Livelihoods and Resilience Sector Working Group Coordination  
Ms. Teams Meeting, 21 July 2021

Agenda
I. Updates from the Co-chairs and review of previous minutes
II. RRP update
III. Partners Quarter 2 Reporting and update from partners
IV. Discussions on transitioning from short to long term resilience
   - Presentation on Graduation model Trickle Up / AVSI
   - Open Discussions
V. Partner announcements
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Updates from CO-Chairs
- Due to COVID-19 situation and food ration reductions, Partners were advised to review their programming with a focus on addressing food insecurity and increasing income generation. Activities such as labor-intensive public works should be promoted to inject cash into the economy.
- The second meeting of the Steering Committee for the Jobs and Livelihoods Integrated Response Plan (JLIRP) was held on 16th July. During the meeting, Ms. Lilian Achieng Otiego, the Co-Chair of the LRSWG, was elected Co-Chair of the JLIRP steering Committee. The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development (MGLSD) is the other Chair of the JLIRP Steering Committee.
- Partners are encouraged to align their programming to the JLIRP
- MGLSD shared the next steps for the roll out of the JLIRP which several stakeholders, including UN agencies and development agencies have pledged to support.
- The refugee individual profiling exercise (IPE) was delayed due to the lock down that was announced by government in June to control the spread of COVID-19. In the interest of updating information that would be suePartners working on the refugee response were requested to share details on training, kits and other support provided to refugees (using a template that will be circulated). The information will be uploaded onto Progress4refugee database to assist minimize duplication of assistance provided to refugees.

Updates on the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-23 preparation
- The Current RRP(2020-2021) ended in December 2021, thus a new RRP is being developed for the period 2022-2023.
- Secondary data review was done and draft thematic papers on protection risks and socio-economic vulnerabilities were prepared.
- Bilateral consultations were held with key stakeholders including Government, UN agencies, local and International NGOs and donors.
- An Intersectoral meeting on the RRP planning process was also held in June.
- Field -level situational analysis workshops were conducted in Adjumani, Arua, Kyangwali, Mbarara, and Yumbe,

**Feedback from the bilateral consultations on the RRP**

- Partners indicated that the RRP planning process has been inclusive and consultative
- Suggested increased engagement with district local governments and national NGOs
- RRP planning process cannot move forward without fully engaging with the government lead sector
- RRP narrative must link concrete transition steps for specific sectors while aligning indicators to create synergy
- Interagency and Intersectoral meetings must serve as space for strategic and cross-cultural discussions
- Partners in the field should be briefed on development funding, for instance DR DIP
- IM products generated are useful for partners to inform planning and decision making
- Reporting on refugees by nationality is unnecessary and complicated and should be revised

On the timeline for the RRP 2022-23, the final document should be submitted to the region by end of November 2021.

**Highlights on Quartet II Sector Performance**

- There was a general improvement in reporting for quarter II as 32 partners reported compared to 25 partners that reported for Quarter I.
- In terms of total funding for the Sector, US $21.2 Million (22%) was received as of June out of a targeted US $ 98.2 million (year-end target)
- On performance by selected indicators(year-end targets), emergency livelihoods were at 22%, Income generating activities were at 33% and formal and informal employment opportunities were at 2%.
- Low reporting for some locations and for the Burundi situation, as well as low achievements on some of the key indicators were noted
- In general, a disproportionate focus by partners on emergency livelihood activities was noted
- Partners do short-term training which is insufficient to support wage and self-employment.
- Notable presence of development projects by DANIDA, ILO, USAID, BMZ, World Bank and others.

**Presentation on Graduation Model - Trickle Up / AVSI (refer to the attached presentation for details)**

The presentation covered:

- An overview of the Graduation Approach and its main components;
- Key factors to consider when designing graduation programming to serve refugees and other persons of concern; and
- Lessons learned/success factors from work with UNHCR and other implementing partners.
Questions following the presentation

i) How does AVSI/Trickle Up identify graduation participants- poor/extremely poor people?

- AVSI conducts Participatory Rural Appraisal with target communities to define a criteria for poor, extremely poor and moderately rich people.

ii) Do poor people fall back to poverty after participating in graduation projects?

According to AVSI and Trickle Up, about 4% of participants fall back to poverty after graduation. The common reasons for this are death of a household head and shocks. Host communities participating in graduation projects have some advantages over refugees for instance in terms of access to land.

Updates from Partners/ Announcements

ILO:

- Is rolling out a Gender and Entrepreneurship tool named: ‘GET ahead’ to Nakivale(Isingiro district), Imvepi(Terego district) and Rhino Camp(Madi Okollo).

- GET ahead will target organizations providing Business support and develop a network of certified GET ahead trainers to train women and men on entrepreneurs.

- GET ahead uses business planning as the basis for building both business management and soft skills, including negotiation and decision making.

BRAC: Using a graduation approach, Supports 15 groups in Rhino Camp and links them with banks.

FAO: is implementing agricultural livelihoods and value chain development projects(for 3 years) targeting 5500 and 2360 households in Lamwo and Kiryandongo respectively.

Closing remarks

The Co-chair thanked AVSI and Trickle UP for the presentation on the graduation model and for explaining the approach clearly to the members.

Thanked members for the timely submission of the activityinfo reports and informed partners that they will be required to provide additional information about their activities. A template will be circulated to members to report on the needed information.

The next LRSWG meeting is scheduled for 17th August.

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