

Meeting Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Technical Level Meeting

Meeting Date: 21 August 2023

Participants: AAB, BRAC, Cordaid, FIVDB, HelpAge, Plan International, Shushilan, WFP, UNHCR

Agenda:

1. Updates from partners
2. Way forward

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Updates from partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The LSDS invited partners who are implementing non-formal technical trainings in the Host Communities and Refugee Camps based on the information provided in the 5W tracker of the Sector. ➤ The LSDS intends to provide guidance towards harmonized approach to non-formal technical training within the scope of the Sector. ➤ Following are updates from partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FIVDB is providing 36 days tailoring training and handicraft training for the host community. ○ AAB as an implementing partner of WFP, is providing 200 hours (160 hours technical and 40 hours life skills) customized training on tailoring, MHM kits production, handicrafts, mechanic, and gas burner repairing. ○ HelpAge, another implementing partner of WFP, is providing basic literacy and numeracy training, life skills and financial literacy, handicraft, gas burner repairing, baboo and cane craft, and fishing net making. The course is of 200 hours per trade, 120 hours technical training, 40 hours literacy numeracy, and 40 hours life skills training. ○ Cordaid, also WFP implementing partner, is providing customized BTJET training on plumbing, repairing of household Items (bamboo and wood), and repairing of gas stoves and solar panels. They are also providing literacy and numeracy training, following the BRAC module. They are following the customized BTEB curriculum. The course is 200 hours per trade, 180 hours of technical training, and 20 hours of literacy numeracy, and life skills training. Cordaid is also organizing skills development training for FDMNs on Upcycling - Solid Waste Management with the aim of transforming waste into resources. ○ Plan International is planning to work in the Host Community providing customized technical trainings on computer, mobile servicing, and motor vehicle driving, as well as ToT for motor vehicle mechanics. ○ Shushilan is providing technical training under “YouthRISE” project as a member of the consortium of BBC Media Action and IRC. Shushilan is providing soft-skills trainings – Learn to Lead (L2L) and Learn to Earn (L2E) and technical trainings in the Host Communities – computer, motor-vehicle driving, handicrafts and tailoring. From other projects Shushilan has provided beauty parlor, tailoring and motorcycle repairing trainings. Shushilan follows BTEB or modified curriculum as per trait and availability of local trainers. Besides, the team is also providing agricultural trainings.
Way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The partners implementing non-formal technical training agreed to switch to implementing formal Vocational Training based on Myanmar curricula, once the training

packages are ready. The partners agreed to follow Sector recommendations on vocational training implementation and to adopt respective Sector guidelines, once developed.

- The Sector will share the guidelines for the Vocational Training before the JRP 2024 launch.
- The Sector is aiming to have the 10 selected skills curriculum packages available from early October. Based on the interest expressed by the partners, and upon verifying the implementation capacity, the Sector will share the curriculum. It will, however, be a dialogue process, based also on the needs/demand for skilled workforce identified through the recent baseline service mapping and other channels of communication with other sectors.
- Low literacy and numeracy levels remain a huge challenge when it comes to beneficiary selection. UNESCO is currently undertaking an assessment on literacy and numeracy rates for both, Refugee and Host Communities, to inform the development of relevant learning packages. The packages will be developed in coordination with the Sector.