

Meeting Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Coordination Meeting

Meeting Date: 13 September 2023

Participants: ACF, AAB, BBC Media Action, CWW, DRC, GUK, HAP, HelpAge International, IOM, OXFAM, Protyashi, SAWAB. Shushilan, SCI, RDRS, SHED, UN Women, UNHCR

Agenda:

1. **Guidelines for Vocational Training**
2. **Updates from the Sector**
3. **AoB**

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Guideline for Vocational Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UNHCR representative provided presentation on the formal Competency Based Training (CBT) in the Refugee Camps. ➤ Competency Based Training is provided based on the demand in a Sector for the required Skill. ➤ Rohingya Community is world’s largest stateless people, so they can not receive any Formal CBT based on any national framework. ➤ The Government of Bangladesh – United Nations Framework on Skills Development for Rohingya Refugee/FDMNs and Host Communities - paved the way for vocational skills relevant to Myanmar Market. It enables organizations to provide CBT training based on MNQF and AQRF. (The pdf of the presentation is attached along with the meeting minutes) <p>Questions/ Answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How does an organization hire trainer for a particular skill? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Trainers who have level – 3 or 4 qualifications from BTEB or NSDA are eligible for providing training in a particular area. According to a UNHCR colleague, the trainers are to be hired as a staff and the salary should be decided by the hiring organization. ➤ In which language the training should be conducted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Trainers will be using local dialect or get support from translators to provide training, but the materials and presentation will be disseminated in English. Use of multimedia presentations is highly recommended. ➤ How the assessment of the beneficiaries would be conducted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sector still to finalize the assessment and certification process. The current practice from the partners who are implementing the Pilot Vocational training is to use existing pool of assessors. Upon getting request from the partners, the assessors – who are experts in relevant skill – assess the beneficiaries following an existing assessment tool. The assessments are conducted through written, oral and demonstration methods. ➤ Were the cross-cutting issues considered when designing the process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The contents of the training packages have just been finalized, with time cross-cutting issues will be considered with the support of relevant Networks/Working Groups. There are day care centers and breast-feeding corners for the female beneficiaries inside the training facilities. Women participants are highly encouraged to participate in the VT. In the JRP 2024 project template the cross-cutting issues will be addressed so that partners can follow the guidance while developing and planning the proposals. ➤ Can an organization only provide VT? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Partners should not only focus on providing training, but they should also consider the package of engaging the beneficiary as volunteer or providing self-employment opportunity. ➤ After the completion of training how will the sectoral referral system for the beneficiaries be established?

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	<p>A. The LSDS will establish a referral system for relevant Sectors in future. For now, for example UNHCR is discussing with Health Sector Working Groups how to utilize the beneficiaries who have already graduated.</p> <p>➤ What is the action for Literacy and Numeracy issues?</p> <p>A. Under the GAC project, 24,000 beneficiaries are receiving pre-vocational training, which includes Literacy, Numeracy, and Life Skills for the age group 18-24. UNHCR and UNESCO are developing Accelerated Adult Learning Course Materials which will be covering basic literacy, functional literacy (in English and Burmese), numeracy and life skills, and will be conducted for 6 months.</p>
Updates from Sector	<p>➤ Sector shared the detailed JRP 2024 timeline with partners. (Presentation attached)</p> <p>➤ LSDS is going to have a SAG meeting on 19 September.</p> <p>➤ For JRP 2024 the Sector will revise some of the activities based on the discussion with SAG.</p> <p>➤ The results from the preliminary Baseline Service Mapping for existing volunteers and Volunteer Plans for different sectors for 2024 were shared with partners. (Presentation attached). LSDS will bilaterally reach the Sectors to encourage them on taking part in the BSM.</p> <p>➤ Sector Coordinator emphasized on the rationalization principles again and asked the partners to adhere to the principles while planning for their future operations.</p>
AoB	<p>➤ Sector Partner, Humanitarian Assistance Programme (HAP) presented their new consortium – EMPOWR NETWORK. (Presentation attached).</p> <p>➤ The Sector will have a joint field visit with partners on 28 September, the final itinerary will be shared soon with interested partners.</p> <p>➤ For Camp 16 and 22, Camp Focal Point positions are vacant, Sector to fill up the positions in coming days, based on the Partner Presence Mapping.</p>

Next Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 September 2023, from 14:00-15:30 hrs, at the ISCG conference room.