



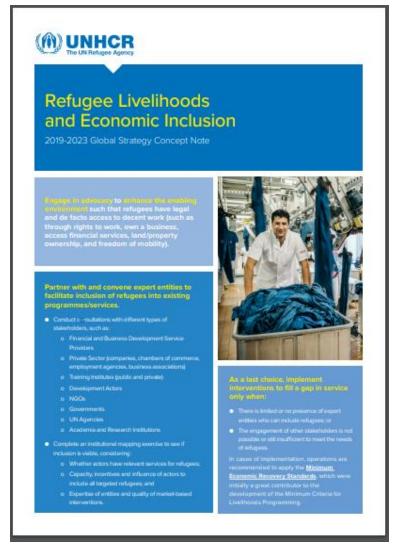
VISION

UNHCR's vision for refugees' economic inclusion is that all refugees are able to overcome poverty and dependence through participation in host country economies, and that both refugees and host communities enjoy shared prosperity, expanded access to employment and entrepreneurship services and decent work opportunities, and improved social cohesion.

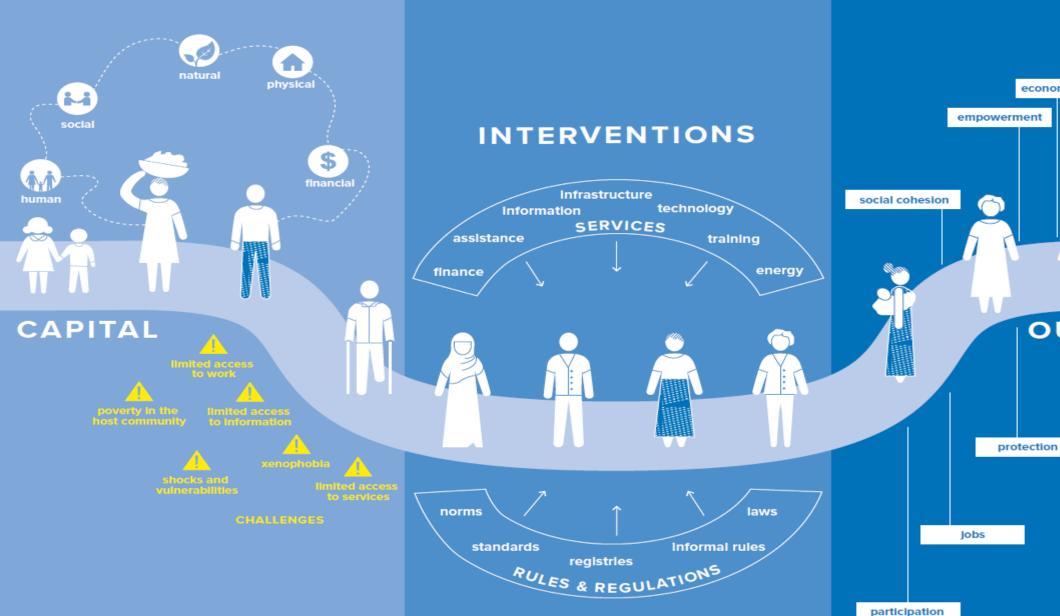


Refugee Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and its Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) including the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) call for the enhancement of refugee resilience and self-reliance, as well as the need for and benefit of taking on a wholeof-society approach.







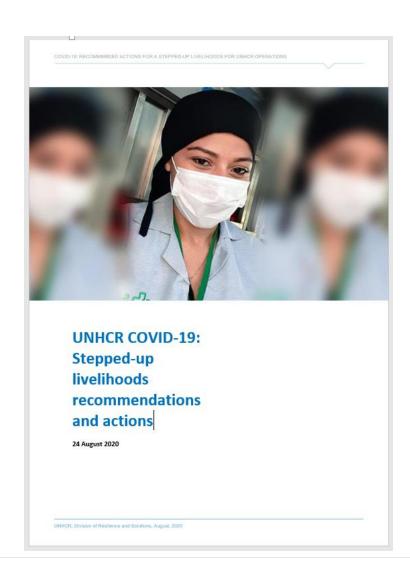


Key challenges UNHCR internal survey from 2019

- Country legal frameworks not conducive to foster formalised access to employment: 88% of refugees have restricted right to work, 70% have limited freedom of movement and access to markets and 65% of refugees have limited access to bank accounts.
- Pre-existing poverty, low saving rates, and lack of economic assets diminish the resilience to respond to additional economic shocks as triggered by the pandemic containment measures.
- Access to entrepreneurship is limited by access to formal financial services: Refugee
 business face challenges in accessing loans, formalizing businesses and inclusion into
 existing value chains.
- Fourthly, limited access to training and skills development and recognition renders many income generating opportunities unattainable.



Why a "COVID-19 Livelihoods strategy"?



- ✓ Respond to the disproportionate socio-economic impact that COVID-19 has on POCs.
- Respond to High Commissioners request on enhancing livelihoods opportunities in the field and positioning livelihoods as a central piece of any COVID-19 response



Livelihoods Subobjectives for the EHAGL region

- **Data/Information Management:** Market and evidence-based livelihoods programming for POCs is enabled in the region through the creation of a solid evidence base.
- Advocacy: Legal and de facto economic inclusion of POCs is fostered though advocacy and burdensharing with host governments.
- **Partnerships:** POCs are included in self-reliance projects across the humanitarian-development nexus.
- **UNHCR Implementation:** UNHCR LH country programs are aligned with global and regional LH directions and are designed and managed effectively.



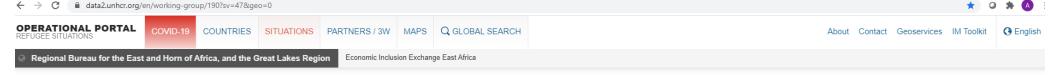


Data/Information-Management: Market and evidence-based livelihoods programming for POCs is enabled in the region through the creation of a solid evidence base.

Actions	Outputs	Key partners
Promote inclusion of POCs in national or regional Socio-Economic Assessments and surveys and share results publicly via the joint UNHCR/WB Micro library Support interagency assessments and joint targeting	 POCs are an integral part of national socio-economic assessments. In consequence PoCs are increasingly included in national responses to poverty, unemployment, etc through using data to inform evidence-based advocacy. LH planning across the humanitarian development nexus considers POCs and host communities alike. Agencies, INGOs and partners use harmonized targeting methodologies to jointly assist POCs with best suited support in for instance Poverty Alleviation Projects, for Cash and Livelihoods interventions. PAC partners and operations are using the Self-Reliance Index (SRI) to measure progress of POCs self-reliance. The data in turn are used to further PAC fundraising and GRF reporting. POCs are integrated in ILO and host government labour market assessments. 	Governments, National Bureau of Statistics, World Bank, DFID, UN Agencies, GCR section UNHCR/WFP excellence and targeting hub, joint PAC targeting, ILO, IFC, FAO
Facilitate the use of UNHCR Socio-economic Assessments toolkit	 Country operations that are not able to include POCs in joint or partners assessments are capacitated to conduct their own socio-economic assessments using UNHCR toolkit. Accurate and useful data is produced on POCs, allowing for better advocacy and project development 	UNHCR DRS in cooperation with national partners
Continue to develop the Economic Inclusion Exchange East Africa website as key report and webinar repository	 Key reports are uploaded to the shared interagency website and are used by partners and operations to inform programming. Concise presentations are shared by partners and approaches are discussed, researched and jointly validated. 	Partners across the humanitarian- development nexus
Encourage new research to identify sectors and approaches suited to integrate PoCs	New opportunities for POCs are identified in emerging fields such as: Green economy, Digital economy and Care economy, and Local Economic Development	Private sector, academia, UN agencies and NGOs
Ensure information is up cycled into global report and external briefs	 Key global, regional and country reports feature information, data and analysis from the region. Data and information gathered from the field, socio-economic assessments are analysed and shared with colleagues from other sections and senior management and provide compelling data for external engagements including reporting products media, partnership engagement. 	UNHCR country operations



Economic Inclusion Exchange East Africa



Economic Inclusion Exchange East Africa

Working Group Description

The economic inclusion exchange on displacement is an exchange forum for members of regional INGOs, UN agencies, IFIs, CSOs, research institutes across the humanitarian-development nexus in Eastern Africa. It stimulates discussions, research, and sharing of best practices related to the livelihoods and economic inclusion of refugee, returnees, other persons in displacement and their host communities. It is an open platform for discussion of partners advocating, researching, investing and realizing projects that strengthen self-reliance and resilience, reduce the need of assistance, contribute to economics, increase protection and enhance durable solutions. "Economic inclusion means enabling refugees to provide for themselves and be net contributors to economic development as consumers, workers and entrepreneurs. It is one of the most important keys to enhancing protection and unlocking solutions for refugees" (Flippo Grandi, United Nations Hugh Commissioner for Refugees)

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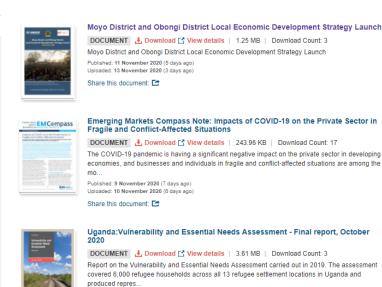
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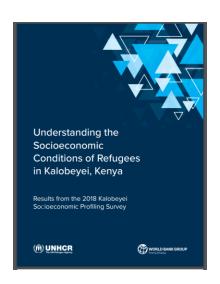
♀ Highlights

 Local Economic Development Strategy Launch – Moyo and Obongi Districts On 20 November, with support of their local economic development partners, UNHCR and Deutsche Gesellschaft für ationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Moyo district and Obongi district are launching their Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy Both these districts have had mass influxes of refugees over the last few Obongi. They have formulated their five year development plans under the Comprehensive National Development Framework with a vision to have a transformed population that is productive and prosperous by 2040. The main pillars of the LED strategy are enabling infrastructure supporting local private sector development, upgrading human capital. attracting investment and changing attitudes towards local economic development. The inclusion of refugees in the district development plans provides stakeholders with a structure to transition towards resilience building interventions. Please find more information in the uploaded LED brochure and for further details contact Teresa Ongaro (Head of Field Office, Moyo, Uganda)

 IKEA Foundation contributes \$3.5 million to support FAO's work with refugees and host communities in eastern Africa: FAO, in collaboration



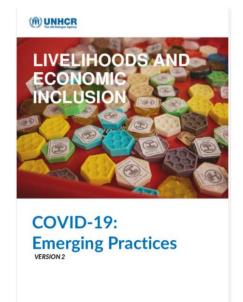
Upcycling information – best practices



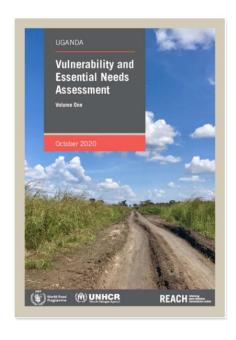




COVID-19: Emerging Practices









Advocacy: Legal and de facto economic inclusion of POCs is enabled though advocacy and burden-sharing with host governments.

Actions	Outputs	Key partners
Conduct rights-based advocacy for legal economic inclusion into labour markets	Joint regional rights assessments on right to employment and self-employment, and right to land tenure to inform advocacy. Country and regional normative and policy frameworks enable POCs access to labour markets, right to own a business, freedom of movement, recognition of skills and decent work. RACs including EAC and IGAD receive required support implementation of key frameworks, policies, advocacy interventions (IGAD support platform and Kampala Declaration on Jobs and Livelihoods)	UNHCR Protection and DIP, Host governments, WB, IGAD, EAC, UN agencies, MFIs, NGOs, donors, academia
Facilitate GRF pledge matching in support to key government pledges, and the launch of the IGAD support platform	GRF livelihoods pledges in the region are progressing and enabling POC self-reliance. Pledge progress issued for advocacy for more win-win opportunities.	All pledging partners, IGAD, private sector, donors
Provide Technical support to government led projects	POC economic inclusion is improved in specific thematic or geographical areas. Government officials are aware of the win-win opportunities that economic inclusion of PoCs brings. Local Economic Development strategies are supported, and external funding solicited.	UNCTAD, IOM, ILO, national bodies, TVET institutions, municipalities
Advocacy for inclusion in national COVID-19 responses and economic stimulus	Refugees recover more self-reliance from the pandemic as fewer are forced to deplete or sell their income generating assets or businesses. Key partnerships are leveraged to advocate for an improved policy environment.	Donor and recipient countries of ODA, IMF or WB IDA



Partnerships: POCs are included in self-reliance projects across the humanitarian-development nexus.

Actions	Outputs	Key partners		
Facilitate bridging of the humanitarian development nexus through regional working group	 Better coordination between humanitarian and development actors leads to meaningful interventions for affected POCs. Joint advocacy objectives are formulated. 	UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, CSOs, Research institutes, government bodies		
Support partners pledge implementation and matching from the Global Refugee Forum	POCs livelihoods are improved through the interventions and livelihoods programmes by actors such as IKEA Foundation, the African Entrepreneurship Collective, KIVA, etc.	GRF pledging partners, donors,		
Attract private sector through multi-stakeholder forums, and cooperation in ongoing projects	 More refugees are employed in private sector companies and receiving relevant services, providing higher degrees of stable and formal employment for refugees. Private sector partners see the advantages of employing POCs and working with POC owned enterprises. successful pilots in Uganda of joint UNCTAD, IOM private sector support training 	Private sector partners, AMAHORO coalition, chambers of commerce, UNCTAD, IOM, IFC, MFIs		



GRF Livelihoods pledges

Total of **38** pledges targeting Jobs and Livelihoods thematic area of focus were identified as potentially relevant to the East, Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region.

States in the region made 9 pledges distributed by pledging entity as follows: Ethiopia (1); Rwanda (3); Somalia (1); Sudan (2) and Tanzania (1).

There were **29 pledges** made by Donor States (3); International organizations including UN agencies (5); NGOs (14), the Private Sector (6) and Academic and research institutions (1) that are either country-specific, multi-country or regional in nature.

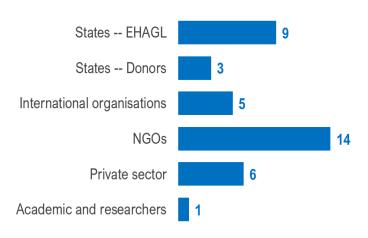


Fig. 1: Jobs and Livelihoods pledges by pledging entity

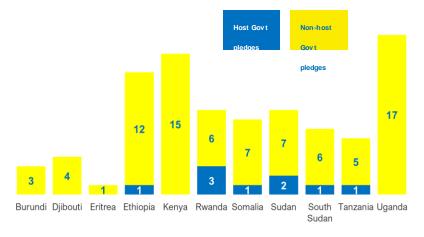


Fig. 2: Jobs and Livelihoods pledges by receiving country



Action: Facilitate the implementation of the Poverty Alleviation Coalition (PAC) at country level and in cooperation with ReDSS

Outputs

- 150,000 extremely poor households are offered livelihoods programmes (graduation approach) by 2025, improving particularly for those in the informal economy.
- New partners such as WFP, UNCTAD, FAO are aware of the PAC and are included in complementary programming.
- PAC partners use joint key indicators of impact, and are increasingly adopting the Self-Reliance-Index

Partners

PAC partners, donors, SRI

Examples

• PAC guidelines, country calls with partners, review of concept notes regional webinars (2x in 2020), SRI training (upcoming), ReDDS sub-group in 2021



The Poverty Alleviation Coalition in the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes Region

Briefing Note - October 2020

UNHCR, Regional Bureau for East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes, October, 2020



MADE 51

Strengthen the MADE51 artisanal regional network and increase access of refugees to global value chains

- MADE 51 regional networks are expanding and have improved access to regional sales
- Artisan refugees have improved income and received capacity building to compete in the global artisan market.
- Global advocacy messaging strengthened that refugees have a distinct culture, capacities and traditions that are worth preserving.

MADE 51, Social entreprises, artisans, NGOs, national and international buyers

20 STUNNING ORNAMENTS FOR 2020





THE HANDCRAFTED HOLIDAY COLLECTION

A 20 PIECE SERIES OF STUNNING
ORNAMENTS, EACH REFLECTING THE
HISTORY, TRADITIONS AND JOURNEYS
OF REFUGEE ARTISANS.











UNHCR-FAO partnership

Based on the global MoU enhance the partnership with FAO to ensure inclusion of refugees into agricultural, energy and natural resource management programs and improve knowledge sharing

- FAO/UNHCR partnership is strengthened and POCs included into FAOs ongoing projects, advocacy and assessments.
- Joint projects are developed at country level befitting POC food security and income levels.
- IKEA Foundation value-chain project in Kenya and Uganda linking refugees to key national and global value chains and is providing employment.
- Joint training is developed for UNHCR and FAO staff
- Enhanced joined communication on food security
- > Joint research on Land Tenure rights

FAO, donors, NGO and other implementing partners



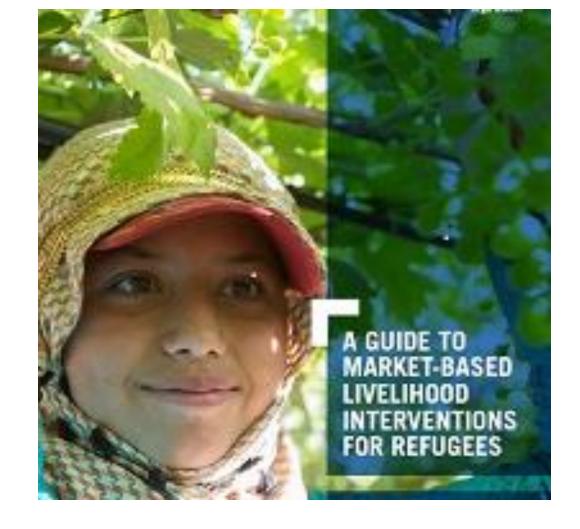


UNHCR-ILO partnership

Based on the global MoU enhance the partnership with ILO to ensure a rights-based approach, joint project implementation and decent work for PoCs.

- POCs included into ILOs ongoing projects, advocacy and assessments, including job centres, trainings, and Employment Intensive Projects (EIPs)
- Projects under the <u>PROSPECTS</u> partnership are jointly developed and implemented benefiting POCs.
- Based on a joint TVET research, POCs inclusion in national TVET projects is market based and enhanced.
- New cooperation opportunities in green jobs, care economy, labour mobility, digital economy is analysed and pilots initiated.
- Joint Action plan is implemented

ILO, donors, host governments, NGO and other implementing partners



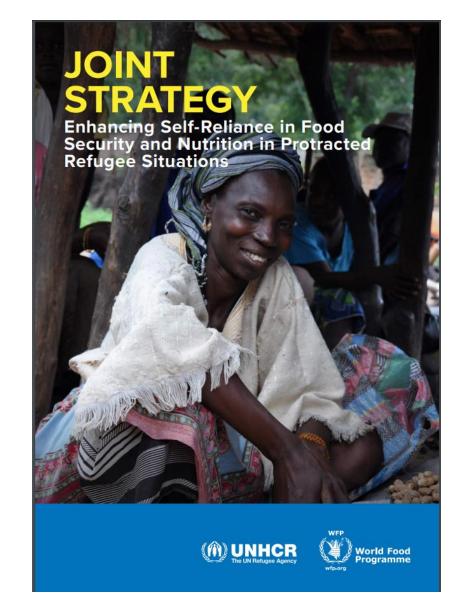


UNHCR-WFP partnership

Based on the global MoU enhance the partnership with WFP ensure successful implementation of the HUB approach and improved alignment of LH approaches

- WFP/UNHCR partnership is strengthened, joint targeting, assessment and advocacy for LH projects is developed at pilot level in Rwanda and scaled- up regionally.
- Synergies across existing and planned projects are established to assist POCs graduation from food dependency to selfreliance.
- Improved regional advocacy and synergies between projects

WFP, donors, PAC partners, NGO and other implementing partners





UNHCR-IKEA F

Support IKEA F in the definition and implementation of the projects in EHAGL

- Support dissemination of lessons learnt from Dollo Ado and Melkadida
- Support in formulation and role out of the IRC lead urban project (30 million aprox.

 Kampala and Nairobi)
- Facilitation of community readiness study

MADE 51, Social entreprises, artisans, NGOs, national and international buyers



Cooperation with IFI's

Strengthen collaboration with IFIs to unlock barriers to refugee employment and help create job opportunities.

- IFIS and UNHCR advocate jointly for a rightsbased access to labour markets and improved policy frameworks.
- IFIS have sufficient support and information access to include POCs in existing and planned projects.
- Facilitate outreach to IFA lead initiatives such as the KKCEF (over 20 million) in line with GISEDEP government lead programming
- > Support to the WB IDA 19 role out 500million to 1 billion aprox. (2 Billion world wide)

WB, AFDB, IFC, EIB and others



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The Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund

The Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) is a program of the International Finance Corpora (IFC), implemented with Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund, Turkana County Government, and UN The five-year program is designed to support private sector investment and unlock the econom potential of refugees and their hosts, in Kenya's Turkana County.



Partnerships for Financial Inclusion

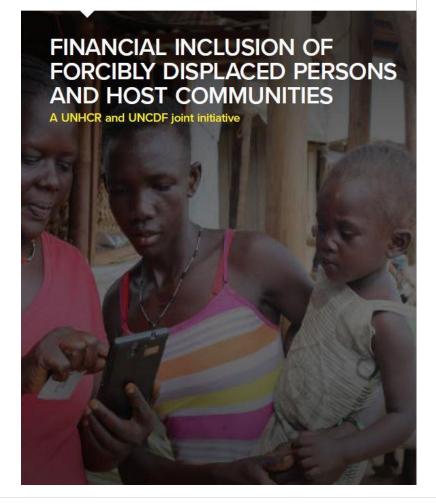
Enhance engagement with DFIs and donors to consider providing market-conducive incentives/blended finance for FSPs and investors during and in the aftermath of the crisis

- POCs can access formal financial services through public and private funding or transferring risk to DHs and donors (e.g., by co-investing, providing technical assistance, funding market research and creating guarantees).
- Through formal financial services, POCs can access credit for their businesses and consumption needs, store their savings in a safe place, make financial transactions and receive foreign remittances.
- Improved cross-sectorial cooperation capitalizing on bank partnerships from CBI and
- Informal saving group guide implemented
- UNHCR UNCDF strategy is implemented at regional and country level

FSPs, government, donors









UNHCR-Implementation: UNHCR LH country programs are aligned with global and regional LH directions and are designed and managed effectively.

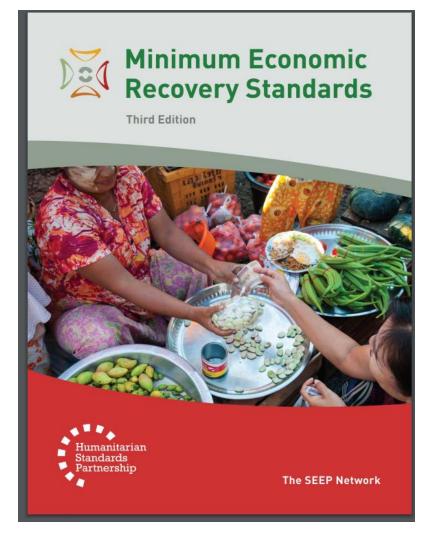
Actions	Outputs	Key partners			
Provide technical support to country operations in line with the Stepped-up LH support package	Country level Livelihoods strategies are adapted to the Pandemic situation and the need for additional measures to assist refugees to regain their livelihoods.	Country operations in partnership with implementing partners			
	Support measures are offered across the steps and may include services such as capacity building, strategy development, resource mobilization, M&E, etc (Annex 1).				
	Global LH training is aligned to regional needs and targeted webinars are offered to staff.				
Ensure UNHCR funded livelihoods programmes are using the MERS standards where inclusion in responses by partners is	Projects are developed and implemented in accordance with internationally recognised MERS standards and use funding effectively and efficiently.	UNHCR and key implementing partners			
not viable	Refugees, who would otherwise not have a chance of livelihoods support, are in part supported by UNHCR.				
Support country operations in accessing labour mobility pathways	Understanding of labour mobility as part of the global <u>Complementary Pathways Strategy</u> is strengthened and multifunctional teams established to pilot labour mobility seems.	UNHCR protection and education teams, private sector partners, receiving states, ILO			
	Mid-term approaches are developed with partners with refugees receiving training that enables them to find jobs in third countries.				
Promote learning to earning solutions	Foster strong cooperation between education and livelihoods teams, to jointly reach out to new partners and to ensuring training/higher education responds to market needs.	UNHCR education teams, ILO, National TVET institutions, INGOs			
	Improved labour market integration of POCs				
Support country level and RB <u>Evaluations</u>	UNHCR Evaluation Service and academia				
Promote use of global Livelihoods Information System	UNHCR funded and implemented projects are monitored and monitoring results are used to improve project programming.	UNHCR DRS, World Bank, <u>CartNog</u> and implementing partners			

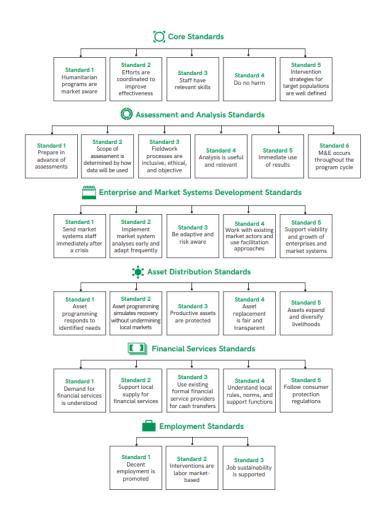
UNHCR Operations Needs Mapping

	REQUESTING						CO Capacity and	Project	Project delivery	Service	Human/financ	in a second seco
REGION		CATEGORY	REQUEST	Focal point	Prioritized?	RR Priority	iustification	initiated	date	delivered	resources	Comments
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EHAGL	RB	RESEARCH		Ellen Lee		Yes				Not initiated		
			Ĭ ,						31st December			
EHAGL		RESEARCH	Desk review of COVID-19 impacts	Ellen Lee		Yes			2020	Not initiated		
EHAGL		STRATEGY	Strategic review/draft/evaluation	Cian O Brien	Yes			Yes	1st October 2020	Yes		The LEI unit wrote a strategy for/with the RB and it has now been passed to the LH officer for approval
		PARTNERSHIPS &	_									
EHAGL	RB	RESOURCES	PAC	Cian O Brien	Yes	Yes		Yes	1st October 2020	Yes		PAC regoinal briefing doc. The LEI unit wrote a strategy for/with the RB and it has now been passed to the LH officer for app roval
		CAPACITY BUILDING										Regional capacity building for new LH and cross sectoral cooperation (virtual support through webinars). 1 1/2 hours interactive
EHAGL	RB	CALL ALOTT I BULLDING	Livelihoods training (1)	Ellen Lee; Anna Gaunt	Yes	Yes			Q1 2021	Not initiated		workshop/presentation
		CAPACITYBUILDING										Webinar on concept note & MERS. Countries to be specified. Elle to deliver, RB will convene. 1 1/2 hours interactive
EHAGL	RB			Ellen Lee; Anna Gaunt	Yes	Yes			Q1 2021	Not initiated		workshop/presentation
EHAGL			Livelihoods strategy workshop (2)	Ellen Lee; Anna Gaunt					Q1 2021	Not initiated		
		PARTNERSHIPS &							30th November			
EHAGL		RESOURCES	SRI	Anna Gaunt; Cian O Brier	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	2020			SRI workshop
		PARTNERSHIPS &										
EHAGL		RESOURCES		Anna Gaunt; Cian O Brier		Yes	Yes	Yes		Ongoing		RB is putting together follow-up sheets per country/partner, early 2021 will review
EHAGL		CAPACITY BULDING		Cian O Brien	Yes			Yes	25th Sep 2020	Yes		Self-reliance intiative (SRI) webinar
EHAGL		CAPACITY BUILDING	PAC Webinar	Cian O Brien	Yes			Yes		Yes		Poverty Alleviation Coalifon webinars
	RB, Burundi,											
	Ethiopia, Kenya,											
		PARTNERSHIPS &										
		RESOURCES										
	Sudan, Sudan,											
EHAGL	Uganda		PAC regional briefing note	Cian O Brien	Yes	Yes		Yes		Ongoing		Supporting PAC
		STRATEGY										As for the LH strategy – the operation has a 4 year strategy in place that was drafted in 2018, prior to the evaluation.
		STRATEGY		l								In line with the recommendations of the evaluation, we would recommend a revision of the strategy, once the P3 LH officer joins
EHAGL	Djibouti		Strategic review/draft/evaluation	Anna Gaunt; Cian O Brier	Yes	Yes			31st Mar 2021	Not initiated	_	the team early next year.
												Design + review. Strategy contextualization for covid19. The Kenya operation has currently a draft strategy in place that is with senior management for validation (joint exercise with Laura B. input from RB in 2019). The coeration is now damning
		STRATEGY										senior management for validation (joint exercise with Laura B., input from RB in 2019). The operation is now planning contextualized strategies for three locations responding to the Covid situation, for which they would welcome RB/DRS technical
		GITOTIZET		Anna Gaunt: HQ focal								support/review. A small workshop for the operation on how to draft a statedy might be appreciated, and a LH refresher training.
EHAGL	Kenya			point	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Q1 2021	Ongoing		but this is something we will discuss further in the next country call.
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EHAGL	Kenya	CAPACITYBUILDING	Part of the RB capacity building	Ellen Lee	Yes	Yes			Q1 2021	Not initiated		we can do something now virtually.
LIIAGE	Ixeriya		Tall of the NB capacity building	Lileii Lee	163	163	PARK to discuss w		Q1 2021	Not illitiated		Request that Socio-economic assessment (SEA) conducted jointly with the World Bank and the Somalia government's National
EHAGL	Somalia	ASSESSMENT	Socio-economic impact assessment (SEA)	PARK		Yes	CO		Q4 2021	Not initiated		Statistics Institute
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EHAGL	Somalia	STRATEGY		point	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Q1 2021	Ongoing		drafting the next Livelihoods strategy for the period 2021 – 2024.
EHAGL		ASSESSMENT				Yes		Yes	Q2 2021	Ongoing		ILO has already initiated in 2019 and will share results w UNHCR to inform programming
EHAGL		STRATEGY				Yes		Yes	Q2 2021	Not initiated		SDO will write partnership strategy including livelihoods chapter
EHAGL		STRATEGY		Anna Gaunt; maybe HQ t			Yes			Not initiated		Strategy drafting (light technical review)
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EHAGL	Burundi	ASSESSMENT	Socio-economic impact assessment (SEA)	PARK						Awaiting input	from COs	
	Tanzania.	ACCECCMENT	The state of the s	II 00		N1.				indiang input		
EHAGL	Burundi	ASSESSMENT	Labour market assessment (LMA)	ILO?		No				Awaiting input	from COs	Market systems analysis
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EHAGL	Burundi	STRATEGY	Strategic review/draft/evaluation	Anna Gaunt	Yes	Yes				Awaiting input	from COs	Strategic and technical review mission
EHAGL	Uganda	ASSESSMENT	Socio-economic impact assessment (SEA)	PARK						Not initiated		we would like to confirm that the Uganda operation will need support from DRS to conduct a socio-economic assessment.
EHAGL		TBC	TBC							Awaiting input	from COs	Nothing requested, review strategy in light of covid once a LH officer is in place
EHAGL		STRATEGY	Regional sub strategies to be drafted							Awaiting input		Nothing requested, but anticipating substrategies for different regions
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	CAPACITY											



Minimum Economic Recovery Standards







Global Livelihoods Information System

