Discussion key points (including sector field updates):

- Large number of beneficiaries withdrawing from Partners’ LH activities; due to other priorities, road blocks;
- Due to the current situation, municipalities are requesting partners to include more Lebanese in their activities. It is mostly being difficult to address it due to donors’ request. Ie: Cash for work or intensive labor activities;
- There are challenges with payments to the beneficiaries, contractors, suppliers (specifically checks). Few banks are offering facilities mainly based on the relationship with the organization.

Key action points:

- Flag to the Inter Sector Team the discussion ongoing at field level on the possibility for LH partners to use the LOUISE card to pay LH beneficiaries (National coordinator)
- Partners to contact WFP, if they want additional information on LOUISE.
  - Marion CEZARD marion.cezard@wfp.org; 76320663
- Partners to get in touch with field coordinators to have updated information on the situation in the field
  - South Yousra Taleb <yousra.taleb@undp.org>
  - Bekaa Mohammad Saleh <mohammad.saleh@undp.org>
  - BML William Barakat william.barakat@undp.org
- National coordinator to circulate the Value Chains Interventions Template with partners requested needed additional information/IM officer UNDP to input data online and finalize the Dashboard
- On Work Plan for 2020:
  - Change support to SMEs to create jobs into maintain existing jobs (no jobs replacement)
  - Encourage capacity building for existing employees
  - Track BDS to have a picture of closure of businesses
  - Monitor businesses that are paying half salaries and have adopted half
working hours
• Focus on businesses that prioritize export and import replacement
• Further reflect the current situation in the workplan
• Include gender mainstreaming throughout the different interventions as it is not well reflected in the field.

➢ AOB: Discuss Labour Intensive Guidelines with CG partners and make sure CG partners’ comments have been incorporated and addressed in the final version.

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