

# Livelihood Working Group

## Amman, Jordan

### 18.10.2018

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	18.10.2018
Facilitator	Anna Gaunt (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	09:00–10:30
Minutes Prepared by	(UNHCR)		

#### Agenda:

1. MoL Update
2. JRP Update – UNHCR
3. Joint ventures discussion paper - JIF
4. Supporting Syrian Entrepreneurs and Refugee Employers - GroFin
5. Women’s Participation in Agricultural Sector, Rural Institutions and Community Life - UN Women
6. Refugee Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion global strategy concept note - UNHCR
7. AOB

#### Updates on work permits figures:

- MOL were unable to attend the LWG, but have kindly shared the updates on work permits figures till the end of September. Below are work permits (WP) data by the Ministry of Labor (MoL)/ Syrian Refugee Unit (SRU)

	Total permits Jan 2016- Sep 30, 2018		Total permits Jan 2018- Sep 30, 2018		Sep 30, 2018	
Male	112,354	96%	32,350	96%	4,436	95%
Female	4,993	4%	1,492	4%	224	5%
Total	117,347	100%	33,842	100%	4,660	100%

#### UNHCR: JRP update

- Ministry of Labor held three meetings in order to revise/edit the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment, Sector Vulnerability Assessment and the Project Summary Sheets. This “revision/editing” is based on MoPIC instructions for a “light JRP”.
- Instructions from MoPIC include no addition of projects, rather projects are to be reviewed to assess relevance and priority to which they are then modified accordingly.
- JRP will only consist of 2019 interventions.
- MSME’s project has been removed based on line ministry MoL and Task Force decision unanimously with members (UNHCR, DRC, NRC, WFP, FAO and VTC).
- Agencies will be expected to review last year’s submission to ensure that 2019 figures and targeted beneficiaries are correct.
- Deadline that was proposed by MoPIC was October 16th, however some sectors have not yet submitted their compiled PSS’s. MoPIC has yet to release an official statement of a new deadline, but agencies are aware that the first proposed deadline has passed, which automatically suggests a new deadline to be announced soon.

#### JIF: Joint ventures discussion paper

The document was designed in response to the 2018 Brussels Conference partnership paper that proposes to “create a clear framework for the set-up of joint ventures between Syrians and Jordanians, especially focusing on women and youth, making sure that the rights of both parties are upheld, ownership clarified and access to finance facilitated”. Prepared by the Jordan INGO Forum

Should you want to provide direct input, or legal review to the note; Please contact

<p>(JIF) Livelihoods Working Group, it provides a critical review of the joint venture format with a protection lens, and proposes recommendations to both the government and the international community in order to meet the objectives of the Jordan Compact.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Mathilde.vu@jordania.ngoforum.org">Mathilde.vu@jordania.ngoforum.org</a></p>
<p><b>GroFin: Supporting Syrian Entrepreneurs and Refugee Employers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grofin/Nomou provides needed finance, capital and business support services to refugee owned SMEs.</li> <li>• Additionally, Grofin/Nomou supports the creation of jobs and employment of refugees in its network and portfolio of supported companies.</li> <li>• They are seeking support in the identification of potential Syrian-owned businesses and/ or companies that employ Syrian refugees that may be eligible for their support</li> <li>• Also interested in agencies/ institutions that provide job matching services as some companies in their existing portfolios are struggling to identify Syrian labor.</li> </ul>	<p>You can get further information by contacting Mr. Hassan Judeh on <a href="mailto:hassan@judeh.com">hassan@judeh.com</a></p>
<p><b>UN Women: Women’s Participation in Agricultural Sector, Rural Institutions and Community Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between January and July 2017, REACH – in collaboration with UN Women – conducted an assessment on rural women (Syrian and Jordanian) and their role in the agriculture sector in four governorates across Jordan.</li> <li>• The assessment sought to improve understanding of rural women’s role in the agricultural sector and of their leadership and community involvement, their specific activities and working conditions as well as challenges to their participation and compensation in the sector.</li> <li>• Most of the challenges faced by women can be grouped into the following categories are seasonal/ geographical, socio-cultural, financial/ economics, legal/ policy related, and civil society related.</li> <li>• Reasons reported for not applying for work permits highlights need to generate awareness about application process as well as about the benefits of having a work permit.</li> </ul>	<p>Access to UN Women presentation <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>UNHCR: Refugee Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion global strategy concept note</b></p> <p>The document focuses on increasing the positive impact on refugees and host communities and building models of collaboration with development actors and the private sector. The Concept Note reflects and expands on lessons learned during this period and paves the way to develop the forthcoming 2019-2023 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Strategy. UNHCR aims to take a more coordinator and advocacy focussed role. Should projects be implemented by UNHCR and its implementing partners, MERS standards are advocated for <a href="https://seepnetwork.org/MERS">https://seepnetwork.org/MERS</a></p>	<p>Access to UNHCR Refugee Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion, 2019-2023 Global Strategy Concept Note <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Other updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next meeting date:</b> 15 November 2018</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Agenda:</b> TBA</p>	