

# Livelihood Working Group

## Amman, Jordan

### 15.11.2018

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	15.11.2018
Facilitator	Najwan Aldorgham (UNHCR) Emily Lewis (DRC)	Meeting Time	09:00–10:30
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#### Agenda:

1. MoL/ MoPIC updates
2. Working conditions in the agricultural sector - ILO
3. Findings of the periodic survey analyses on WP – UNHCR
4. JRP 2019 Updates – UNHCR
5. AOB

#### Updates on work permits figures:

The following data, from the Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report; October 2018, were presented by MoPIC:

Access to MoL figures [here](#).

	Total permits Jan 1. 2016 - Oct 31. 2018		Total permits Jan 1. 2018- Oct 31. 2018		Oct 2018	
	Male	116,942	96%	36,952	95%	4,602
Female	5,282	4%	1,767	5%	275	6%
Total	122,224	100%	38,719	100%	4,877	100%

#### ILO: Working conditions of the agricultural sector

- The presentation highlights the working conditions of Jordanian, Syrian and migrant workers in the Jordanian agricultural sector. Main objectives of the study:
  - o Collect empirical evidence of working conditions amongst Syrian workers in the agriculture sector;
  - o Develop a better understanding of the state of decent work in the sector;
  - o Generate baseline data for future interventions to enhance working conditions.
- There is a need to develop bylaws for the agricultural workers in the agricultural sector, in order to enhance the efficiency of MoL's mechanisms in ensuring labour compliance in the agricultural sector
- Some of the main findings:
  - o 83% of respondents were not enrolled in social security, with an additional 10% unsure if they were enrolled or not.
  - o 78% of Syrian workers indicated that their place of work had never being visited by a labour inspector and 75% of employers reported the same.

Presentation on working conditions of the agricultural sector [here](#).

\*\* it has been agreed during the LWG meeting, that agencies; who have conducted surveys on agricultural sector and/or the "Shaweesh" scheme analysis, would be kindly requested to send these to livelihoods unit at UNHCR to possibly design a study based on an expansive multi-agency point of view\*\*

<p><b>UNHCR: Findings of the periodic survey analysis on work permits</b>  The periodic analysis report designed in collaboration between UNHCR, ILO, and WB, then conducted by the UNHCR, aims to better understand issues around work permits and employment for the 81% of Syrians living outside of camps in Jordan.</p>	Periodic survey analysis on work permits – findings report <a href="#">here</a> and full report <a href="#">here</a> .
<p><b>UNHCR: JRP update</b>  <b>An update on Livelihoods JRP</b> (Jordan Response Plan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoL and UNDP only received 8 PSS’s (Project Summary Sheets) from 8 agencies for next years’ submission</li> <li>- MoL and UNDP informed this to MoPIC, who then decided that they will use last years’ PSS of 2019 from the JRP 2018-2020 submission</li> <li>- MoPIC also informed that thy wasn’t the overall budget to be lower than last years’ PSS, due to a large budget that was not uploaded on JORISS after agencies submitted their PSS</li> <li>- MoPIC informed MoL and UNDP that they will work on the project and budgetary information and contact MoL (Ministry of Labor) and UNDP when they are done. <i>(this was from their last meeting from 2 weeks ago. No word of update after this meeting).</i></li> <li>- MoPIC anticipates the Livelihoods sector will be the last sector to have everything finalized and MoPIC approved- as is the case every year.</li> </ul> <p><b>ActivityInfo:</b>  As for ActivityInfo, agencies are kindly requested to abide by the deadline of reporting each month (8<sup>th</sup> of each month). Agencies are also asked not to change any data inserted for previous months. Information that is changed is for the agencies’ record only, these changed numbers will not be reflected on the reports after the deadline. Should any agency wish to change data, agencies are to inform Rema’a (<a href="mailto:alawi@unhcr.org">alawi@unhcr.org</a>) and Murad Alsamhour ( <a href="mailto:ALSAMHOU@unhcr.org">ALSAMHOU@unhcr.org</a> ).  The ActivityInfo training for the Planning phase will be conducted in December 2018 and the Monitoring training will be conducted early next year. An email for this will be circulated at a later date.</p>	
<p><b>Other updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next meeting date:</b>  TBA</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Agenda:</b>  TBA</p>	