

Meeting Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Coordination Meeting

Meeting Date: 27 September 2023

Participants: ACF, Agrajatra, AAB, AMAN, BRAC, BBC Media Action, CWW, DRC, Friendship, GUK, HAP, HelpAge International, IOM, NGO Forum, OXFAM. Shushilan, PIB, RDRS, UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA.

Agenda:

1. **LSDS 2024 JRP Response Plan**
2. **Updates from the Sector**
3. **AoB**

Agenda	Discussion points
1. LSDS 2024 JRP Response Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LSDS coordinator presented the Activity Matrix to the partners for LSDS 2024 JRP Response plan that was discussed and finalized with LSDS_SAG on 19 September. The main highlights are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 3 objectives of the Sector remain unchanged. ➤ The Activity Group 'Other' has been removed from 2024 LSDS Activity Matrix. ➤ A new Activity Group 'Accelerated Adult Learning (AAL)' has been introduced. One of the problems revealed during the piloting of the vocational training (Formal Competency Based Training) in 2023 are low levels of literacy of the population age 18+ which affects enrolment into the vocational training. The existing literacy programs are not suitable for those above the age of 18 (targeted age group of LSDS beneficiaries is 18+) and who are interested to join vocational skills program. In 2024, one of the main goals would be to implement the integrated approach to adult learning by introducing packages for accelerated adult learning, comprised of basic literacy, functional literacy for English, Burmese, and numeracy with an introduction to concerned vocational and livelihood skills and vocabulary, as well as the integration of soft and life skills. This would enable larger number of beneficiaries to access vocational skills training. The package is currently being piloted by UNHCR in collaboration with UNESCO. ➤ The activity 'Standardization of the curriculums/training materials on skills trainings' has been removed. ➤ 'Non-formal technical training' will be an Activity Group in 2024, and training packages will be of 120 hrs duration. The Sector is promoting implementation of the formally recognized and certified vocational training (Formal Competency Based Training) instead of non-formal technical training, so this should be considered when planning for future activities; the plan is to phase-out on no-formal technical training approach for trades/vocations that are already covered by the vocational training packages by 2025. Partners will be encouraged to take up AAL, so that there could be increment in the numbers of eligible beneficiaries for Vocational Training. ➤ As for the 'Agricultural Crop Production', both FSS and LSDS should instruct the partners that Agricultural Crop Production training of 360 hours (following the Myanmar vocational training curricula) is to be reported and budgeted under LSDS. The rest of the agricultural training activities are to be reported to FSS. ➤ 'Conditional Cash (off-farm) - i.e., "cash for training" for non-formal technical training implementation, CFW' to be removed as the activity. "Cash for training", as some partners are calling this kind of support, is to be included in the non-formal

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	<p>technical training packages when calculating the budget. CfW modality is not used in LSDS so none of the activities will be affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A new activity for 3rd objective was added for the Sector, as 'Research and Analysis related to LSDS'.➤ Unconditional Cash Grant is to be utilized under the 3rd objective of the Sector only during an emergency or crisis following the National Cash Transfer Working Group guideline.
Updates from Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ ISCG is preparing a cross-cutting issues guidance note, LSDS will share the guidance with partners soon.➤ On 26 September, Energy and Environment Network had a general coordination meeting and there was a presentation on Solar Street Lights dashboard in the camps. LSDS offers Formal Competency Based Training (CBT) on Solar maintenance. The dashboard will be a very useful tool for LSDS partners for planning the relevant volunteer engagement.➤ On 26 September, LSDS had a regular monthly meeting with Camp Focal Points on how to have a better coordination approach at the ground level. The meeting minutes are attached with this document.➤ On 26 September, there was Sectoral Coordination meeting with the CiCs. LSDS took part in the group discussion with CiCs from all 33 camps. The Sector also took suggestions from the CiCs on how to do better coordination with them, how to better serve the beneficiaries and how to better communicate with the beneficiaries.➤ SCCCM Sector is doing the 3rd phase of facility mapping exercise. LSDS is collecting the details from partners and will request the CFPs to verify the facility information.
AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If any partner wants to know the activities relevant to LSDS in a particular camp, they can refer to the LSDS Partner Presence Map, and contact LSDS for the information about partners' activities.➤ As presented at the Sector Coordination meeting held on 13 September, a standard learning package contains: Competency Standard (CS), Course Accreditation Document (CAD), Session Plan, Delivery Plan, and Competency Based Learning Materials (CBLM). The Sector announced an orientation workshop for all the partners once the training packages are finalized.