



BML Livelihoods Sector Working Groups Meeting - Minutes

BML Livelihoods WG Minutes of Meeting			
Name	Livelihoods WG / Coordination Meeting	Meeting Date	2 nd February 2023
Meeting Location	Teams	Meeting Time	10:00 am till 11:00 am
Chairperson	Marianne Al Haibe/ UNDP Amir Mounif / MoSA	Meeting Duration	1 h
Minutes Prepared By	Marianne Al Haibe / UNDP		
Participants 27 Organizations	Amir Mounif / MoSa – Claude Krait / Bloom – Boutros Karam / Caritas – Dina Bou Karroum / Farah Social Foundation – Ola Hariri / LMFA – Hoda Khatoun / Amel – Joseph Bou Assi / Caritas – Hanan Al Kassem / SIF – Malak Safa / UNDP; UN-Habitat – Michella Gabriel / LP4Y – Mirna Hamadeh / Al Majmouaa – Samer Hammoudy / LLWB – Nour Abdul Reda / UN Women – Nour Naja / INJAZ – Rachad Sakr / LMTA – Rania Abou Rjeily / URDA – Rawad Zakhour / UNICEF – Rita Lahoud / Caritas – Sandra Debs / Dorcas – Stephany Rayes / UNOPS – Toni El Mir / YMCA – Yousra Taleb / UNDP – Zeina Jalloul / Shafaq Lebanon – Vartkes Keutelian / Makhzoumi Foundation - Ismail Hammad / TDH Italy - Babel Kayssar / Movement Social - Jessy Challita / ADRA - Sara El Jeitani / WFP – Roula Zeidan / Stouh Beirut		
Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcome and Introductions - National Strategy: Targets and Main Challenges - My Career My Choice - SIF New Project Presentation -Suggestions for 2023 BML Livelihoods Working Groups -Discussion on Transportation and other Field Challenges -Update Field Inputs on Excel Sheet -AOB 		

Summary of Discussion Points

I.	Welcome and Introduction:
	The meeting started with a round of introductions for all attending partners.
II.	National Strategy: Targets and Main Challenges
	Refer to Annex 1
III.	My Career My Choice - SIF New Project Presentation
	Refer to Annex 2

IV.	Suggestions for 2023 BML Livelihoods Working Groups
	<p>A Menti exercise was organized, and partners suggested the changes they need for the working group as well as topics to be addressed during the year. The findings are shared below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss the below topics during working groups: <p>Childcare services being provided for persons, specifically women, receiving CfW/cash for training Legal discussions regarding the employability of the different groups in the targeted communities Continuous sharing of best practices, challenges, and lessons learned Sharing of tools, assessments, selection criteria, and all forms of support tools Sharing of opportunities for funding Have discussions about the outcome of implemented projects and not only present the projects Look into the complementarity of activities Links between Tourism oriented projects & LH activities / Distribution of nationalities in cash for work projects Training on Monitoring and Evaluation Discuss values and ethics in implementing programs How to make projects more adaptable and address mitigation measures given the challenges we face in Lebanon: transportation, electricity, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to have some of the working group meetings in person/hybrid
V.	Discussion on Transportation and other Field Challenges
	<p>A discussion took place in regard to the challenge in transportation faced by partners, as some lessons learned, and best practices were also shared as per the below:</p> <p>Main challenges that are being faced by partners as they are implementing Livelihoods programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost of transportation is increasing every day due to the changes in fuel costs as well as the exchange rate differences - High dropouts - High fees for bus driver - Strikes in the public transport sector are also affecting implementation as access to activities becomes more challenging - 2 USD not being enough for participants to arrive to work <p>Mitigation Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrating CfW activities in TVET helping participants get a source of income - Using hybrid modality - Provide a bus for participants living next to each other - Provide job placements that are close to the houses of participants to decrease transportation costs - Use online modality - Take into consideration how far is the participant and set budgets accordingly when using a bus <p>Request to share the stipends/fees provided by partners not to cause any conflict sensitivity on the field.</p>
VI.	Field Updates
	<p>An update on the IMQAN project that was previously shared by mail was made by Samer Hammoudy.</p> <p>Partners are requested to fill in their 2023 plans through the following link: Annex 2. BML LH and SoST 2023 Plans - Google Sheets</p>
VII.	AOB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Activity Info reporting and Service Mapping updates.- Next Beirut and Mount Lebanon Livelihoods Working Group will be on Thursday 3rd of March 2023.
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