

Livelihoods Working Group meeting

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Agenda

- Updates on recent support programs for daily-wages workers
 - Partners updates
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Updates on recent support programs for daily-wages workers

Defense Order No. 9 was announced by the Government last week, which included two support programs (Tadamon and Mosaned) for not-working employees, employers, and daily wage workers, to be administered by the Social Security Corporation. The Mosaned Program extends support to non-Jordanian people including refugees. Discussion across the sector focused on an overview of both programs and determining ways forward to ensure accurate counseling\support for beneficiaries.

Tadamon 1.

Tadamon 2.

(for Jordanians, Sons of Jordanian Mothers, and Gazans)

Mosaned 1

Workers whose jobs were suspended because of the COVID-19 crises, can ask for a payment from their unemployment insurance.

Instructions:

- The payment is 50% of the wage registered at the Social Security with a minimum of 150 JOD and a maximum of 350 JOD, paid for 3 months.
- 36 subscriptions are required.

Mosaned 2:

Allows workers who are enrolled in Social Security to withdraw an amount of 450 JOD Maximum (three installments, 150 JOD per month) from their Social Security saving account.

Noting that this service was exclusive for Jordanians, but the Defense Order No.9 allows non- Jordanians to apply for it.

Mosaned 3:

Workers who have irregular Social Security subscriptions (12 subscriptions minimum), with a registered wage below 500 JOD; can apply for a loan with a maximum amount of 450 JOD (three installments, 150 JOD per month)

Partners updates

Given the current and expected socio economic impact of COVID, the planned sector activities are being reviewed and reprioritized. Where possible refugees are being informed and selected for potential post COVID interventions and training opportunities, but these possibilities are limited. Partners who are able to reprogramme activities to include cash assistance and in kind distributions are being asked to coordinate through the relevant mechanisms, including the Government mechanisms, to ensure that the relevant beneficiaries are identified and to help maintain alignment across support, to help maintain social cohesion.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qzKFF3BTtVjUs68E71kvyKd8xqHXN7T5X6bWiHVovrQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Care:

Online Training sessions via Zoom. Beneficiaries having smart phones with a certain capacity were identified. Besides, Internet connection cost was offered. A preparatory session was exceptionally added to the training module, in order to test the application accessibility and to overcome technical challenges. So that they can resume Receive grants once the situation is back to normal.
Online mentorship for 175 small businesses projects will start soon

Acted:

Planning to re-tailor activities under LH projects, such as restarting businesses training on June, ToT for team leaders to roll out training programs for beneficiaries
Submitted proposals to donors, in response to COVID-19

Action Against Hunger:

Re-planning ongoing LH projects.
Still waiting for some replies from donors

MercyCorps:

Slight shifts in some activities. More rapid response for COVID-19. Some activities remain the same but are being implemented in a manner that suits the COVID-19 situation, adapting quickly mobile wallets solutions. Also payments are scheduled differently than normal situations.
Been approached by donors asking for new activities and initiatives in response to COVID-19. MercyCorps is focusing on the agriculture sector and freelancing workers, trying to help small and micro businesses with grants to sustain their activities and pay salaries and wages for employees. MercyCorps also is trying to integrate new models like the graduation model in order to have a scope that is more coherent to the consequences of COVID-19. Micromentor project is running during COVID-19 crisis and specialized mentors have also joined the project to provide specialized support to mentees during the current situation.

UNWOMEN:

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Working on an assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on women businesses, to assess the government measures taken and how they were helping women businesses during the situation.

Virtual training is challenging because the target groups are extremely vulnerable and would not have the capacity to be part of it during the current situation.

UNRWA \ an emergency program which provide services to Palestinians from Syria
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ICMC

Interviewing potential students, who will be enrolled in trainings soon, over the phone. And conducted online financial literacy trainings using Zoom.

WFP:

Planning and re-shuffling main activities, prioritizing activities to be responsive to COVID-19, such as Cash for Work.

TDH Italy:

Protection and health projects are running. Two medical unit are providing some primary health services (a bit on hold), starting to implement a Cash for Health activity under the health project. Established an agreement with Mahfazati to provide beneficiaries\volunteers with payments through e-wallets. Proposals are submitted to donors.