**LCRP Livelihoods Working Group – 2018 Work Plan**

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| **Key priorities of the sector for 2018** |
| **Topic & Objective** | **Deliverable** | **Who and How** |
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| **1. Enhance exchange of experiences and lessons learnt between partners supporting SMEs**Objective: reinforce coordination around support to SMEs and ensure alignment with SME strategy to increase impact on Job creation | * Quarterly meeting between partners supporting SMEs, MoET and MoSA. Each meeting to focus on one specific challenge / issue in supporting SMEs and identify ways to address it.
* Each meeting to update the mapping of LH interventions vs. SME strategy.
* Update the matrix of BDS modalities every six months.
* Maintain an updated list/database of BDS service providers (building on the work already conducted by MoET & by the sector through the SME support tracking exercise) and share the related information with partners to enable them to create synergies and strengthen existing linkages with the private sector.
* Work with MoET so that the list of BDS providers issued every year as part of ‘what’s in Lebanon for SMEs’ includes services provided by Ministries.
 | Sector coordinator to invite all partners who reported under output 1.1, asking them to suggest one key topic for discussion – meeting chaired by MoET and MoSA. Outcome of each meeting should be minutes outlining how the issue is going to be taken forward – in particular which elements of the SME strategy should be prioritized by the sector.  |
| **Skills training: Support the TVET roadmap process by establishing a dedicated task force on informal skills training.** **Objective**: Strengthen quality, criteria of skills training and coordination with the public education system.  | * Support the TVET roadmap process led by MEHE with support from UNICEF and ILO by setting up a dedicated task force in charge of drafting SOPs/guidelines to harmonize the content & modalities of market-based skills trainings. 5 topics to be covered: 1) Market Analysis and skills gap; 2) Training Modalities; 3) Pathway to employment and entrepreneurship; 4) Link with the government systems & institutions; 5) Monitoring and Evaluation. The task force will support the creation of a platform bringing together the different ministries, agencies and partners working on skills training to coordinate their interventions, increase linkages with private sector and market needs, and provide guidance to partners.
 | Process needs to be agreed at DG level between MOSA and MEHE. ILO will take a leading role from the UN side while participation is expected from MoET, MoL, MoA, MoE as well as key core group members who expressed interest.  |
| **Maintain strategic dialogue between the livelihoods sector and other job creation initiatives** **Objective:** ensure regular exchanges and input from livelihoods partners into their support to Lebanon on job creation. | * Livelihoods steering committee and core group have regular strategic dialogue with other job creation initiatives to ensure (1) coordination of initiatives, (2) protection mainstreaming and (3) exchange of data, information, and lessons learnt.
* Sector co-leads/coordinator to maintain regular contact with other job-creation initiatives, in particular the World Bank and USAID.
* Sector co-leads/coordinator to attend relevant fora such as the LDF sub-group on economic opportunities and jobs or meetings /events organized by USAID partners or the World Bank).
* World Bank/USAID to present/share relevant information on job creation programme with core group or working group.
* FSS and Livelihoods leads to meet on a bi-monthly basis to ensure that information on agriculture livelihoods activities and agricultural value chains is adequately and proactively shared and reported in both sectors
 | Core Group/steering committee to have regular joint meetings with other initiatives (STEP, USAID, World Bank). Sector co-lead and coordinator to ensure regular liaison.  |
| **Set up a dialogue platform bringing sector partners, private sector representatives and government.** **Objective:** Strengthen involvement of private sector in the sector and  | * Following up on the internal workshop on private sector engagement done last year and on the decent work workshop, hold a first meeting/ workshop between private sector entities already collaborating in the sector to identify how to increase our collaboration with the private sector on social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility. The workshop should include specific discussions on how to link bigger and smaller businesses, notably to promote social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibilities among smaller businesses.
* Regular participation and presentations of the private sector at field and national working group meetings.
* Identification by MoET of a private sector representative to attend steering committee meetings.
 | MoSA sector leads, MOET, partners and their private sector counterpartsSector coordinator MoET |
| **Other thematic topics and programming areas to be addressed throughout the year.**  |
| **Decent Work****Objective:** Provide livelihoods partners with the necessary information, linkages and skills to integrate decent work considerations in livelihoods programming.  | * Hold a workshop on decent working conditions with key ministries and private sector representatives to formulate guidelines consolidating how to further promote decent working conditions and rights through livelihoods programming.
* Organize further trainings on decent work and livelihoods programming or dedicated meeting (with MoL, MoL Child Labour Unit) if necessary
 | LEADERS Consortium and Sector coordinator/lead, livelihoods partners.  |
| **Value Chains****Objective:** Enhance coordination between value chain partners, as value chain programming are typically long term and require both collaboration and proactive information sharing.  | * Organize ad hoc meetings between value chain practioners (including other sectors and non-LCRP partners) to exchange information and take stock of the advancement of value chain programmes, and foster collaboration between partners
	+ Exchange of information on value chain programmmes being developed/initiated to avoid overlap.
	+ technical discussion for partners working on the same value chain in different areas.
	+ Partners taking over/following up on value chains that other partners/programmes started to valorize.
 | MOSA, MoET, MoAg and sector coordinators to bring together VC partners (twice a year).  |
| **Specific Coordination tasks to support partners programming**(in addition to regular coordination duties – i.e organizing coordination meetings, facilitating reporting and producing dashboards, 3/4Ws maps and tables, etc....)  |
| **Mapping of assessments****Objective:** =>Optimize and prioritize response according to gaps identified, from type of assistance provided to which economic sector to work on.=>Reach out to training providers from the relevant economic sectors where gaps are identified. | * All market assessment, labour force profiling, skills gap analysis, profiling of SME, value chain analysis uploaded on web portal and included in map of livelihoods assessments (to be updated every 3 months).
* Key findings of assessments to be presented in working group (field and/or national).
 | Sector coordinator, IM and relevant partners. |
| **Graduation / transition****Objective:** support the transition of some of the caseload of cash transfers (food or multi-purpose, for Lebanese or refugees) towards self-reliance.  | * Maintain regular information exchange with the NPTP (MOSA, PCM) and the World Bank on the progress and lessons learnt from the NPTP-G programme.
* Based on the above, explore with the BA and FSS which elements could be applied to the LCRP beneficiaries and support partners taking pilot initiatives. Include relevant update in the LCRP 2019 review.
 | MOSA, Sector lead, coordinator, BA and FSS coordinator.  |
| **Targeting/tracking of beneficiaries in coordination with existing government systems.** **Objective:** Ensure the tracking of livelihoods beneficiaries, increase use of government systems, and optimize livelihoods assistance. | * Provide mapping of services provided by SDCs and present livelihoods related services to working group partners (field and national).

-Strengthen link between national employment offices and skills training providers by obtaining the list of NGOs accredited by the National employment office/MEHE.* Ensure the use of existing system and database on vulnerable people (NPTP, RAIS, ProGres) by partners programming (notably for the selection of beneficiaries).
* Explore the possibility of using a common platform/tool for profiling/tracking of beneficiaries.
* Evaluate pertinence of referrals mechanisms set up at field level between livelihoods and other sectors. E.g. Protection sector
 | MoSA sector leads, sector coordinator, ILO, and relevant partners ILO, Output 1.4 partners, NEO Office/MEHE in coordination with MoSASector coordinator, MoSA, UNHCR, Basic Assistance partners Sector coordination, UNHCR and UNICEF if relevant.Sector coordinator and field coordinators  |

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