

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

08.02.2018

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	08.02.2018
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	9:00– 11:00
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Agenda

1. Update on the number of work permits (MOPIC/EPU)
2. Feedback on the cash for work/EIIP workshop (ILO)
3. Review of Livelihood Working Group TORs
4. Olive Oil and Dairy Processing Value Chain Assessments – Mercy Corps
5. ISWG Updates – JRP, Revision of Services Advisor Taxonomy
6. Agency Updates

Update on the number of work permits (MOPIC/EPU)

- Cumulatively, 87,141 work permits have been issued/renewed for Syrian refugees in Jordan since 2016. Further breakdown as follows:

January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2018	87,141
January 2018	3,634
Of which issued from camps February 2017 to January 31, 2018	13,871

- Amman Labor Directorate issued the highest number of work permits in January 2018.
- Most work permits were issued in the construction sector in January (2,020).
- According to MoL, 8,607 work permits have been issued for refugees registered as residents of Azraq Camp and 4,584 from Za'atari Camp during the time period of 1-2-2017 to 31-1-2018. These figures need to be reconciled with what collected at camp level.
 - UNHCR is advocating for refugees residing in Azraq Camp to ensure that additional screening of refugees there (especially ex residents of Village 5) does not affect mobility for work and does not bring about excessive delays;
- PMU/MOPIC is looking into upgrading the system of work permit issuance, automating the process to an online system. This will also help accuracy of data collected by the MoL.

Access the full MoL presentation [here](#).

Feedback on the cash for work/EIIP workshop (ILO)

- Main objective for this second EIIP (Employment Intensive Investment Program)/Cash for Work session was to agree on SOPs (currently being drafted) and to harmonize payments. Participants included: DRC, GIZ, OXFAM, ACTED, WFP, FAO, UNWomen, IRC, UNDP and UNHCR.
- Four topics were discussed during this consultation: harmonization of wage rates and extra allowances, work permits, Social Security and targeting of beneficiaries.
- The topic of employee termination and beneficiary targeting will be discussed in further meetings.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caritas, DRC and ACF are working on an annex to offer guidance for the waste sector. 	
<p>Review of Livelihood Working Group TORs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOR's of the LWG have been revised by EU and OXFAM aside from both chair and co-chair with PMU to look at them as well. - At this stage, much of the discussions in the LWG focus on assessments and presentations on projects being initiated, eventually the group should be able to share and discuss impacts and post-project evaluations. - Recently, Irbid and Mafrqa have created Livelihood Working Groups, but they are still in the early stages of coordination and information sharing on members' activities at field level. 	<p>Email has been sent to agencies for any comments to add.</p>
<p>Olive Oil and Dairy Processing Value Chain Assessments – Mercy Corps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mercy Corps' focus is economic development, working on the supply chain holistically through expanding the capacity of sectors including developing market systems. - Mercy Corps conducted a youth led market assessment (YLMA) as part of its larger labour market assessment to understand and incorporate the needs of youth in Irbid and Mafrqa. It aimed at identifying the most demanded skills and improving the provision of skills training to address this demand. This study was the cornerstone assessment for the Accessing Justice and Jobs program, and its findings aided in narrowing sectors for program intervention. 	<p>Access the full presentations here for the Olive Oil, Dairy and YLMA assessments.</p>
<p>ISWG Updates – JRP, Revision of Services Advisor Taxonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o JRP2018-2020 document: the document still appears as a draft, but it is the final draft, not be subject to changes. The reason is only because the list of acronyms is not yet included in the document. o Project submission: all implementing partners can now upload their new projects against the JRP2018-2020 through JORISS. o JRP 2017 funding and project search: all projects implemented in the framework of the JRP in 2017 are now publicly available on www.jrp.org website. Projects can be searched by donor, sector, implementing partner, and by JRP component (refugee, resilience, budget support). o JRP annual reporting: MoPIC is currently reviewing all project reports provided by JORISS users, UN Agencies and Government entities. This information will be aggregated by sector and presented to the Task Forces for comments and validation. - Revision of Services Advisor Taxonomy: LWG chairs will revise the taxonomy to assure it is aligned with the 2018 JRP. - UNOCHA released their JHF call during the Inter-Sector Working Group in order for sectors to create their JHF priorities. This happens twice a year. The LWG is asked to think critically how Livelihoods can be integrated into some of the emergency objectives for potential intervention and programming- noting that the sector is not prioritized in this specific funding window. 	
<p>Agency Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WV is looking into capacity building for local CBO's working on Livelihoods while working on a sustainable approach through mapping of local CBOs that are active in the livelihoods sector. CBO could then be selected as local partners and benefit from capacity building through World Vision and implement livelihoods-related activities. 	<p>Contact Sawzan sawsan_alababneh@wvi.org to share any existing CBO/service mappings/</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KEFAS (Kuwaiti Educational Funds for Syrian Refugees): KEFAS is a new program at the American University in Madaba (non-profit university). Funded with 2 million dollars specifically for Syrian refugees, the program has a duration of three years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 50% for vocational trainings and 50% for university studies. o There are 3 vocational training courses: carpentry, metal welding and lathing. o Each course consists of two levels; basic and advanced with a requirement of 200 hours (4 months) for each level. Students will receive accredited certificates from AUM. o KEFAS will not be providing any allowance or transportation. NGOs or other organizations are welcome to partner with KEFAS in supporting students with transport and stipends. UNHCR livelihoods unit to be contacted for further information on how to support the initiative. o The trainings can be organised in different shifts to include applicants who are working. o Target group is Syrians 18-24 years old. 	<p>recommendations for CBOs.</p> <p>For KEFAS queries, Rania Bakeer (bakeerr@unhcr.org) cc Laura Buffoni buffoni@unhcr.org</p>
<p>Next meeting date: March 15th 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: TBA</p>	

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