

**Livelihood Sector Working Group Meeting
Thursday, 25 October 2018, 14:00hrs, UN House, Gaziantep**

Chair(s): Özlem Çavuş (UNDP)

Participants as

Institutions: UNDP, IOM, Concern Worldwide, TRC, FAO, Maram, UNHCR, ASAM, Bonyan, Watan, DRC, CARE, WHH, MWL, UN Women, Al Sham Foundation, SEF, Kudra

Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
1: Livelihood 2019-2020 Strategy and IM Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary employment/cash for work is separated from Job Placement indicator and will be evaluated as a separate indicator. Language training is also separated from vocational and skills training. • ‘Job creation’ output is added to the LH Logframe of 2019-2020. • Vocational training activity of Food Security and Agriculture (FSA) Sector will be evaluated under Livelihood Sector within the framework of 2019-2020 3RP. • Engagement with the private sector is a priority for the next cycle. • Temporary employment/ CfW, job placement and training core groups have been established to harmonize the modalities. • Training database will be developed with the support of IOM IT unit in Gaziantep. 	<p>-Livelihood Sector Working Group Turkey dashboards, assessments are reachable at https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/126?sv=4&geo=113</p>
2:Introduction of New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watan Foundation, Al Sham Foundation and Mercy Without Limits (MWL) are the new members of Livelihood Sector Working Group. • Watan Foundation conducted a presentation about its activities in Syria and Turkey. 	
4: Partners LH Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syrian Economic Forum (SEF) RUHSATIM project facilitates license and registration processes and supports businesses of the enterprises owned by Syrians. SEF implements its livelihood activities for SMEs in Istanbul and Gaziantep. At the 3rd phase of its programme 235 SMEs are targeted in Istanbul and Gaziantep (focusing on microbusinesses such as handicrafts) to provide legal assistance and support them during registration. During the implementation of its project, SEF organizes awareness-raising session at Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce (GCoC). 	<p>-SEF will make a presentation related to its market assessment when finalized. -Watan presentation will be shared. -The Gender Book is introduced by UNWomen. -“Guidebook of Job Placement for SuTPs in Turkey“ prepared by UNHCR will be distributed to the partners at next LH meeting.</p>

A platform will be launched by SEF to reach SMEs and entrepreneurs, including training and network programmes.

SEF also arranges programmes covering Syrian women in Turkey and around the world to encourage them to start businesses.

In the first phase of its program %30 of the companies that have been registered were closed down.

- Bonyan has CfW activities in Syria where it has low cost when compared to Turkey. Bonyan searches for funds to implement its livelihood activities.
- IOM has an intensive programme for job placement and self-employment (start-up business) activities. Related to self-employment activities, 125 businesses in Şanlıurfa and 100 businesses have been started in Hatay and Gaziantep via in-kind and cash grant support.
- TRC plans to implement livelihood activities.
- UNHCR in partnership with Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce organized an awareness raising session on 24 October 2018. The session was facilitated by invited guest speakers from MoLSSF, DGMM, Ministry of Trade and Ministry of Industry and Technology. The following topics were covered during the session: Government Incentives in Exports for Syrian Entrepreneurs under Temporary Protection in Turkey, Foreigners in Turkey under Temporary Protection, Work Permit Regulations for Syrians under Temporary Protection in Turkey and Government Incentives for Syrian Entrepreneurs under Temporary Protection in Turkey.

The provision of vocational training was lunched in Sanliurfa. The project is implemented by UNHCR in partnership with Concern Worldwide, the aim of the project is to build the skills of 375 refugee, including the host community members in order to increase the employability in the formal labour market. The vocational training covers eight different areas and is planned to be completed by end of December 2018.

- FAO will provide vocational trainings in 7 provinces on agriculture and livestock and plans to conduct a job fair.
- CARE has a 2-year project funded by BPRM in shelter, livelihood and protection sectors targeting 600 beneficiaries. For the next months in Gaziantep, Kilis and Şanlıurfa market assessment will be done including 3 components: (1) needs assessment in terms of livelihood, (2) stakeholder beneficiary assessment: observing stakeholder activities through community centers and (3) private sector engagement

-Services Advisor Online Platform showing the activities of partners in Turkey is reachable at: <https://turkey.servicesadvisor.org/#/>

- KUDRA conducted capacity building and training programmes by the attendance of 25 participants. At the second phase of the Start programme 22 participants were attended who came up with their own projects. A DEMO day will be conducted.
- UNDP realized the kick-off meeting of “Skills Development and Employment” Project in Ankara which supports İŞKUR. UNDP EU funded project with job creation, language skills trainings and support to municipalities components kick off meeting will be held on 9th of November.
- Concern Worldwide has finished Turkish Language Training courses (A1 and A2) with the partnership of Harran University-TOMER. Funded by UNHCR, Concern Worldwide has ongoing vocational training courses in cooperation with Tradesman and Craftsmen Chambers and Unions of Şanlıurfa (ŞESOB) and Vocational Education Center (MEKSA). Vocational Training includes sewing, child-care and maintenance.
Concern Worldwide plans to organize a ‘job fair’ in December 2018.
- DRC started conducting visits to private companies and relevant stakeholders to both identify VT needs and refer suitable beneficiaries for the available job opportunities in Hatay, Urfa, Kilis and Maraş. In Urfa a Job Fair in cooperation with Chamber of Commerce is planned for 10th January and Products Fair in cooperation with Haliliye Governorate in Urfa for the 4th week of December (date is to be confirmed yet) to link beneficiaries with the market opportunities. DRC continues to provide Turkish Language Courses and English Courses in various levels through Harran University, also TÖMER Exams are being conducted. DRC conducts VTs in cooperation with SESOB, Harran Governorate, Viranşehir Governorate, Eyyübiye Municipality and GAP ÇATOMs. DRC also continues to provide Productive Asset Support for Home Based Businesses. Moreover, DRC continues to support beneficiaries with Livelihood Counseling Sessions and Transferrable Skills Trainings.
- Maram works with Kilis Municipality and will open Community Center in Kilis within the scope of project named “strengthening the resilience of Syrian refugees and host community in Kilis”. Opening Ceremony will be on the 15th November 2018 and invitation will be shared with partners. Maram also has activities in Hatay-Reyhanlı.
- Mercy Without Limits (MWL) has activities in protection sector in Syria and it will support 454 orphans in Gaziantep focusing on covering transportation, education expenses. MWL prioritizes the beneficiaries who do not have ESN and then targets

	host community members for their activities. For the next phase of LH activity, MWL will provide vocational training courses for the beneficiaries.	
4: Discussions /Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some beneficiaries who have vocational training courses compare the opportunities of humanitarian aid organizations and tend to choose organizations that provide highest amount of economic benefit. As a result of this, 'standardization' is a significant issue.• It has been noted that the legalization of businesses during registration period cost is high (around 10.000 TL)	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• İŞKUR will be invited to the next meetings.	

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