

Jobs and Livelihoods

2nd Meeting of the Co-Sponsors Group

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Participants:

Carleton University, FinChurchAid, Ikea Foundation, Centre for Global Development, Settlement Services International, IRC, Tent Partnership for Refugees, EU, ILO, WRC, UNHCR

Summary of Main Conclusions from First Meeting

- The importance of conducive policies for achieving inclusive economic development was highlighted
- Need to start focusing on countries and situations and start developing pledges while engaging host countries in discussions
- Many are interested in sharing best practice
- Five sub-categories were identified:
 1. Women's economic empowerment
 2. Financial inclusion
 3. Training and skills development
 4. Value chain development (local economic development)
 5. Entrepreneurship
- Peaceful co-existence, disability, mental health, and participation of refugees have been considered cross-cutting areas

Discussion of methodology for Pledge Development and the Way Forward

- Enabling environment – laws, policies
- Investment from private sector in host countries or elsewhere
- Thinking about IGAD because of the Kampala Declaration on Jobs,, Livelihoods, and Self-Reliance for Refugees in the IGAD Region (March 2019) – clear commitment for economic inclusion
 - Was picked because it is on the way of getting there
- Propose to pick countries and then do analysis in time for the 3rd meeting
- Need to look at countries that have committed already and help them implement
- Need to do additional outreach to host countries
- EU – still haven't made a final decision. When look at the sub-categories, if we were to propose a pledge, would be in connection with host countries
- Identify things that work and build on those examples
- Likely many co-sponsors will develop thematic pledges, e.g. ILO maybe around economic empowerment
- ILO – will likely look at access to labour markets in IGAD (Ethiopia, Kenya, ?) and assess impact of refugees on host communities on the markets
- ILO: want to do collection of emerging practices (started in Jordan and finalised one in Turkey – access of refugees access to markets) – open that to other countries and start to draw lessons of intervention models
 - Look at regulatory frameworks
 - Starting in Uganda and Ethiopia large-scale employment projects (?)
 - Support to employment services
 - How to build jobs in peace programmes?

- Dutch partnership – 5 inter-agency multi-million partnership – lots of lessons to be learned

Next Steps and Division of Labour (3rd meeting)

- WRC – would be good to have thematic and regional/country approach. GRF high-level panel and side events also need to be discussed, as well as links with other co-sponsorship groups, e.g. protection capacity expects legal frameworks to be included here
- IRC considering the East Africa region as one of the most prominent areas, Chad/Niger, also considering SE Asia – Bangladesh situation, and maybe Germany
- GRF High-Level Panel – will have more ideas at the end of August, as will other groups, because of the lack of institutional clarity
- **Peter O’Sullivan, UNHCR – focal point for side events**, will help some of the groups with concept notes on **side events** on 30 minutes and then inputs from the floor – will have more clarity by the 3rd meeting and send something about a week before
- **Criteria for good practices? (WRC)**
 - Ziad, UNHCR- good idea, could include criteria like impact, quality of jobs,

Action Points

- All to provide more suggestions of **potential countries/situations in the next week**, allowing at least 3-4 weeks to get the information required and carry out the analysis.
 - E.g. think of any country and we can work with colleagues on the ground and in the group to get information and analysis
- UNHCR will develop a work plan – to be fine-tuned and refined in the 3rd meeting
- Next Meeting: End August, with a draft zero by then of the work plan, plus quick analysis of IGAD countries
- WRC and ILO to propose some criteria/Dos and Don’ts of Good practices: FOR WRC and ILO to propose, something short and sweet