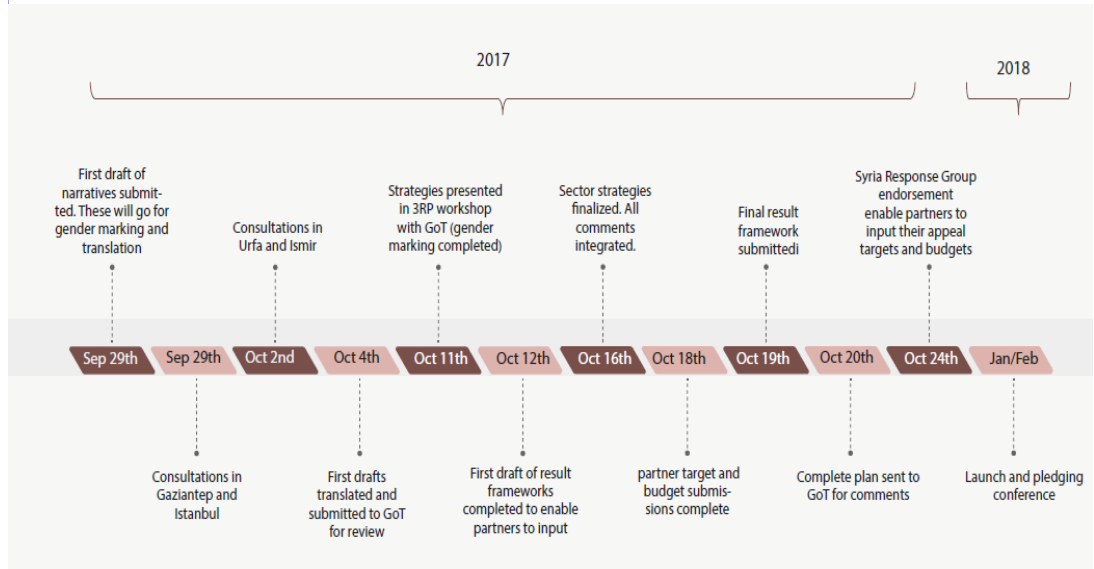


**LIVELIHOODS SECTOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Gaziantep
Minutes of Meeting**

Date:	28 September 2017
Venue/Location :	Gaziantep UN House (Kaymakam Ismail Pasa Sokak No. 10 Sahinbey)
Participants:	<p>Present: UNDP, UNHCR, ACTED, FAO, KUDRA, WFP, Sons of War, AFAD, DRC, Yuva Derneği, RIZK, GIZ,</p> <p>Apologies: İŞKUR, World Vision, UNV, UNIDO, IMPR, Orange, Save the Children, Habitat, Handicap International, Concern Worldwide, ASAM, Malumat, CARE, Global Communities, IBC, GOAL, EBRD, Maram Foundation, International Medical Corps, MercyCorps, COSV, NRC, GAUN, KEDV, Support to Life, Expertise France, Welthungerhilfe, GSO, IOM, GTO</p>
Agenda:	<p>Particulars (Please follow the ordering in the narrative section below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Quick Round of Introduction 2. Timeline of ERP 2018-2019 Planning 3. Select achievement of the Livelihood Sector in 2017 4. Livelihoods Sector Strategy preparation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Current situation b) People-In-Need and target population c) Strategic direction 5. Partners' Monthly Highlight 6. Reporting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Call to update the Activity Info b) Call to share experiences 7. Presentations (7-10 min each) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) KUDRA, on-site innovative solutions b) UNHCR, update on Phase IV Verification by Reema Masoud 9. Any Other Business (incl. the date and draft agenda for next meeting)
Discussions: (by Agenda)	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Participants welcomed and quick round of introduction took place.</p>

Timeline of ERP presented in detail as followed below.



Select achievement of Livelihood Sector in 2017 (Jan-July)

The overall targeted number of beneficiaries for the Jan-July period is 191.121. The sector reached 43.974 or 23% (always put % after the number) of the target. Percentage of female beneficiaries is %56 while male is %44. In addition, %10 of the beneficiaries benefited from entrepreneurship and business startup support, %3 has received income generation and %2 have been provided with cash for work support. %85 of beneficiaries interested skills training and awareness raising trainings.

Livelihoods Sector Strategy Preparation

- **Employment**

Growing rate of formal and unregistered unemployment increased unemployment rate, at %10.2 (3.225 million), up by %0.8 (258.000) from the same period of 2016: youth unemployment rate at %19.8 and non-agricultural unemployment rate at %12.2 up by %9. On the other hand, unregistered unemployment rate, at %34 (May 2017), up by %0.4 in the same month of 2016, unregistered employment in the non-agricultural sector was %22.4; up by %0.6 of the same period in 2016 and number of seasonally unemployed persons increased. When it comes to Syrian Refugees, the unemployment rate is %40 in the labor market. There are some obstacles for Syrian Refugees to access jobs such as dilemma of the 1:10 Syrian/Turkish employment ratio, highly qualify certification with language requirement, gender and workplace-related issues. (reference- turkstat)

- **People in Need and Target Population**

The draft population table regarding people in need and target population shared as follow:

Population Group		2018		2019	
		Population In Need ¹	Target Population ²	Population In Need	Target Population ³
Syrian Refugees	Men	214,692	30,712	214,692	73,656
	Women	179,901	25,128	179,901	62,148
	Boys	143,127	20,476	143,127	48,337
	Girls	119,933	16,752	119,933	46,037
Sub Total		657,653	93,068	657,653	230,178
Members of Affected Communities	Men		66,640		92,800
	Women		28,560		38,400
	Boys		13,648		19,200
	Girls		5,849		9,600
Sub Total			114,697		160,000
Grand Total		657,653	1,240,043	657,653	390,178

- 1- Based on 3RP 2017-2018 report figures for unemployed Syrian Refugees by age and gender.
- 2- The need for livelihood will increase from 2018 as the number of Syrian Refugees that received skills training increase; the targeted rate increased accordingly from 15% in 2018 to 35% in 2019 or a total of 50% for 2018 and 2019.
- 3- The population of 3 million Syrian Refugees will remain through 2018-2019. The Sector validated the 3RP data for 2017, used for 3RP 2018-2019.

- **Strategic Directions**

- Developing small business models built on economic, protection and social cohesion principles.
- Business coaching/mentoring and monitoring.
- Public and private partnership, collaboration, and networking.
- Support to job placements with the right modality
- Increased investment in initial capital outlay.
- Focused studies/ market, supply and value chain analyses, risk assessments
- Support for obtaining government permit, advocacy, awareness raising.
- Public-private partnerships.

Partners' Monthly Highlights

KUDRA:

- Conducted Social Work Storytelling for Social Media along with Al Jazeera Media Institute and 22 beneficiaries participated in September.
- Planning Internet Press and Making Documentary Films (With Social Impact) training and targeting 22 beneficiaries for each training. The trainings are very specialized and aim to develop the abilities of the trainees who are already working in the Media field or the Media departments in NGOs and INGOs
- Highlighted that they have received a lot of applications for training yet they can't fulfill the demands because of lack of funds.
- Currently conducting training also in Bahrain which is Executive Secretary Diploma and Administration Skills (for orphans female workers).
- Open and eager to cooperate with sector partners.

YUVA

- Signed a protocol with MoNE to be able to give Turkish language course and vocational training.
- Currently implementing a project which is Cash for Work project in cooperation with GIZ and placed around 400 host communities' members and Syrian refugees in municipalities and schools. The project is expanded through other provinces such as İstanbul and Mersin.
- About to initiate a project which is funded by UNHCR and will be implemented along with Selçuk University in Konya. The project target is 150 beneficiaries.
- Proposed a project to DRC and waiting for a response.

RIZK

- Currently implementing project along with GIZ that is based on providing Turkish Work Culture training to Syrian refugees in Urfa and Gaziantep. The project target is 500 Syrian Refugees.
- Placed 10.000 Syrian refugees in jobs throughout to Turkey by September 2017.

AFAD

- Islahiye Camp closed and Syrian refugees who lives in the Islahiye camp disseminated to the other camps in Gaziantep. Currently, there are four camps in Gaziantep, and the number of Syrian refugees living in these camps is 25.487.
- Established three camps, governed by native/local people, inside of Syria in Carablus and El Bab and AFAD is providing humanitarian aid and infrastructure service to these camps.

ACTED

- Currently, implementing a project that targets 400 beneficiaries not only Syrian refugees but also other refugees such as Iraqi and Palestinian refugees in Mersin. The project aims to provide Turkish language course and vocational training. Turkish language course completed in September and beneficiaries will begin vocational training soon.

UNDP



- Currently implementing projects in Gaziantep, Urfa and Kilis to complement Syrian Crisis Response by strengthening capacity of local Municipalities by building transfer stations for solid waste management.

UNHCR:

- UNHCR is implementing livelihood activities in 14 provinces of Turkey and collaborating with municipalities, NGO's and INGO's through community centers and as well as local government entities.
- Stated that they are also directly implementing Community Support projects along with the government bodies. In South East Turkey, there are 5 Community Support Projects are being directly implementing with livelihoods component and these projects are being conducted in Sanliurfa, Hatay, Mardin, Adana and Gaziantep. In total, the projects aim to reach approximately 850 people by the end of 2017.
- Trainings and capacity building programme for ISKUR personnel are ongoing. There have been 4 trainings; 2 in Ankara and 2 in Istanbul so far. In total there will be 10 trainings in overall Turkey. ISKUR trainings in Gaziantep will have participants from 11 provinces from the South East region of Turkey. The aim of the trainings is to equip ISKUR personnel with adequate knowledge and capacity in order to register Syrian refugees into the national employment database and facilitate their labor market integration. Equipment and personnel support is being provided to ISKUR as well.
- 1100 beneficiaries have been assisted for work permit applications, as a part of job creation and projects, since the government Work Permit regulation amendment 2016.

GIZ

- Signed protocol with ISKUR which will cover number of activities mainly in Gaziantep, İstanbul, Ankara, Şanlıurfa and Adana.
- The protocol aims to increase accessibility of services, capacity building of ISKUR and number of outreach activities for social cohesion.

DRC

- Currently implementing a project that focusing business incubator by selected 20 businesses in Hatay and Kilis.
- 45 Syrian refugees received training and will be supported in different aspects.

Sons of War

- Giving language, first aid and computer skills trainings at Women Community Center in Kilis.

ActivityInfo Reporting

- Partners requested to update their activities in AI by the 10th of each month. Partners need support on AI are to contact sector IMO at maisa.ahmed@undp.org.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any partner wants to revise previous report contact the sector IMO. <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KUDRA, Makerspace Project, Khaled Fattal Makerspace is operating a 3D lab that support prototyping of local innovations such as.....project aims set up a lap that will allow modeling, fixing, building and inventing solutions for needs by design and print objects. KUDRA want to create more labs to cover the community needs, expand lam community in Gaziantep and cooperate with partners that interest in supporting startup projects.
<p>Action Points (action, responsible person and deadlines):</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A template regarding info of LH Sector members' responsible coordinators will be circulated via e-mail to be filled. The LH matrix progress spreadsheet aim to updating the list of LH Sector partners' representative/s and their respective Head of Offices. The matrix is expected to be fill by stipulated deadline. All partners to update ActivityInfo. Cash for Work Partners are to regularly update their activities LH Sector will send out a regular report of consolidated achievement of the Sector.
<p>AOBs and Announcements:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting will hold on 26 Oct 2017 at Gaziantep UN House.

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