

Refugee Livelihood & Resilience Sector Working Group Monthly Meeting
22nd August -2023
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Agenda Items

1. Introductions and updates from Co-Chairs - Co-chairs
2. Q2 Sector Performance Overview and Updates on Partner Mapping - UNHCR
3. Updates on Settlement Level Livelihoods and Resilience Strategic Plans and the way forward - UNHCR
4. Disability inclusion in Livelihoods and Resilience Programs - Presentation by Humanity and Inclusion
5. New Livelihoods and Resilience Initiatives - Presentation by UNCDF
6. Presentation by Palladium
7. AOB (Major updates from partners Upcoming events)

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<p>1. Introductions and updates from Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The initial meeting of the self-reliance measurement reference group was conducted. The group aims at developing a common measurement framework for self-reliance as part of graduation interventions in Uganda. The second meeting will take place on the 23rd of August at WFP. ▪ The MoGLSD plans to launch the JLIRP in Western Uganda. The launch event will take place on the 24th of August in Mbarara. ▪ UNHCR and partners established the urban refugee livelihoods and resilience working group on the 17th of August. As part of the RLRSWG, the urban working group will be co-chaired by IRC and UNHCR. The group aims to finalize Kampala refugee livelihoods and resilience strategic action plan before the end of September. ▪ UNHCR, in line with its coordination role, sent out an online mapping tool to collect basic project level information. While many partners completed the survey, a few are remaining. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners that want to be part of the reference group can write to the co-chairs. ▪ Partners that wish to participate may reach out to the MoGLSD. ▪ UNHCR and IRC will communicate dates for the next meeting. ▪ Partners to complete the online mapping tool by August 25.
<p>2. Q2 Sector Performance Overview and Updates on Partner Mapping</p> <p>Settlement level mapping by UNHCR – 4Ws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The UNHCR conducted a comprehensive mapping of livelihoods and resilience partners at settlement level. The 4Ws identified 84 partners benefiting more than 500,000 refugee and host community beneficiaries. <p>Online Mapping tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than 60 partners submitted project level information. However, compared to the 4Ws, still a few partners remain. ▪ It was also noted that the sector still lacks targets against success indicators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners should submit the information required on time and actively participate in settlement level livelihoods and resilience coordination mechanisms.
<p>3. Updates on Settlement Level Livelihoods and Resilience Strategic Plans and the way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seven (7) out of thirteen (13) draft settlement plans submitted so far. However, Kampala is still lagging as Kampala technical working group was only constituted last week. ▪ Drafts are being shared with all partners including districts and local partners for inputs. Subsequently, 3 regional level Validation workshops shall be held mid-September in Arua, Adjumani and Mbarara once all drafts are submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNHCR to communicate dates for regional/ sub national workshops to validate settlement level livelihoods and resilience strategic plans.
<p>4. Disability inclusion in Livelihoods and Resilience Programs Presentation by Humanity and Inclusion (HI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HI emphasized that inclusion should aim at removing all barriers to inclusive participation and proposed using the twin track approach to address barriers to inclusion i.e., addressing (i) specific barriers and (ii) institutional barriers. ▪ Furthermore, PWDs and humanitarian actors should be empowered to foster mainstreaming disability inclusion in humanitarian activities. ▪ Lastly, collection of disaggregated data based on gender, age, and disability using tools like the Washington Group Questionnaire was recommended to guide decision making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners looking into including persons with disabilities in livelihoods initiatives are encouraged to contact HI to share lessons.
<p>5. New Livelihoods and Resilience Initiatives UNCDF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since the main aim of the coordination platform is to

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNCDF noted that lack of access to credit and financial illiteracy are key barriers to refugee financial inclusion. As such, together with WFP they developed a financial literacy tool to address this in addition to working towards de-risking FSPs to extend credit to refugees. UNCDF is undertaking a mapping exercise to avoid duplication of refugee beneficiaries to financial inclusion. ▪ Additionally, they are currently running two projects; Project #1: De-risk particularly Ugafode to lend to refugees, and Project #2: Access to loans and grants. They are also onboarding two other financial institution for the ECHO project. ▪ Noticeably, refugee mobility is quite high and UNCDF is engaging OPM and UNHCR to ensure refugee credit history can be accessed by various financial actors across the region. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Palladium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Market systems development intervention targeting smallholder farmers including women, refugees, and host communities. ▪ The intervention intends to impact 130,000 HH with 60% women by linking smallholder farmers to markets dubbed “Green supply chains”. ▪ Project worth \$15.5M with 50% of this funding targeted for refugee settlements. 	<p>create synergies amongst partners, members of the working group are encouraged to collaborate with UNCDF and Palladium.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There’s an ongoing Enable research. 2. Market systems development network supported by DAI hosting PS refugee engagement next week Thursday. 	