

PROSPECTS

PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVING PROSPECTS FOR FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND HOST COMMUNITIES



Summary/Recap

- ❑ PROSPECTS Partnership is brainchild of Government of Netherlands
- ❑ Bringing together development and humanitarian actors: International Finance Corporation (IFC), ILO, UNHCR, UNICEF and World Bank
- ❑ Work across 3 intervention pillars: education and training; employment and livelihoods; protection and social protection
- ❑ 4th pillar on “New Way of Working” – proving concept and impact of partnership itself
- ❑ Covers 8 countries: MENA – Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon; East Africa – Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda
- ❑ Programme duration: Exploratory Phase 2018-2019, 2021-2023

Operational approach

- ❑ Work through Multi-Annual Country and Global Programmes – joint outcomes, joint activities, joint indicators, joint governance – no lead agency
- ❑ Country-led/results-based approach critical for learning and adapting (no one-size fits all)
- ❑ Aims to leverage or amplify existing agency programmes to eventually mainstream responses
- ❑ Provides platform for mutual learning (within and beyond partners)
- ❑ Creating synergies between partners to strengthen strategic coordination and coherence, optimise resources and build sustainability (durable solutions)
- ❑ PROSPECTS does not act in isolation, but links to others operating along humanitarian-development nexus

Expected outcomes

- Improve access to/quality of education and training for FDPs/HCs
- Enhance livelihood opportunities for FDPs/HCs
- Strengthen enabling environments for inclusive and job-rich labour markets (formal and informal) and entrepreneurship, underpinned by decent work principles
- Increase level of private investment in areas of interventions
- Enhance capacity of national systems/structures for protection (legal identity, access to rights at work, social protection, child protection, gender and disability etc.)

Some key elements of development approach

- ❑ Early labour market engagement is key to address segmentation and exploitation – strengthening labour market policies, institutions, systems, structures, including social partners (workers’ and employers’ organisations) and social dialogue mechanisms
- ❑ Enhance the resilience of labour markets to be able to absorb impacts of large movements of displaced people
- ❑ Address employment and livelihoods concerns of all affected populations, particularly youth and women
- ❑ Conducive legal, legislative and policy environment essential for inclusive labour markets for refugees
- ❑ Promote more work-based learning approaches as they are people-centred with focus on learning outcomes, reduce labour market transition periods, facilitate mobility and strengthen active engagement of private sector in refugee response
- ❑ Foster partnerships, including on digital inclusion – area of presentation today

Challenges of digital livelihoods, employment and gig economy in forced displacement

- ❑ ILO World Employment and Social Outlook report 2021: “The role of digital labour platforms in transforming the world of work” – looks at how platform economy is transforming way work is organized today, and analyses impact of digital labour platforms on enterprises, workers and society as a whole
- ❑ In April 2021, published: "Digital Refugee Livelihoods and Decent Work - Towards inclusion in a fairer digital economy" by Dr Andreas Hackl – comparative global assessment of emerging field of digital livelihoods and digital work among refugees.
- ❑ Interesting is growing, further fuelled by impact of COVID-19 – but presents opportunities and challenges – in this context, under PROSPECTS Opportunity Fund mechanism, ILO-UNHCR launched joint programme focusing on rights-based approach to digital inclusion, looking at how to strengthen protection in this sector
- ❑ Programme informed by research, including report about to be presented by Drew Gardiner/Andreas Hackl, and hope it can contribute to ensuring decent work opportunities and protection of refugees in the digital livelihoods sector, while also examining how to support greater accessibility