

Livelihood and Skill Development Sector Meeting Minutes

Strategy Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting

Date:15.10.2025

Location: ISCG Conference Room

Participants: UNHCR, IOM, WFP, AAB, MUKTI, BRAC, PLAN

Agenda:

- Introduction
- LSDS funding analysis
- ISNA report summary
- SoP on Non formal training
- Discussion on profit sharing mechanism
- AOB

Agenda	Key discussion
LSDS funding analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Total LSDS priority needs for 2025 amount to USD 2.2 million, with no current funding gap; LSDS does not require any reprogramming at this stage; Status update has been shared with ISCG, and ISCG will be discuss with UNRR for final approval.✓ Soap-Making Initiative: Awaiting final approval from MoDMR and RRRC (expected early next week). First private sector partnership introduced within camp settings under the Resilience priority. Considered a potential success story to attract donor attention and further expand private sector engagement opportunities.✓ Rationalization: LSDS will reduce the number of partners who have not reported or performed under LSDS and did not communicate effectively.✓ MHM Kits: In case of pipeline breaks, IOM-WASH to alert LSDS and WASH sectors for joint planning and fundraising.✓ Adult and Adolescent Learning (AAL): AAL remains a 2026 priority. Market analysis reveals low literacy among adults; vocational training is costly. Proposal to integrate AAL as a prerequisite for vocational/non-formal training. Constraint: P1 funding limitations for vocational activities. Sector will see, if there is a possibility of bringing AAL under P1, but it will be difficult to justify AAL as lifesaving activities, although the importance of the activity is recognized.
Skill need assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ RFP published under FCDO funding for skill needs assessment. The assessment will inform future expansion of skills sets priorities and government advocacy.

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ISNA Report Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LSIDS indicator “Household Income Source” shows an 8% decrease from last year. Action point: Report to be shared with SAG members for feedback. ✓ Formalization of Economic Activities: Need for increased advocacy for formal market linkage between camps and host communities. ✓ Inadequate coverage: all the LSIDS partners need to plan their activities across all the 33 camps, not to have all the activities with one specific camps. So LSIDS will be coordinate with all the partners regarding programme implementation for next year 2026.
Profit-Sharing Mechanism	<p>IOM proposed SOP for profit sharing mechanism activities (for sustainability) as IOM is currently practicing wages employment and do piloting Under FCDO fund for profit sharing mechanism. IOM will be taking lead to draft SOP. The purpose of the SOP is-to build capacity of BNF, micro business and market linkage, sustainable solutions.</p> <p>Action point: SAG field visit to partner shops including WFP ones, planned next month</p>
Product Fair	<p>Scheduled for 29–30 October 2025 (joint LSIDS & FSS Partners). Registration link to be circulated to partners.</p>
Non formal technical training SoP	<p>All the partners need to be maintained minimum standard for training. LSIDS will be share the draft SOP with SAG for their input, by 22nd October SOP will be finalized.</p>
AOB	<p>Energy & Environment Network exploring rice husk charcoal as complementary to LPG. Cox’s Bazar Chamber of Commerce engaged for possible private sector pilot. At HC WFP have aggregation center where they provide support to supply raw materials like paddy/rice husk which will be a part of harmonization and market linkage as well. LSIDS to share FAO study findings with all SAG members. LSIDS will link, interested partners with E&E Network and SCCCM, as some of the partners are interested to plan a pilot on this.</p>