

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	13.7.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda

1. Updates from MoL/ILO, including new directives on occupations in manufacturing; work permits in construction sector and short term work permits.
2. ISWG Updates on beginning the JRP process (UNHCR)
3. Results on Resilience Analysis – Jordan (FAO) and UNHCR's/ICARDA research on agricultural livelihoods
4. Cash-for-work program and the adoption of coping strategies (Caritas)
5. Presentation on e-learning on labour rights (ILO)
6. Use of RAIS in livelihoods projects (DRC)
7. AOB and updates by agencies

<p>Updates from MoL/ILO, including new directives on occupations in manufacturing; work permits in construction sector and short term work permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 54,841 work permits have been issued to Syrian refugees in Jordan, 5% of which to women. Although an increase was noted regarding numbers of work permits issued to Syrians, the increase is slow and the total number constitute 9% of the overall number of work permit issued in Jordan to migrant workers. <i>The figure reflects the number of work permits issued and renewed during the period 1/1/2016 - 13/7/2017.</i> - The majority of work permits are issued in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa. The main sectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture forestry and fishing. ▪ Manufacturing ▪ Whole sale, retail and trade ▪ Accommodation and food services - Regarding the possibility of changing the type of work permits from sector to other sector, so far no changes are allowed in order to maintain the balance of work permits issued per sector. Thus allowing to focus on sectors which are strategically important. 	<p>ACTION POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access the new Job categories opened for Syrians here. - Access the full presentation here.
<p>ISWG Updates on beginning the JRP process (UNHCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government of Jordan started the JRP planning phase recently. Livelihoods JRP task force meeting led by Ministry of Labour took place on Wed 12 July. JRP calendar was shared in the meeting in order to conclude JRP requirements prior to the JRP Dead Sea workshop (<i>tentatively scheduled 10-12 Sep</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LWG coordinators to initiate the preparation for the IA appeal process.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LHH partners are encouraged to start preparing their estimated Inter-Agency (IA) appeal budgets thus allowing for structured approach in preparing the budget for the livelihoods sector taking into consideration that 40 organization appealed under livelihoods last year (22 under refugee pillar and 18 under resilience). 	
<p>Results on Resilience Analysis – Jordan (FAO) and UNHCR’s/ICARDA research on agricultural livelihoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO presented the results of the “Resilience Index Measurement Analysis” (RIMA). RIMA is an innovative quantitative approach that allow explaining why and how some households cope with shocks and stressors better than others do. - Amongst other information, FAO has analysed the Jordan 2013 National Household Expenditures and Income Survey (HEIS) dataset provided by the Department of Statistics (DOS). The study which aims at enhancing capabilities in addressing humanitarian and development needs following crisis situations is still under finalization. 	
<p>Cash-for-work program and the adoption of coping strategies (Caritas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caritas shared the initial finding of a survey conducted in 2016-17 for their cash for work program. Around 1,450 workers (Syrian and Jordanian) were interviewed to assess negative coping strategies before and after the enrolment in the cash for work program. - Based on the survey findings, the proportion of workers using negative coping strategies has significantly reduced after being enrolled for more than three months on the cash for work program. - The most significant reduction in negative coping strategies was noted in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selling household assets ▪ Reducing essential non-food expenditure ▪ Spending savings <p>As results were still preliminary and the project period very short, the results can only be taken as an indication of positive impact cash for work may produce, while no conclusion can be drawn on the durability of such impact. For further information in the project and on the survey please contact Nader Duqmaq nduqmaq@caritas.ch.</p>	
<p>Presentation on e-learning on labour rights (ILO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ILO presented their E-Learning Program “Know your Rights” which is an electronic program developed to educate non-Jordanian workers (especially Syrians) on their rights as guaranteed by the Jordanian Labour Law. Labour rights and access to social security and how to obtain the required work permits within the professions available by law are part of the e-learning programme. - The e-learning training was made available to 500 Syrians and consist of five topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work permits ▪ Labour rights ▪ Closed professions and expatriate workers ▪ Social security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizations interested in referring participants to ILO E-learning program are encouraged to Contact Maha Kattaa kattaa@ilo.org and Amal bany Awad amer14_2008@yahoo.com

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational health and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click here for the ILO video and here for the full presentation.
<p>Use of RAIS in livelihoods projects (DRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAIS “Refugee Assistance and Information System” is an online coordination tool that is used to track information and assistance delivered to refugees in urban and camps settings, thus supporting referral and avoiding possible duplications. Discussion is undergoing with RAIS coordinator in UNHCR to create four main categories for livelihoods assistances as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash for work Vocational training Employment subsidies Business assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For bilateral discussion regarding RAIS, partners are encouraged to contact: LWG coordinators. (Laura Buffoni buffoni@unhcr.org and Emily Lewis emily.lewis@drc-jordan.org)
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRAD, UNHCR, ILO and the cooperatives will open the employment centre in Zataari (ZOE) in the week following the meeting; the one in Azraq camp (ACE) will need some more time. Dissemination on how to access work/leave permits will take place in Zataari camp. Further information and updates will be shared in the coming LWG meeting. 	
<p>Next meeting date: August 10th 2017 9-11 am</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda:</p>	

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