

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	27.01.2019
Facilitator	Najwan AlDorham (UNHCR) Suzane Elder (DRC)	Meeting Time	14:00–16:00
Minutes Prepared by	(UNHCR)		

Agenda:

1. Enabling Environment for HBB - Lens
2. MoL/ MoPIC Work permit updates
3. AOB

Updates on work permits figures:

The following data, from the Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report; December 2018:

	Total permits Jan 1. 2016 - Dec 31. 2018		Total permits Jan 1. 2018- Dec 31. 2018		Dec 2018	
Male	123,573	96%	43,591	95%	3,591	95%
Female	5,581	4%	2,059	5%	171	5%
Total	129,154	100%	45,649	100%	3,762	100%

Access to MoL figures [here](#).

Lens: Enabling Environment for HBBs

- The presentations showed the work *Lens* has been doing with Home Based Businesses (HBBs) for the past 5 years.
- *Lens* provides different types of support, namely: Supply side development, training on health and safety, equipment purchasing, financial literacy and packaging analysis. In addition, they aid in licencing facilitation, legal advisory service, HBB awareness programs and food testing and certifications.
- The project *Lens* worked on in Jordan was to ensure the economic growth of the Jordanian market. They [*Lens*] have established that the food processing sector is the most difficult to work in, however, it is a huge market in Jordan.
- The project employed several models to study the Jordanian market by working with HBBs and supporting local production with buyers.
- *Lens* has provided trainings in collaboration, learning adaptation and market integration for Syrian and Jordanian HBB owners to help them understand the nature of the food market. *Lens* is additionally willing to share a manual on HBB guidelines with partners once compiled.
- *Lens* highlighted the registration and licencing process over the past 4 years, and their work in the facilitation process after it has been made legal to licence and register.
- *Lens* highlighted the importance in finding buyers and finding a market for the product as an initial step.
- *Lens* have their own HBB facility in which they organize regular training sessions for HBB owners.

Presentation on enabling environment for HBBs [here](#).

• <i>Lens</i> showcased their projects alongside IRC to support Syrians and Jordanians' HBBs which concluded in November. A new project will be launching soon to work with 407 HBBs in the food, sales and marketing sectors. • Challenges faced: 1. Licencing in Aqaba is still impossible. • Take away notes from <i>Lens</i>: always profile the customer. Find a market for the product before licencing a HBB.	
Other updates: • None	
Next meeting date: TBA Next Meeting Agenda (to be confirmed): - HBBs Success stories - Advantages of licensing - Case studies in market integration - Advocacy point to ministry of industry and trade	

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