

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

17.07.2018

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	17.07.2018
Facilitator	Laura Buffoni (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	09:00–10:30
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<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNHCR Communication about Cash 2. Updates on Work Permits (MoL/MoPIC/ILO) 3. Oxfam findings of study on income generating activity in Zaatari camp 4. USAID Training for Employment Activity 5. Other updates (USAID LENS Amman Food Week, 18-24 July)
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<p>Updates on work permits figures (MoPIC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumulatively, 105,004 work permits have been issued/renewed for Syrian refugees in Jordan since 2016. Further breakdown as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total permits Jan 2016- June 30, 2018</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total permits Jan 2018- June 30, 2018</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td style="text-align: center;">101,004</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20,991</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4,400</td> <td style="text-align: center;">908</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">105,404</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21,899</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only 2,130 work permits were issued in June which is relatively low compared to previous months. MoPIC believes this might be due to Ramadan. 		Total permits Jan 2016- June 30, 2018	Total permits Jan 2018- June 30, 2018	Male	101,004	20,991	Female	4,400	908	Total	105,404	21,899	<p>Access the full MoL presentation here.</p>
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<p>UNHCR Communication about Cash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2017, UNHCR changed the eligibility criteria for cash recipients. As a result, cash rotations are ongoing with the largest occurring over the next 12-18 months. - UNHCR is only examining poverty indicators, work status does not affect cash assistance eligibility. - Primarily those in the ‘highly poor’ category are being rotated off. Those in the ‘ultra-poor’ category will remain. - LH partners are encouraged to prioritize recent cash roll offs within their livelihood programmes. LLH partners with RAIS-VAF agreement can receive referrals from UNHCR upon request. 	<p>Access the FAQs on Cash Assistance rotation here.</p>
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<p>Oxfam findings of study on income generating activity in Zaatari camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study focus: 1) Explore the feasibility of promoting income generating and livelihoods activities in Za’atari refugee Camp; and 2) Understand the context and the opportunities to 	<p>Access to OXFAM Study here.</p>
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<p>initiate and develop further livelihoods strategies and interventions, and supporting operational planning of implementing income generating activities (market driven short term interventions) of the existing Oxfam GB projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Za’atari Camp is home to a wide range of economic activities, robust markets, and informal business activities. o The majority of the both men and women surveyed in focus groups were engaged in agricultural activities in Syria with primary income, skills, and assets linked to the agriculture and handicraft sectors. o There are existing coping, yet limited livelihood activities inside the camp. o The engagement of women in existing livelihoods activities are relatively limited with only 5-10% of refugee women engaged in paid work. o The key economic activities are agricultural, animal husbandry, and local services. - Recommendations from the study can be found on the PP slides. 	
<p>USAID Training for Employment Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID has contracted Luminus, JEFE, and TVTA (sub BDC) to implement a 3-year project to train and employ youth in Jordan by upscaling the employment platform. Target: 7,500 trained, 6,000 placed in jobs, and 4,500 retained in employment. 30% females. <p>Allocation of partner grant is tied to performance (50% of total grant will be released in partners once training is complete, 25% when 80% are placed in jobs, and 25% when 60% have stayed in the job for six months).</p> <p>Chairs urged sub-contracted entities to reach out to LWG members for referrals to program once activities have started.</p>	<p>Access the full presentation here.</p>
<p>Other updates)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID/ LENS announced a new sub-grant opportunity would be circulated within the next few weeks. International and national agencies are eligible to apply. Projects submitted should support Syrian and Jordanian home-based businesses/ MSEs. • IOM to launch a call for proposals for livelihood projects targeting Syrians in host communities. National applicants are particularly encouraged to apply. Projects with environmental improvement component preferred. • USAID LENS Amman Food Week, 18-24 July • MOPIC: ongoing advocacy to replicate the flexible WP model to the manufacturing sector insuring labour law enforcement and healthy work environment • ILO: running an awareness campaign on construction WP renewal. UNHCR have send 30k SMS to Syrian refugees having expired WP in constructions • UNHCR: participation in CFW is declining noticeably, need to look for alternatives in Zaatari and need to find a solution for the mobility issues in Azraq Camp. SOPs on CFW being finalized. • Launch date for ILO e-counselling system is tentatively end of September. • Laura Buffoni – Senior Livelihood Officer, UNHCR – will be moving to another mission. This was her last working group. Her replacement has not been named. In the interim, co-chairing responsibilities will be supported by Anna Gaunt, Senior Livelihoods Officer – UNHCR MENA, and/ or Sima Kanaan, Senior Development Advisor - UNHCR MENA. 	

AOB ILO: to continue on harmonizing the prices and approaches of support for employment given to employees/employers. A formulation of a sub-group for this purpose was suggested by ILO.	
Next meeting date: August 16 th 9:00-11:00 am Next Meeting Agenda: TBA	