

**Livelihoods & Resilience Sector Working Group (LRSWG) Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Venue: MOTIV, 7k Old Port Bell Rd, Kampala and online**

**Agenda Items**

1. Communications from the co-chairs (10 MINS)
2. Input on TORs for LRSWG (15 mins)
3. Results from the USAID-AVSI graduating to Resilience Program by AVSI (40 mins)
4. 2024 State of the Refugee Finance Sector Report by Mercy Corps – (30 minutes)
5. Updates from partners - New projects, initiatives etc. (20 mins)
6. A.O.B - 5 minutes

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Action points</b>
<p><b>Communications from co-chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U-Learn in collaboration with the LRSWG organised an entrepreneurship Workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The learnings will improve delivery of entrepreneurship support services and enhance collaboration among stakeholders.</li><li>• IMPACT Initiatives is organising a workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> April to present key findings of the study “Access to Land among Refugees and Host Communities”. The report will be circulated with partners to review.</li><li>• A summary of GRF pledges was shared and government, CRRF secretariat and LRSWG are finalising the GRF tracker for circulation to partners</li><li>• UNHCR will train partner staff on beneficiary data recording for beneficiary targeting and resource mobilisation</li><li>• Over 11500 Sudanese refugees have come to Uganda since January 2024. Discussions are ongoing on how to support these new arrivals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRSWG co-chairs will share updated GRF tracker by 17 April 2024</li><li>• LRSWG co-chairs to send invite to initial data training scheduled 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024</li></ul>
<p><b>Input on TORs for LRSWG (15 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A revised ToR was presented to LRSWG for further comments</li></ul> <p><b>Reactions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ToR should include other actors working with refugees and host communities in the composition.</li><li>• The ToR should clarify on what, how frequent and to whom partners should report.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRSWG Secretariat to circulate a word version of ToRs with partners for further input</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LRSWG recommended to undertake joint resource mobilisation for Livelihood programming</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Results from the USAID-AVSI Graduating to Resilience Program (40 mins)</b>  Graduation to resilience program results of the second cohort were presented by AVSI (Refer to presentation)</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What's the capacity of Graduation participants to resist shocks?</li> <li>✓ How is Cohort 1 and cohort 2 responding over time? Are there any contextual triggers affecting continuity or resilience after graduation?</li> <li>✓ Any lessons to reduce cost of delivering Graduation programs?</li> </ul> <p><b>Answer:</b> Cohort one graduation rate was 73% for both refugees and hosts while, cohort two was 86% (refugees at 83%, Ugandans at 88%).18 months after graduation, 66% of cohort one had faced shocks and 75% nationals of these still retained their graduation criteria while refugees stood at 55%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LRSWG Secretariat to circulate the presentation with partners to inform their programming</li> <li>LRSWG recommended on Graduation programming</li> </ul>
<p><b>2024 State of the Refugee Finance Sector Report by Mercy Corps – (30 minutes)</b></p> <p><i>Item deferred to next meeting</i></p>	
<p>Updates from partners - new projects, initiatives etc.</p> <p><b>1. Enabel</b> launched a new program (WeWork) targeting Youth, women and people living in vulnerable situations, such as PWDs and refugees to increase the employability of youth, women and men, supply of qualified workers, and access to decent employment especially in the green economy sectors.</p> <p><b>2. The Social Innovation Academy (SINA) and Relevant Ventures</b> initiated the Business in a Box (BIAB) project to facilitate a deep understanding of the plastic waste and WASH issues prevalent in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. <i>SafePlas</i> project emerged, aiming to transform plastic waste into affordable toilet slabs</p>	
<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>33. Atiku Bran - DanChurchAid (DCA)</p>

**Physical**

1. Basemera Sarah, RGF
2. Juma Afidra, USAID
3. Martina Frappa, JRS
4. Kibwota Richard Okidi, JRS
5. Leonardo Frisani, Acted
6. Martina Starace, CESVI
7. Charles Okot, Enabel
8. Gerald Emoyo, UNHCR
9. Anzo Noel, World Vision
10. Paul Mwirichia, World Vision
11. Diana Mbabazi, UNCHR
12. Arifur Rahman, UNHCR
13. Barnabas Samuel, Community Dev't Centre
14. Noelle Kabale, Real Ug Ltd
15. Zawedde Flavia, IITA- Uganda
16. Matilda Jerneck, UNCHR
17. Bob Achaye, CRS
18. Tamsin Scurfield, Opportunity Int.
19. Maike Striffler, Relevant Ventures
20. Nikolaus Hutter, Relevant Ventures
21. Charles Alemi, UNHCR
22. M.B. Isharaza, Save the Children
23. Opio Paul, FAO
24. Wanume Henry, UNHCR

**Online**

25. Tarja Saarela-Kaonga, Finnish Refugee Council (FRC)
26. Zedek Malile, NRC
27. Christine Nandora - Save the Children (SCI)
28. Adriko Negro Simon - DanChurchAid (DCA)
29. David Obongonyinge, ALIGHT Kyangwali
30. Emma Sohi-Isolani (IMPACT Initiatives /REACH)
31. Bwire Joseph SUPREME project- SNV
32. Felix MUTWE - Caritas International Belgium

34. John Baptist Acellam -AVSI Foundation
35. Mesele Fitsum, - ZOA
36. Stephen Anecho
37. Terjanian, James - FAO UG
38. Yusrah Nagujja- UN Women
39. Bwire, Joseph
40. Rita Larok
41. Alexandra Igel, FCDO
42. Innocent Cwinyai, AVSI
43. David Kwasi Owusu Darkwa, Mercy corps
44. Muhindo Jackson - Resilience & Climate Change Coordinator - Oxfam in Uganda
45. Damalie Zalwango, UNHCR
46. Milka Irungu, WFP
47. Godfrey Ariong, WFP
48. James Odunma
49. Joanita Nanyunja, AVSI
50. Zaitun Bako,
51. Diletta bartolozzi, LWF
52. Jane Nakintu, AWO
53. Patrick Langoya, WV