

**Livelihoods Working Group Meeting
Monday, 23 July 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep**

Chair(s): Özlem Çavuş (UNDP)

Participants as

Institutions: UNDP, UNHCR, CARE, Imaar Reconstruction, GIZ, International Medical Corps, IOM, Concern Worldwide, Acted, MARAM Foundation, Rizk Professional Development, YUVA, FAO, Kudra, SGDD ASAM, ASAM

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
1: Action Points from Last Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urfa focal point of UNHCR was shared with LH TWG members. IOM job placement emergency case management department was shared with LH TWG members. IM session will be arranged for the next meeting with the participation of IM Officer at UNHCR Ankara to inform LH partners for the IM updates. 	-Livelihood IM dashboard link is: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/126?sv=4&geo=113
2: Update on the inter-sectoral M&E Framework and sector reporting responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IM focal point for Livelihood sector in Gaziantep is introduced with LH TWG members. 	- M&E framework will be shared
3: FAO Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO delivered a presentation on micro-gardening as requested by the members in the previous meeting. Micro-gardening helps transition to livelihood sector as well as improving social cohesion between refugees and host community members. 	-FAO presentation will be shared with LH TWG members - Hydroponic gardening program of Kudra organization will be shared at the next meeting
4: BN-LH Sector Joint Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LH members informed that Joint meeting with the Basic Needs and Livelihoods Sectors will be realized 26th of July at 15:00 p.m. in Ankara. Transition from ESSN to sustainable livelihood activities will be discussed. 	

<p>5: Updates from the Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudra Organization will have entrepreneurship programme in August that will include practical courses of design thinking, marketing and networking. They have 2 ongoing projects and have their innovation lab as well. • Concern Worldwide has language courses with 350 beneficiaries and will have vocational training courses supported by Harran University. • Imaar Reconstruction has activities in Syria and searching for funding for their new vocational training project on construction. • Acted has language courses for 300 beneficiaries and vocational training courses. They have business management course with 25 beneficiaries and provide job counselling. • IMC has capacity building activities, provides training 100 Syrian businessmen in Antakya-Reyhanlı in collaboration with Abigem as a consultant. • IOM has entrepreneurship, cash grant and job placement activities in Hatay, G.Antep and Urfa. In job placement activity they support 144 beneficiaries, in entrepreneurship programme 64 beneficiaries and in community farming they support 45 beneficiaries. The implementation will start after the completion of market assessment. The project in Urfa is funded by Government of Japan. • UNHCR has supported gastronomy and carpet weaving activities and a job fair was realized in Mardin with the attendance of local authorities, hotel owners and governors. • Rizk Professional Development has ongoing vocational training courses at Gaziantep Vocational Training Center and they have cooperation with İŞKUR for job placement activities. • UNDP; PMOs has been started to be established in Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and training will be provided to staffs of PMOs in selected provinces. • GIZ has running activities with İŞKUR and agreed on establishing mobile offices targeting Syrian beneficiaries. One of the office will be next to university. They also implement CfW project with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry (GCoI). They provide Turkish language course at first, vocational training course and then job placement programme. GIZ supports 3-months salaries and work permit fees of beneficiaries within the scope of the project. • ASAM – Women Only Center has vocational training courses, basic skills training, job placement and protection activities for Syrian and host community women. ASAM will start partnership with ILO and UNW as informed. 	<p>-IOM job placement contact information is re-shared below. jobplacementsiom@gmail.com</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARAM Foundation will arrange language courses for children at education center in Reyhanlı (Antakya) partnership with Ministry of Education. They also provide teachers at Women community center in Kilis for both Syrian and Turkish women with the participation of Kilis Municipality. • YUVA implements Cash for Training activity in İstanbul, G.Antep and Mersin. They provide vocational training courses and language courses which will start in the provinces of İstanbul, G. Antep and Mersin. • FAO has a project in cooperation with UNHCR in Mardin and a local partner (NGO). Before the implementation of beekeeping project, trainings will be identified by contacting with local authorities , project targets 100 beneficiaries. • CARE has Cash for Training activity on shoemaking sector in Hatay. It is informed that they will provide Turkish language courses in G.Antep and Urfa . 	
<p>6: Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work permit registration for Syrian refugees takes long time due to İŞKUR's work load. This situation poses a problem for both Syrian refugees and companies. • Work permit application expenses can vary according to the companies who are doing this. Due to this reason, training about work permit applications will be scheduled. • Members requested to have more detailed information about the job fairs. 	<p>-Detailed information on work permits and job fairs will be provided</p>