

Minutes of meeting #2 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	Online, Teams	
Facilitator	Mario Pavlovic	
Participants	UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, World Bank, IKEA, Jobs 4 Ukraine, EBR, PATRIR, CRS	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Announcement of IOM as co-chair</li> <li>2. Objectives for the group, situational updates from UNHCR, 5Ws</li> <li>3. The National Action Plan of Measures (<b>attached employment chapter –consider how your organization is contributing to this</b>)</li> <li>4. World Bank presentation on social protection and labor reform</li> <li>5. Open floor for discussion/updates</li> <li>6. AOB</li> </ol>	
Main Topic	Main Discussion	Action Points
IOM as co-chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM to serve as co-chair of the LEI Working Group moving forward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM to update group on co-chairmanship composition</li> </ul>
5W overview and reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR presented an overview of the 5W, as well as the document detailing the NAP measures related to LEI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEI participants to fill out the 5W form</li> </ul>
Language Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR updated on the initiative of implementing language courses for Ukrainian adults, mapping of existing service providers, and potential locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR to update LEI WG on this issue</li> </ul>
World Bank presentation on social protection and labor reform (Victor Sulla)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WB presented on current joint initiatives with the Ministry of Labor on social protection mechanisms and methods of scaling up efforts of connecting people to the labor market in Romania; project ongoing for 10 years; team of 5 currently working on this</li> <li>• Romania is one of the high-poverty and high-inequality countries, with high regional disparity</li> <li>• Regarding social protection, Romania has relatively low spending and low efficiency; close to 1% used on social protection spending; many universal and categorical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WB to operationalize the VMI program jointly with the government through new legislation by combining 2 of 3 programs into one</li> <li>• WB to improve sustainability and graduation (people completing the program to receive benefits given that they enroll their children into schools)</li> </ul>

	<p>programs that are not designed to benefit the poorest segments of the population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing social protection programs are efficient, but small</li> <li>• Timeframe for implementation is September</li> <li>• Program designed to benefit the poorest segment of the population; migrants are automatically eligible</li> <li>• Improvements expected to be seen in indicators and impact expected on poverty rates</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next meeting</b> Date: 1 September 2022; Place: Hybrid – Primaveraii Conference Room/Teams Online</p>		