

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

12.10.2017

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	12.10.2017
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda

1. JRP/3RP updates
2. Updates on work permits (MoL)
3. Zataari Job fair and construction work permits updates (ILO)
4. Towards harmonizing Cash for work projects outside camps: formalization and RAIS (DRC)
5. Presentation on UNHCR Cash based interventions and strategic approaches for 2018-19 (UNHCR)

JRP/3RP updates

- Inter-Sector Working Group met early October to discuss the inter-agency appeal; in which UN agencies and NGO's appeal for their projects.
- Logical framework has been finished for the Livelihoods sector.
- ActivityInfo database training working sessions have been conducted Oct 3rd-9th. This database is used for the 3RP inter-agency appeal process. Database will be open Oct 15th- 24th for entry of information.
- Agencies and partners in Livelihoods are to enter what has been already submitted in the Project Summary Sheets; JRP and 3RP submissions should match.

Updates on work permits (MoL)

- PMU/MoPIC sends out a report three times a week that breaks down work permits by sectors and cumulative numbers. Another monthly report by MoL is more analytical and disaggregated.
- Information comes in from MoL on a daily basis.
- Target under the World Bank Program for Results stipulates that the government of Jordan needs to reach 55,000 work permits issued by the end of 2017. Negotiations are underway between the World Bank and MoPIC to adjust the target and report on figures adequately. Below the figures of cumulative numbers of work permits (renewed and issued) as well as number of WP issued this year, which is a more realistic reflection of the current number of valid work permits.

Access the full work permit figure sheet [here](#).

Access the MoL Syrian Refugee Unit Sept Monthly Progress Report [here](#).

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	Total permits Jan 2016- October 12, 2017	Total permits Jan 2017- October 12, 2017
Male	65,836	30,159
Female	2,947	1,834
Total	68,783	31,993

<p>UNHCR, ILO and World Bank have conducted a survey by interviewing 600 Syrians with and without work permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The “Periodic analysis of Syrian workers in Jordan” has now been circulated with the following highlights: “Increased awareness of employer sponsorship is key to formalization of Syrian workers in Jordan”. ○ The majority of interviewees do want work permits, but say that their employers are currently unable or unwilling to sponsor them. ○ Among Syrians currently working without work permits, 89 percent said that they want a work permit. However, only 26 percent believe their employers would sponsor them. ○ Plan is to have phone survey conducted every six months to monitor change. 	<p>Access the survey results here. It is also available on the portal.</p>
<p>Zata’ari Job fair and construction work permits updates (ILO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An agreement between MOL and GFJTU was signed in May 2017 to start issuing non-employer-specific work permits in construction for Syrian workers. - Requirements for free work permits are: 10 JD process fee, insurance policy 45 JD and RPL (Recognition of prior Learning) certificate. - Syrians are still able to issue work permits with an employer -if they wish to do so- which does not require an RPL certificate. - However, a new circular went out recently in October which now exempts Syrian workers who want to issue free work permits from needing an RPL certificate to obtain a free work permit. - Workers are still given the option to apply for an RPL certificate- should they want so- to gain experience and enhance their skills. - Workers who have a permit in the construction sector are allowed to shift to the agriculture sector, but the same does not apply for workers who have a permit in agriculture to work in other sectors. 	
<p>Towards harmonizing Cash for work projects outside camps: formalization and RAIS (DRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversations were held to look into standardising aspects such as daily rate and minimum duration of employment in order to ensure no competition between agencies when attracting refugees to the positions of employment. - Harmonizing/formalizing Cash for Work programs in Jordan to produce an official guiding document that provides standard definitions and provisions per sector accordingly is needed. It should mention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific sectors because some have unique requirements. ○ Possibly follow the ILO standard for Cash for Work for 15 JOD daily rate and minimum duration of 40 working days. ○ Percentage that is paid to Social Security to be taken into consideration for daily rate as well as in-kind support (i.e. transportation or food). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRC to start discussion with ILO and GIZ to present to MoL. - Contact Emily to be included in the discussion at emily.lewis@drc-jordan.org - A “best practice” to be produced by the working group.
<p>Presentation on UNHCR Cash based interventions and strategic approaches for 2018-19 (UNHCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes are being made leading to 2018 to directly impact the work of the cash assistance and CBI (Cash Based Interventions). - Poverty is determined through the Vulnerability Assessment Framework. CBI needs to make bridges with livelihoods to refer to mentoring, job matching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access full presentation here.

<p>services, and employability projects, and other interventions that aim at self-reliance. Profiles with specific fragilities will continue to be protected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The idea is to help the transition to the next phase of response, while providing social protection for the most vulnerable, and meeting their needs with dignity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact Elizabeth for potential collaboration/lists /projects at BARNHART@unhcr.org and/or Laura at buffoni@unhcr.org
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<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>UNHCR:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ActivityInfo database is open October 15-24th. Agencies that are part of the JRP are asked to enter their information according to their projects for the 3RP and to kindly abide by the deadline determined by UNHCR. o DfID called for a meeting with stakeholders and World Bank officials on the 2nd-3rd of October to discuss future plans for a private sector development fund. Four main sectors were represented but the agriculture and garment sector were mostly discussed due to the planned reduction of migrant labour in the country. Private sector advocated for predictability in regulations; the discussion also concluded that improving human capital and quality of jobs is key to the success of the Compact and to the future of the economy as a whole o Some companies abuse workers including Syrian refugees; it is important to conduct some due diligence before matching refugees with companies and to possibly share name of companies that are exploitative, do not provide work permits or do not pay on time. Protection concerns of Syrian workers must be heard and mistreatment reported. NGOs providing job matching services must have mechanisms for complaints and protection safeguards. o MADE51 (Market Access Design and Empowerment) for refugees: a UNHCR global initiative to promote artisanal work. MADE51 partners with local social enterprises that are working in the craft sector; private sector companies/organizations provide the technical support. o <u>HelpAge</u> has a new program entitled "Leaving No One Behind.", main purpose of this project is the inclusion of older people in livelihood programs and increase ability to access basic services. A knowledge and resource hub has been established and a Training of Trainers will occur. HelpAge will train "Master Trainers" on inclusion and age related modules in order to influence the inclusion of older people in programs. Anyone interested in this training opportunity, please contact Stephanie at stephanie.yousef@helpage.org. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access concept/module here. - For potential partnering/collaboration contact Heidi Christ at CHRIST@unhcr.org
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<p>Next meeting date: TBA</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: TBA</p>

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