

Meeting Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector

Meeting Date: 7 June 2023

Participants: AAB, ACF, BBC Media Action, BRAC, Coordaid, CWW, CNRS, DRC, Education Sector, FAO, GUK, Helvetas, Habitat for Humanity, HelpAge International, HAP, IRC, IOM, ILO, ISCG, Mukti Cxb, NGO Forum, Oxfam, Prottiyashi, PIB, Shushilan, SHED, UNHCR, UNFPA, United Purpose, WFP.

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. LSDS and ISCG updates
3. Partner's Host/ Local Community activities.
4. Partner presentation- HelpAge International
5. AoB

Agenda	Discussion points
LSDS and ISCG updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Handicapped International (HI) is organizing Disability Inclusive Humanitarian Action Training on 18-19 and 21-22 June, LSDS has collected nominations from partners and submitted it to HI. The selection of participants is at the discretion of organizer HI, LSDS is keeping track of sector partners who are receiving this training for future reference. ➤ A common messaging targeting the Rohingya refugee community on adjustments in assistance package was released by ISCG, Sector shared the key points in the meeting and already share the document over mail as well with partners. ➤ The Sectors must identify 2-3 indicators to measure the impact of the food ration cuts, in this point below are the discussion points from the Sector partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to food ration cut more and more beneficiaries are interested to get involved in Income Generation Activities opportunities. - As the Sector is collecting 5W information each month from partners, the trend of beneficiaries getting involved in Income Generation Activities throughout the months of food ration cut commencement could be analyzed. - As per the Volunteer Engagement Guidance only one member from each HH can be engaged as volunteer at any time. Exceptions may be made where specialized skills/education/training are needed. The one eligible member is mostly male member of the HH in most of the cases. Due to this food ration cut, female members are willing to get skills development opportunities to fulfill the specialized skills requirement. - Elderly male and female beneficiaries from the age group of 59+ are willing to contribute to their respective HHs on verge of this food ration cut. ➤ Sector has shared with partners that UNHCR is going to conduct the Prioritization and Targeting Exercise (PTE) starting from August 2023. ➤ LSDS has finalized the ToR for Camp Focal Points and shared with all relevant stakeholders. ➤ A concern was raised from CFP's side that many of the CiCs are not aware of the LSDS activities and do not have CFP contact list. LSDS confirmed that the ToR and the contact list of LSDS_CFP has already been shared with ISCG, ISCG will further share these with CiCs, SMS actors and other stakeholders. ➤ Camp Focal Points provided concerns that according to the ToR they have many responsibilities to carry for sector, it will be challenging to perform both roles for their organizations and the Sector. LSDS responded that, for the CFPs their respective organizational role is priority, they can support LSDS on need basis.

<p>Partner's Host/ Local Community activities.</p>	<p>In this Coordination meeting Sector specifically looked into the activities in Host/local Communities implemented by the Sector partners-</p> <p>GUK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GUK is implementing HC project with funding from UNFPA. ➤ They are providing handicraft training to 120 beneficiaries in Ratnapalong of Ukhiya and Shamlapur and Sabrang of Teknaf. <p>Concern Worldwide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CWW is providing IGA opportunities and skills development on handicrafts and netmaking in Ratnapalong and Haldiapalong. ➤ The activities are funded by BPRM and covering 450 beneficiaries. <p>ACF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACF has established 15 youth clubs covering 450 youth male and female beneficiaries. ➤ They are providing technical training on driving, AC repairing, mobile repairing and electrician training. <p>BBC Media Action, IRC and Shushilan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BBC Media Action, IRC and Shushilan as a consortium providing Livelihoods support to Ukhiya and Teknaf. ➤ They are providing 1200 youth beneficiaries with handicraft, Business Management, Soft Skills, driving etc. ➤ They are also covering 180 Persons with Disabilities. <p>United Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UP with technical support from IOM and funding from GAC covering 6 Upazillas of Cox's Bazar. In the Host Community of Ukhiya, Teknaf and in Local Community of Chakaria, Cox's Bazar Sadar, Kutubdia and Moheshkhali. ➤ They are providing skills development based on assessment and Business Management training to 475 beneficiaries in Sabrang of Teknaf and 373 beneficiaries in Jaliapalong of Ukhiya. They have plan to cover 3500 beneficiaries. <p>ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ILO is waiting for Government approval on skills development and entrepreneurship trainings for Host/Local communities. ➤ They are creating partnership and collaborating with youth, women departments, skills development institution, Coxs' Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries and other local relevant institutions for implementing aforementioned activities. <p>Oxfam and Mukti Cox's Bazar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With the funding from UN Women, Oxfam and Mukti Cox's Bazar is providing livelihoods support to HC beneficiaries with small businesses and Business Management Training in Hnila, Whykong of Teknaf. ➤ Also, in MPWC at Whykong of Teknaf, they are providing training block printing and handicraft training. <p>HAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HAP is providing training on humanitarian principles and handicraft to 500 HC volunteers. <p>DRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DRC has selected 60 beneficiaries in Jaliapalong and Rajapalong of Ukhiya, the project will be implemented by their partner ESDO. The trades are not selected yet.
<p>Partner presentation- HelpAge International</p>	<p>HelpAge International provided their current skills development project activities in camps which is funded by WFP (presentation attached with the mail)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HelpAge international is only targeting Persons with Disabilities and elderly beneficiaries ➤ HelpAge International currently do not have projects with Persons with Disabilities from Host Community but they are doing the fund-raising campaigning on this purpose.

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AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ From the Camp Focal Points meeting, Sector came to know that many female beneficiaries are hiding their information on early-stage pregnancy while the beneficiary selection assessment is going on. In some cases, once they are selected for skills set and start the training, at an advance pregnancy stage they are not being able to carry on with the trainings. In these circumstances, the agency which is providing the skills development training must consider them as dropout. The Sector suggested that, while these beneficiaries are considered as dropout, the agency providing training to them should keep the record of the beneficiary and in future after the delivery when the beneficiary is again eligible and in sound health, the agency should consider her as beneficiary for next batch of training or consider referring to other agency in that same particular training.➤ Also, another concern was raised in the meeting that, most of the organizations are only targeting beneficiaries in 18-24 years age group, it is limiting the opportunities for 24+ beneficiaries. Partners should also target 24+ beneficiaries, while planning and designing new trainings.
Useful links	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Terms of Reference LSDS Focal Points➤ LSDS Camp Focal Point contact list➤ LSDS 5W Partner Presence Chart
Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Next Sector Coordination Meeting 21 June, ISCG Conference Room from 2.00- 3.30 pm.