

- DATE:** 20 March 2024 (15:00-16:30)
- LOCATION:** In-person and online via Zoom
- CHAIR:** **Isabelle Langerak**, LTWG chair
- AGENDA:**
1. Introduction and opening remarks
  2. 2024 priorities presentation and prioritization
  3. Action plan development for 2024 priorities
  4. REACH Impact socio-economic assessments.
  5. Presentation of 2024 livelihoods activities planning by FSLC CIMO
  6. AOB

Over 45 participants from more than 24 organizations attended the LTWG on March 20. We thank everyone who participated in the working group meeting in-person and online.

Organizations that attended the meeting: GoodWill, DRC, ERC, ACTED, SCI, PIN, WWI, Corus International, OPD, Caritas Ukraine, FAO, REACH/Impact, R2P, Shchedryk, CRS, PHK, Samaritan's Purse, People in Peril, RCC, Posmishka UA, and others.

## 2024 priorities presentation and prioritization

The chair of the working group thanked all participants for the feedback they provided to the survey that was disseminated and presented the suggested priorities for the working group based on the responses provided during the previous LTWG meeting and responses provided.

### To improve current guidelines:

- Work on providing guidance on the inclusion gender and other vulnerable groups.

### To develop new guidelines:

- Provide clear technical and operational guidance for key livelihoods activities, including emergency livelihoods support, VET, agricultural support and inputs, and business and entrepreneurship support.
- Development of a crop seasonal calendar.
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### Comments:

- PIN, GoodWill, SCI: we should also work on providing taxation guidelines (with the CWG as well).

### To provide assessments on:

- Government structure, policies, guidelines, and support mapping.

### Notes and comments:

- The chair noted that it is not feasible, nor necessarily useful to carry out country-wide needs assessments or labour market assessments, and that there is a lot of data available already. For instance, there is the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) carried out by REACH to inform market functionality and modality choice.
- PIN: we should take a look at issues with gender-age and other vulnerable categories inclusion in assessments.
- PIN: to develop common approach on resilience and self-reliance. There's not enough data on the needs, links and why it's important and considerable etc.

- WVI: we should socialize and internalize data we already have.
- FSLC: pay attention on labor assessments;

### **Advocacy priorities:**

- Advocacy vis-à-vis donors to increase and prioritize funding for livelihood projects and activities;
- Data sharing between NGOs;

### **Comments:**

- PIN and FSLC: the cluster should also work on advocacy messages for the Berlin Recovery Conference in June.

To take the priorities forward, the following matrix was developed so different partners can volunteer to lead and contribute to the development of the guidance, assessments, and advocacy note identified as priorities for the working group going forward. Some organisations have already indicated some commitment to be involved in some areas, while others have to discuss their terms first before being able to make a commitment. An editable table will be shared alongside these minutes for NGOs to indicate what they can volunteer for. Some NGO names have been added based on initial commitment, but changes can be made.

### Action Plan for 2024

	Guidance	Guidance	Guidance	Guidance	Guidance	Guidance	Assessment	Advocacy	Guidance
	<i>Inclusion of vulnerable / marginalised groups in current and future guidance</i>	<i>Technical and operational guidance – emergency livelihoods support</i>	<i>Technical and operational guidance – business and entrepreneurship support</i>	<i>Technical and operational guidance - VET</i>	<i>Technical and operational guidance – agriculture support and inputs</i>	<i>Seasonal crop calendar</i>	<i>Government structure, policies, guidelines, support mapping</i>	<i>Production of advocacy note on importance and urgency of livelihoods funding</i>	<i>Taxation information and harmonization of approaches</i>
<b>Who takes the lead</b>			World Vision DRC	World Vision Helvetas		FSLC		FSLC	
<b>Who contributes</b>	PIN Caritas Ukraine ACTED	ACTED ERC PIN JERU Caritas Ukraine		DRC		SCI			
<b>Next step(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LTWG members to complete table by 30<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>2. Lead agency/agencies to schedule first meeting of their action group to develop a detailed action plan and timeline for the production of their outcome</li> <li>3. Lead agencies to provide update during next LTWG meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ol>								

### REACH/Impact initiative upcoming assessments and assessment suggestions

- In partnership with ACTED they are carrying out assessments on their seeds project in eastern regions of Ukraine (after start of the full-scale war was pushed back to Chernihivska, Odeska and Vinnytska Oblasts).
- They did socioeconomic needs assessments in Chernihivska, Odeska and Vinnytska Oblasts, currently on the analysis stage of it.
- In fall they plan to do the assessments for micro-, small and medium enterprises (support women on businesses + urban component).
- To start labor force capacities assessments (duration of data collection – mid-April – mid-May 2024).

### Deduplication of livelihoods assistance at settlement level – by FSLC CIMOs

#### Why is it needed:

- ActivityInfo reporting provides visibility at the level of hromadas only;
- There is no deduplication tool for livelihoods;
- The area of projects implementation may be restricted by specific requirements, i.e. former frontline or occupied hromadas;

- Several partners present in the same hromada with the same or very similar projects and modalities;
- Partners need the information at the settlement level at the planning stage;
- Some partners have strict targeting criteria – in addition to meeting the vulnerability criteria, often there are restrictions connected with livelihoods assistance received in previous periods.

**Proposed approach:**

1. The partners provide data on their planned and ongoing livelihoods projects in a shared 5W offline template once a month.
2. The information is shared with all stakeholders (who exactly is open for discussion)
3. Important updates will be made on an ad hoc basis.
4. The partners deduplicate either by going to various settlements, sharing beneficiary lists under MoUs and offering different programmes in the same location.