

Livelihoods Technical Working Group (LTWG) Minutes

21 February 2024 15:00 – 16:00

Agenda:

Name of the session	Facilitator
Introduction of new working group chair	Isabelle Langerak (DRC)
VET Recommendation HELVETAS - update	Laryisa Lisogor (HELVETAS)
Livelihoods baseline evaluation presentation DRC	Isabelle Langerak (DRC)
2023 LTWG key achievements	Charles Hopkins (FSLC)
2024 priorities – group discussion and consolidation	Isabelle Langerak (DRC)
AOB	Isabelle Langerak (DRC)

Participants: Samaritan’s Purse, Goodwill, Rokada Sumy, Helvetas, Polish Humanitarian Action, Reach Impact, Caritas Ukraine, Mercy Corps, GO “Food for Kharkiv Citizens”, Norwegian Refugee Council, Right to Protection, Estonian Refugee Council, Light of Hope, SpivDiia, Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Office of Prospective Development, ACTED, Shchedryk, JERU, Relief Coordination Center, V Yednosti Nasha Sylva, ZOA, ICRC, WFP, Prosperous Ukraine, FAO, ZOO URCS, Danish Refugee Council.

Discussion:

Topic	Comments
Introduction of new working group chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isabelle Langerak introduced herself as the new Chair of the Technical Working group. She can be reached on isabelle.langerak@drc.ngo and +3980631985632.
VET Recommendation HELVETAS - update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The updated VET recommendations document was presented by HELVETAS. - The Recommendations for Reforming the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) System will be disseminated along with the Labour Market of Ukraine 2022-2023: State, Trends and Prospects Report by HELVETAS after final comments from the cluster.
Livelihoods baseline evaluation presentation DRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRC provided a brief overview of their Livelihoods Baseline Evaluation conducted in Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson oblasts. The baseline report was conducted on USAID’s Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance Livelihood-funded project. - The report has been key to understanding challenges and barriers to improving agricultural production and livelihood restoration & new livelihood development and tailoring the intervention accordingly. The report can be accessed here.

<p>2023 LTWG key achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FSLC Coordinator provided an overview of key LTWG 2023 achievement: Good Practice document and contributed to the development of the winterization guideline and provided key examples of livelihood interventions. It was also re-emphasised that the LTWG \is part of the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster chaired by DRC.
<p>2024 priorities – group discussion and consolidation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants were divided into three groups to discuss priorities for 2024 in the following areas: 1) current and new guidelines, 2) assessments, and 3) advocacy. The outcomes of the discussion were as follows: - Current and new guidelines: suggestions to add monitoring and post-monitoring sections to the current guidelines and to develop new ones on cash for work, sectoral cash, job placements, micro-grants and start-ups, and agricultural activities. - Assessments: More research needed on suitability of support and support modalities. - Advocacy: Priorities mentioned for advocacy were taxation, increased funds for the preservation, restoration and promotion of livelihoods opportunities, support for urban livelihoods in addition to agricultural livelihoods as well as stronger government and NGO coordination. - Next meeting will be used to make a prioritisation of these different suggestions and to make a concrete action plan for the way forward.
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was proposed to create a standing invitation for the meeting to continue to happen on a monthly basis, every third Wednesday of the month from 15:00 to 16:30. A standing invitation will be circulated. The same Zoom link and password will be used for every meeting. Meeting link: https://fao.zoom.us/j/98389439603 Password: FSLCluster