



LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

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1. Discussion of Livelihood Technical Working Group (LTWG)

- Most actors are already in the cluster, except for bilateral agreements between foreign and Ukrainian governments. But also, different embassies are already present in the cluster. For instance, the Swiss embassy is active in the cluster, and they are donors to several partners.
- broadening of agriculture stakeholders' representation in the cluster by including intermediary agencies and stakeholders/beneficiaries into the discussion, like organizations of Ukrainian farmers in different sectors. They can provide insights into livelihoods, the importance of such activities, and advise on the type of support that is most needed for livelihoods.
- Nonagricultural livelihoods are represented by a broad spectrum of income-generating activities. Multi-purpose cash assistance is not truly livelihood, especially at the current MPC transfer value of \$74.
- DRC is implementing nonagricultural livelihoods, particularly urban livelihoods, for instance in big cities like Kharkiv, Dnipro, and Lviv. The major aim is to restore small and medium-sized businesses. Separate agricultural programs are planned as DRC has experience in that, but DRC will go to urban communities as between 60–70% of the population lives in cities and revitalizing those urban spaces and businesses will benefit more people than in rural areas.
- In an analogous to farmers' communities, it can be valuable to invite small and medium-sized business communities and organizations that can highlight or present their own analysis that has been done on the urban areas.
- Three areas for sub-national cluster coordination: 1) Lviv (national FSLC location) – for the Western regions which are hosting IDPs. 2) Dnipro (WFP will be present there) – for the South and East regions, which are currently the areas with active fighting. 3) Poltava – for liberated but still under threat areas of the North and East regions. 4) Vinnytsia – for the Central regions and Odesa. Kyiv will be the national hub for humanitarian activities.
- Partners will start planning more livelihood activities in a few months. Currently, it is high risk for partners to plan livelihood activities in liberated areas, as the conflict might return to those areas. Some partners and the donors will have a quantitative risk assessment before they can start recovery livelihood activities.
- It is not possible to guarantee food security without livelihoods, even during an emergency response. The livelihoods in the Western regions are the only way to sustain food security in the long run due to the increased IDP population. Northern areas can also be a focus area for livelihoods as Russian troops left those territories and it is unlikely that they would leave territory to come back again.



Action points:

- The Agriculture Sector Development Partners group will be informed and introduced to the working group for livelihoods with the purpose of including their expertise in the assessment.
- Developing activities and classification for both agricultural and nonagricultural livelihoods, including small and medium-sized business associations for assessment development purposes.
- Scheduling purely coordination events to understand who is doing livelihoods right now or has it in plans. The following meeting can be based on an analysis exercise for those who are interested in livelihoods and can contribute to the assessment. Analysis-based meetings should be done for each group with a concept paper as an outcome. Those concepts can be presented to the stakeholders' community afterwards.
- finalizing Sub-National Cluster locations and determining strategic goals for those areas.
- Investigate partners' plans on livelihoods during the Cluster meeting, as not every partner is reporting 5W or pipelines regarding planning activities. Include those partners in the discussion.
- Mapping partners on livelihood planning activities for liberated areas or western regions with IDPs. That will help to identify partners and expand their activities based on location and their resources, so it will not be one activity copied for the whole country.
- Encouraging partners to start developing livelihood strategies
- Announce the upcoming Working Group (30th of May, 3 pm) during the meeting, so partners can come to the group prepared and talk about their livelihood plans. The working group can use breakout rooms based on interesting areas of engagement.