Regional Economic Inclusion Meeting

Briefing on Joint UNHCR-WFP Hub

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# Joint UNHCR-WFP Hub Objectives

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<td>Facilitate Collaboration</td>
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<td>Build awareness/Global frameworks</td>
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<td>Assessment &amp; analysis</td>
<td>Increase quality joint needs assessments and analysis to inform programme response, targeting and prioritization at country level as well as global analysis</td>
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<td>Joint Targeting</td>
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<td>Joint Programmes, Livelihoods &amp; Self-reliance</td>
<td>Foster longer term joint planning to support increased efforts towards building refugee livelihoods, self-reliance and inclusion</td>
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<td>Ensure protection risks are identified and addressed, including through collaboration on AAP efforts for PoC, with a special focus on joint targeting</td>
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<td>Document learning and experiences to support cross fertilization between operations, inform global guidance and country support, and inform evidence-based advocacy</td>
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<td>Data Interoperability</td>
<td>Support greater data sharing and interoperability of systems at country, regional and global level</td>
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End-to-end and modular support

End-to-End & Modular Support
• End-to-end support: Rwanda and Cameroon
• Modular support to 6 other countries: Algeria, DRC, Jordan, Mauritania, Mozambique and Zambia
• Joint HQ level Technical Advisory Group and Steering Committees

Support Priorities
• Demand driven, based on joint expressions of interest
• Joint programme design and implementation, with focus on transition to self-reliance
• Build awareness and implement global frameworks
• Document impact of funding gaps and support advocacy

Pilot project
• Funded by USAID and PRM
• Aim to extend beyond pilot phase with funding from additional donors
## Request for Hub Support by Country

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Overview: Hub Support to Rwanda

**Shift from status-based to targeted (need-based) approach to humanitarian assistance for refugees, in close consultation with the Government and refugees**

- **Assess needs:** refugees in camp and urban settings, impact of COVID
- **Develop targeting approach:** most vulnerable in need of humanitarian assistance, those with higher capacities for livelihoods activities
- **Ensure beneficiary participation and buy-in:** community consultations and appeals mechanism
- **Support livelihoods programmes:** existing programmes, GoR long-term vision for self-reliance, visibility and advocacy with donors
- **Support refugee inclusion:** implementation of existing GoR strategies and commitments, working with other partners
- **Document learning and best practices:** internal use, RBs, other COs, GoR
## Refugee Livelihoods Opportunities and Challenges

### Opportunities
- **Favorable protection environment**, no legal barriers to refugee’s right to work
- **Policy support**: GoR Strategic Plan for Refugee Inclusion, Joint Economic Inclusion Strategy, GRF/CRRF commitment
- Some **big players and operational partners** started supporting refugee economic inclusion, multi-year, targeting both refugees and host communities (WB, GIZ, INKOMOKO, Give Directly……)
- **Access to land** (though at limited scale)

### Challenges
- High reliance on assistance to meet basic needs
- **Mainly agriculture-based skill set**, esp. older generation but access to land is limited
- **Limited scope and scalability** of existing livelihoods projects
- Lack of integrated longer term support
- Weak market linkages
- Employer’s negative attitudes to hiring refugees
- **High youth unemployment rates** and low level of qualifications/skills for formal employment
- Limited access to vocational training opportunities within/outside camps and its linkage with jobs/income
- Insufficient access to financial services; Lack of financial literacy
- Lack of access to power and infrastructures (market/road)
- Large number of indebted households
- Assistance tied to presence/registration in camp
- Lack of child care facilities for single parents/mothers
Hub Livelihoods Support

- Review of outcomes of existing strategies and partnerships on livelihoods & economic inclusion
- Livelihoods referral mechanism for transition of refugees from basic needs assistance to livelihoods programmes
- Joint fundraising and advocacy to support refugees’ inclusion in national systems and transition to self-reliance
- Expanding access to financial services, through partnerships, for financial inclusion in joint programming

Learning: documentation of best practices, including recommendations and lessons learnt