

Meeting Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector SAG Meeting

Meeting Date: 14 February 2024

Participants: BRAC, FSS, Helvetas, IOM, WFP.

Agenda:

1. LSDS Annual Work Plan- mid-term review
2. ISNA indicators
3. Sector training plan
4. AoB

Agenda	Discussion points
LSDS Annual Work Plan- mid-term review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LSDS had shared the updated Sector Annual work Plan. The AWP is reflected in the attached SAG meeting presentation. ➤ Key points from the AWP-mid term review: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Most of the planed activities are on track and will be implemented within the planned timeline. b) A training need assessment for partners was done in 2023, a new TNA will be taking place in September 2024. c) AAL implementation orientation session has been moved from March to 04 July. By that date, UNESCO will also finalize the AAL Handbook Guidance’ d) LSDS Lesson Learned Exercise draft was shared with partners, the deadline is 10 June, after incorporating the feedbacks the LLE will be published soon at the Rohingya Refugee Response Website’s LSDS page. e) A Host Community Technical Working Group will be formed for providing technical support to the partners who are implementing projects in Host and Local community by June- July 2024.
ISNA 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This year LSDS will take part in the Inter Sector Needs Assessment, the proposed indicators were shared with SAG members, and it was agreed that the SAG members will review them, and also provide their feedback/inputs in terms of adding more indicators (including qualitative indicators as well) if needed for strengthening evidence base for programming, fundraising or impact assessment of LSDS activities, revising the existing ones (to enable capturing more granular data), and any other inputs they might see useful/needed. <p>The discussion that followed included the points listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was suggested by SAG members that for the proposed indicator 1, for Self-employment, the range of incomes (low, mid and higher) to be added. ➤ FSS coordinator suggested there should be qualitative indicators added to the assessment, as many partners are doing impact assessments for their individual projects, but the assessments are never shared with the Sectors. SAG members suggested there could be impact assessment separately done by the Sector and included in the Sector’s AWP. IOM proposed to support the impact assessment for FSS and LSDS, they will do fund raising if the Sectors agree.
Sector Training Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There will be two batches of training on Inclusive Humanitarian Action, one for the partner staff another for LSDS Camp Focal Points, respectively on 1st and 2nd July, in collaboration with ISCG_ADG Network and Handicap International. ➤ The Livelihoods Centered DRR training for partners are also planned in July. ➤ Sector is planning for Core CVA training for Partner staff in August in collaboration with ISCG- Cash Transfer Working Group, planning to bring the trainers from Calp.

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➤ The PSEA orientation for Partner staff and CFPs is planned in July as well.

➤ The Sector informed the SAG members that, instead of product market assessment that was originally discussed and planned as a Sector AWP activity in January 2024, the market mapping in the camps would be conducted. UNHCR already obtained the approval letter from the RRRC for the UNHCR AoR camps and is about to start with the mapping, and the IOM camps were planned for the second phase. However, the SAG members decided to put on hold the decision about including market mapping exercise as the Sector activity in the AWP, pending the revision of the concept note, tools and methodology for the mapping exercise. It has been agreed that an ad-hoc SAG meeting should take place in mid-July, where the mapping exercise concept, tools and methodology will be reviewed by the SAG members and final decision made. The AWP mid-term review approval is therefore postponed until the said July SAG meeting.

AoB

- Recommendations for Protection Mainstreaming in Livelihood Programming and Include people with disabilities & older people in Livelihood & Skills development Program/ projects: A Technical Tips Sheet have been uploaded in the Sector website. [Recommendations-for-Protection-Mainstreaming-in-Livelihood-Programming.pdf \(rohingyaresponse.org\)](#)
[ADWG Technical-Tips-on-Inclusive-LSD-program.pdf \(rohingyaresponse.org\)](#)
- The Sector coordinator announced that she is leaving at the beginning of July, and Senior Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Officer, UNHCR, will act as an interim Sector Coordinator. The SAG members shared their concerns and emphasized a need for neutrality of the position. They also requested a feedback on the timeline for this position to be filled as a full-time position, and expressed their interest in reviewing/providing their inputs in the Sector Coordinator's ToR.