter-agency appeal (3RP). The workshop scheduled for Monday 11th September will ensure the preparation of actors engaged in the refugee response ahead of the JRP Dead Sea session including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realistic estimated budgets; • discussion of all possible “new’ areas of interventions/project sheets; • review division of labour in vocational training with Education sector <p><i>JRP –3RP Relationship Jordan Response Plan –Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The JRP is the 3RP chapter for Jordan; - The entire JRP total budget is reflected in the 3RP Regional Overview; - The 3RP Jordan chapter includes an Inter-Agency Appeal in support of the Government of Jordan’s JRP; - Inter-Agency Appeal includes areas of intervention where UN agencies and NGOs have a comparative advantage to leverage funding sources to support JRP; - Inter-Agency Appeal is in line with the JRP, in terms of log-frame/budgets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies wanting to be a part of the task force can contact Hamdan- though reasoning should be the engagement and planning the agency has in Livelihoods. - Date to be later announced.
<p>Mapping, ActivityInfo and Service Advisor (Inter-agency coordination/UNHCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR’s Coordination Unit has published the 2nd Quarter Report for Livelihoods (April-June 2017). - Funding status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee component: requested: \$22,002,707. Received: \$13,220,527. • Resilience component: requested: \$84,143,927. Received: \$12,072,285. - Partners by Component: total 20 (Refugee and Resilience) - Population (beneficiaries throughout the reported period) 12,242. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the full 2nd Quarter Report here. ➤ FTS Refugee here. ➤ FTS Resilience here.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported numbers are a result of extraction of ActivityInfo data inserted/reported by agencies each month. - Numbers only reflect agencies who actually reported. - Some information has not yet been reported on ActivityInfo, which affects the numbers populated at the end of each quarter. Therefore, we encourage agencies to report each month in order to receive a full picture and accurate data/statistics. 	
<p>LEADERS consortium – brief on the project (LEADERS coordinator/DRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response for the Syrian Crisis – The MADAD Fund and the Regional Development and Protection Programme. - Implementing Organizations in Jordan: Acted, Care, DRC, Oxfam and Save the Children for a duration of 18 months (July 2016- November 2017). - Project components: Employability skills training; Business development services; Dialogue tables; Infrastructure and basic services work. 	<p>Access presentation here.</p>
<p>Mobility out of camp, work permits and employments activities (UNHCR Zataari/Azraq)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Za’atari Camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Za’atari Office for Employment (ZOE) has been operating for a month, with a UNHCR reported 600 work permit holders as of August 9th 2017 able to obtain a leave permit. • Agriculture cooperative representative in ZOE collected 850 requests. • ILO collected 860 applications from job seekers looking to work mainly in construction. • UNHCR organized a series of 30 awareness raising sessions (so far) for refugees about work permits and the process of using work permits for movement in and out of the camp. • UNHCR Facilitated access for employers inside of Za’atari Camp in which UNHCR organized 7 job events. - Azraq Camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees have work permits issued from outside of the camp, while construction has been finished the employment office has not yet been fully ready. • Awareness raising sessions to be conducted this month. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID Workforce Development project extension till February 2018. - UNWomen Bothaina Qamar, for long focal point for gender and leading UNWOMEN livelihoods activities will be leaving her position. Members of the LWG are encouraged to fill the role of gender focal point. - ILO will conduct a Dead Sea Workshop 17-19 August regarding “Instructions on Hiring Syrian Labour” targeting Ministry of Labor/Directorates of Labor. 20 slots available to NGOs and agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation to be sent out separately.
<p>Next meeting date: TBA</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: TBA</p>	

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