

Minutes of Meeting

Date:	21 March 2018
Venue/Location:	UN House, 17 th Floor, Advocacy Hall
Participants:	Present: UNDP, WFP, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNHCR, ILO, IOM, UNV, ASAM, TAMEB, TRC, GiZ, DRC, JCCP, IDEMA, MoLSS
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual report 2017 and regional request for good practice examples on resilience 2. Highlights from last STF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social cohesion strategy - Jobs Tracking & Public Institutional Funding Tracking (PIST) 3. Update from MoLSS on Work Permit Trends 4. Livelihoods Inputs on Basic Needs' Shelter Guidelines 5. Inter-sectoral linkages LH-BN 6. Update on the UNDP regional private sector consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examples and good practices from Turkey. 7. AOB
Discussions: (by Agenda)	<p>1-UNDP stated that the partners will be asked to provide their inputs and good practices on resilience for the preparation of 3RP Annual Report for 2017.</p> <p>2- UNDP M&E Consultant Mr. Bastien Revel made a presentation on Public Institutional Support Tracking initiatives. Key points of his presentation are as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of this exercise is to define scope of support provided to the Government of Turkey • Document human and financial resource investment in to public institutions-including results • Track the evolution of the response towards more resilience-based programming • Across institutions (national and local level) and across sectors • In the livelihoods context, the support provided THROUGH institutions include delivery of skills training in public centres and information of refugees on right to work and on livelihoods opportunities.



- Support provided TO public institutions identified in Livelihoods Strategy as Capacities of policy makers and service providers are strengthened to provide livelihoods related support services such as design and implementation of active labour market policy measures, labour inspection, work permit acquisition and certification/ accreditation of skills (1.4) and Knowledge base expanded to identify and share job opportunities, income generation, business opportunities or other related interventions with focus on the gap between labour demand and supply for male and female workforce (1.5). Other potential support activities include cash for work supporting municipalities, equipment/rehabilitation of training centers, etc.

3- Ms. Necla Uz, Labour Expert of MoLSS, stated that the implementation of WB – FRIT project will start in this month. Under the scope of this project, various livelihoods activities such as active labour market programmes, job placement, job counselling, cash for work, etc. will be realized. 50000 people from Istanbul, Antep, Urfa and Adana provinces will benefit from the project activities. MoLSS also mentioned that in order to fasten and simplify the procedures, they started to use online system for issuing work permits for Syrians. In this regard, no hard copy documents are necessary anymore so long as the applicant employers have a public e-mail account to finalize the procedures.

Regarding the work permit trends, Ms. Uz mentioned that there is an uptrend in number of work permit applications and issues although the numbers are still low compared to the Syrian population. She explained that the total number of work permits issued for Syrians under temporary protection since the regulation entered into force is 19.578, while the number of working permits issued for Syrians with residency is 20.357 and the total number of work permits issued for Syrians is 39.935. She also mentioned that estimated ratio of permits granted for women is around %9-10 of total number of work permits.

4-Ms. Hilary Bowman, Inter-Agency Basic Needs Coordination Officer of UNHCR, mentioned that as the result of joint efforts of BN actors, they have drafted a minimum guideline to support agencies who are intending to expand their activities in shelter support area. In this regard, she stated that Livelihoods actors are kindly asked to provide their inputs to the draft guideline circulated just before the meeting.

5- Ms. Bowman and Ms. Dina Morad, Program Officer of WFP, mentioned that the linkages to be established between Livelihoods and Basic Needs Sector are crucial for promoting self-



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	<p>reliance of the beneficiaries. In this regard, discussions are ongoing on how to establish a referral system to shift BN beneficiaries to Livelihoods activities. UNDP stated that inter-sectoral linkages will be prioritized once the new Livelihoods Sector Coordinator assumes his/her responsibilities.</p> <p>6-Ms. Damla Taşkın, Livelihoods Officer of UNHCR, mentioned that UNDP Regional Private Sector Stakeholder Consultations took place on 5-6 March 2018 in Istanbul. Discussions on economic and industrial challenges of the hosting countries and possible solutions were taken place during the event. Serving as a platform in the region with representatives of private sector, the event seeks for regional level response for the negative effects of the Syrian crisis. It also serves as a platform to increase viability of these economies to increase the labour force absorption capacities of them.</p>
Action Points (action, responsible person and deadlines):	1.
AOBs and Announcements:	1. A message will be circulated amongst Livelihoods Sector Working Group for inputs from partners on the Social Cohesion Strategy. 2.

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