

Working Group on Livelihoods – 14 January 2020

Meeting			
Name	National Livelihoods Working Group	Meeting Date	14/01/2020
Meeting Location	UNDP-6 th floor	Meeting Time	12PM
Chair person	Gloria De Marchi-UNDP Hiba Douaihy-MoSA	Meeting Duration	2 hours
Minutes Prepared by	Gloria De Marchi-UNDP Hiba Douaihy-MoSA		

- Agenda**
1. Welcoming and introduction
 2. Field Updates
 3. Expression of Interest 2020
 4. Interactive Value Chains Interventions Dashboard-new layout
 5. Work Plan 2020-draft
 6. AOB (activity info trainings)

Discussion key points (including sector field updates):

- Large number of beneficiaries withdrawing from Partners' LH activities; due to other priorities, road blocks;
- Due to the current situation, municipalities are requesting partners to include more Lebanese in their activities. It is mostly being difficult to address it due to donors' request. I.e: Cash for work or intensive labor activities;
- There are challenges with payments to the beneficiaries, contractors, suppliers (specifically checks). Few banks are offering facilities mainly based on the relationship with the organization.

Key action points:

- Flag to the Inter Sector Team the discussion ongoing at field level on the possibility for LH partners to use the LOUISE card to pay LH beneficiaries (National coordinator)
- Partners to contact WFP, if they want additional information on LOUISE.
 - Marion CEZARD marion.cezard@wfp.org; 76320663
- Partners to get in touch with field coordinators to have updated information on the situation in the field
 - South Yousra Taleb <yousra.taleb@undp.org>
 - Bekaa Mohammad Saleh <mohammad.saleh@undp.org>
 - BML William Barakat william.barakat@undp.org
- National coordinator to circulate the Value Chains Interventions Template with partners requested needed additional information/IM officer UNDP to input data online and finalize the Dashboard
- On Work Plan for 2020:
 - Change support to SMEs to create jobs into *maintain existing jobs* (no jobs replacement)
 - Encourage capacity building for existing employees
 - Track BDS to have a picture of closure of businesses
 - Monitor businesses that are paying half salaries and have adopted half

- working hours
 - Focus on businesses that prioritize export and import replacement
 - Further reflect the current situation in the workplan
 - Include gender mainstreaming throughout the different interventions as it is not well reflected in the field.
- AOB: Discuss Labour Intensive Guidelines with CG partners and make sure CG partners' comments have been incorporated and addressed in the final version

Organizations present at the Livelihoods WG meeting: MoSA, Balamad University, HDA, DRC, AAH, ISWA, AMEL, Safadi Foundation, Concern Worldwide, Swiss Embassy, RET-Liban Mercy Corps, UNDP, German Embassy, ILO, Right to Play, UNHCR, Plan International, IECD, WFP, CARE, CESVI, ACTED, Oxfam, MoSA-NPTP, LPC, ICU, GVC, COSPE, Welthungerhilfe, UNRWA, UN Women, WVI, NRC, Hope