

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

18.07.2019

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| Meeting Location | EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda | Meeting Date | 18.07.2019 |
| Facilitator | Najwan Aldorgham (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC) | Meeting Time | 9:00–11:00 |
| Minutes Prepared by | Rania Bakeer (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC) | | |

| <p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report MoL / MoPIC 2. VAF 2019 findings: livelihoods, debt, income & expenditure 3. Livelihoods in Irbid, Mafraq, Zaatari camp, Azraq camp 4. Data management and JRP Partnership 5. AOB | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Updates on work permits figures: The following data, from the Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report; July 2019:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Total permits Jan 2016- June 30 2019</th> <th>Total permits Jan 2019- June 30 2019</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td style="text-align: center;">139,492</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15,880</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6,688</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1,144</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">146,180</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17,024</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low numbers of work permits issued to Syrians during last reporting period, primarily due to Ramadan and the new committee that has been formed within the MoL to review all foreign work permits, limiting the authority given to the directorates to decentralize work permits issuance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This has been causing many delays, particularly for CfW work permits. A circular was distributed internally in the MoL exempting Syrians. Expect decision to be made public very soon. • Renewal rates are still very low across all sectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GoJ still very behind on P4R work permit target for this year. | | Total permits Jan 2016- June 30 2019 | Total permits Jan 2019- June 30 2019 | Male | 139,492 | 15,880 | Female | 6,688 | 1,144 | Total | 146,180 | 17,024 | <p>Access to MoL figures here.</p> |
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| <p>UNHCR: VAF 2019 findings: livelihoods, debt, income & expenditure Main findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average wages garnered from construction, agriculture and manufacturing sectors are not sufficient to meet MEB requirements (and in some cases the SMEB). • The presence of work permits increases expenditure per capita and income per capita. • Rent payment is the most common form of debt • Women accrue less debt than men, but it represents a larger proportion of income <p>Main advocacy points identified by chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum wages should be increased to reflect at least SMEB requirements | <p>Presentation on VAF and CCF here.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional sectors need to be opened, particularly to to increase income generating opportunities for households with high numbers of dependents and low numbers of wage earners. • Agencies working in the livelihood training sector should increase debt management training options. | |
| <p>UNHCR: Livelihoods in Irbid, Mafraq and Zaatari camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on work permits figures and livelihoods figures in each location. • The livelihoods sub working group situation in each location. • GIS in Mafraq. • Updates on DRC livelihoods project in Mafraq. | <p>Presentation on MLWG here.</p> |
| <p>UNHCR: Data management and JRP Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining the operation process in UNHCR as a part of JRP. • Recommendation to assign a person, focal point to manage the data from each organization. • Pleased report updates to the activity info on regular basis. | <p>Presentation here.</p> |
| <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| <p>Next meeting date: TBA</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be confirmed | |