

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

17.05.2018

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	17.05.2018
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Andrew Merat (DRC)	Meeting Time	10:00– 12:00
Minutes Prepared by	Rema'a Alawi (UNHCR)		

Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work permits and updates about ILO/MoL employment centres (MoL/PMU-MOPIC/ILO) 2. Labour-Intensive Cash for Work Measures and Employment Promotion Measures for Refugees and Vulnerable Groups (GIZ) 3. E-Counselling system (ILO) 4. Updates from chair 5. AOB/agencies' updates 																	
Work permits and updates about ILO/MoL employment centres (MoL/PMU-MOPIC/ILO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumulatively, 102,137 work permits have been issued/renewed for Syrian refugees in Jordan since 2016. Further breakdown as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Total permits Jan 2016- May 17, 2018</th> <th>Total permits Jan 2018- May 17, 2018</th> <th>Total permits Jan 2017- March 8, 2018 (P4R Y2 Target)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td style="text-align: right;">97,905</td> <td style="text-align: right;">17,884</td> <td style="text-align: right;">62,229</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,232</td> <td style="text-align: right;">746</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,118</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">102,137</td> <td style="text-align: right;">18,630</td> <td style="text-align: right;">65,347</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of women with work permits since Jan 2018 is 700, mostly from Za'atari Camp. - Many work permits in the agriculture sector have been renewed, thanks to ILO supporting work injury insurance in agriculture sector. The insurance costs 25 JOD per year. - Work permit benefits for camp residents are mobility and protection, as police have been asking Syrian refugees for work permits and checking their validity and place of issue vs place of residence. 		Total permits Jan 2016- May 17, 2018	Total permits Jan 2018- May 17, 2018	Total permits Jan 2017- March 8, 2018 (P4R Y2 Target)	Male	97,905	17,884	62,229	Female	4,232	746	3,118	Total	102,137	18,630	65,347	<p>Access the full MoL presentation here.</p> <p>Agencies are asked to coordinate with Laura, Maha and Mohammad Amin for community mobilization/gathering in Za'atari Camp.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cash for Work Plus</u>: Additional service provision transitioning from cash for work only and to actions with some sustainability, offering more services for medium term assistance and a smaller number of beneficiaries. • <u>Employment Promotion Measures</u>: Technical assistance and capacity building, with a focus on individuals and institutions as well as a focus on sustainability of approaches and longer term employment. <p>- GIZ's CfW projects include protection of water dams through labour-intensive activities, improvement of green infrastructure and labour-intensive collection of recyclable waste in refugee hosting communities.</p> <p>- On the other hand, the approach to employment includes employment promotion, support to business development, inclusion and sustainability.</p>	
<p>E-Counselling system and Employment Services Centers (ILO)</p> <p>- <u>Employment Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILO has set up a network of integrated employment centres coordinated by the MoL, in order to make employment matching more effective, avoid double counting, maximize outreach and improve referrals among others. • Core principles to harmonize the employment services: confidentiality, equity, free services, durable solutions among others. • Main services of Employment Service Centers: registration of job seekers and vacancies, job matching and placement, active labour market programmes as well as labour market information and analysis. These centers are based at the Ministry of Labour directorates as well as in both camps. • Since opening the 11 ESCs, 3,000 Syrian and Jordanian job seekers have been registered, out of which 781 have been placed in jobs during the period of September-December 2017. <p>- <u>E-Counselling system</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ILO e-counselling system is a unified system that connects Syrian and Jordanian job seekers, employment service and training providers, and private sector employers through intranet and telecom infrastructure. • Main Beneficiaries: Syrian and Jordanian Job seekers, as well as private sector companies and employers in general. • In 3-5 years, this system will be ultimately handed over to the MoL based on their capabilities and technical requirements. Initial year will be using the Cloud application. • Job and training seekers are registered in a common data base shared by service providers for jobs, training, permits, potential employers and other job search sites operating in Jordan. 	<p>Access the full ILO presentation here.</p>
<p>Updates from chair</p> <p>- UNHCR updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR will be adapting the targeting of cash assistance to new criteria. A communication strategy will address rotation from cash. SMSs (currently being fine-tuned) will be sent out to identify refugees to encourage them to participate in livelihoods projects. • UNHCR receives 70-100 helpline calls per month with questions on employment, training and business support. Livelihoods unit in UNHCR does the case management and referral. • Periodic analysis on work permits is forthcoming. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several entities have contacted chair of LWG with questions on the regulations to develop HBB's in camps. Projects should be coordinated with the Basic Needs and Livelihoods Working Group of the Camps. 	
<p>AOB/agencies' updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Friends Service Committee is a new agency in Jordan working on livelihoods and peace building in a small project in Mafraq and Irbid for Jordanian and Syrian women. Peace building-oriented trainings include sewing and cooking. IRC is working on an intake form for its employment matching activities that they would like to see adopted as a common platform in employment services. Oxfam will share study findings on income generating activities in Zataari Camp as well as Oxfam's advocacy on joint ventures. A National Conference launched the Jordanian Sector Skills Team E-TVET, GIZ, MoL on May 15th, 2018. The ministry of Labour is working on a package of amendments in line with the needs of the labour market by addressing negative perceptions of TVET and promoting enrolment in vocational schools. During the launch, MoL discussed challenges related to the number of stakeholders and lack of coordination. Goal is to reach 45% Tvet graduates by 2025. Economic Research Forum released a publication on Employment, Education and Housing in Jordan: The Impacts of the Syrian Refugee Influx. Results are interesting and can be consulted on http://erf.org.eg/. 	<p>Contact Iyad AlRashdan for more AFSC information: ialrashdan@afsc.org</p>
<p>Next meeting date: June 21st 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: TBA</p>	