LIVELIHOODS WORKING GROUP MEETING

DATE  22 April 2019
TIME   11:30
VENUE  Kramatorsk, UN House at Aeroklubna str., 1

AGENDA

• Overview of the Livelihoods activities 2017-2019
• ToRs of the Livelihoods Working Group (LWG)
  - Scope of work and further potential
  - Participants and mailing list update
  - Framework of livelihoods interventions
• Update from partners
• AOB

MINUTES

Cluster coordinator (CC) Alexandra Malukalo welcomed participants and explained the purpose of the meeting.

CC briefed members that after UNDP deactivated the Early Recovery Cluster in Ukraine, an ad hoc working group was set up by livelihood actors in the field to have a forum for organisations to discuss issues related both to early recovery (covered by the humanitarian cluster system) but also to recovery and development interventions (beyond cluster focus). It was agreed with UNDP that the Food Security Cluster would take over the coordination of non-agricultural livelihood activities. A third objective was added to the original two cluster objectives (“access to food” and “agriculture”) to include “livelihoods and income generation assistance”.

CC together with Maksym Osavoliuk, Livelihoods Project Specialist from International Organization for Migration (IOM), highlighted that this revitalised LWG aims to serve as a platform for the technical discussions among interested organisations and now is more formalised under the umbrella of the Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC) and co-facilitated by IOM. At the same time group still might be a bridge to recovery and development actors.

Summary overview of the Livelihood activities 2017-2019 has been handed out to participants (Annex 1) and briefly explained what exactly has been coordinated and tracked by the FSLC so far, as well as potential to add more indicators in the future based on the needs and agreement among cluster partners - currently Cluster is monitoring only number of individuals and households who receive assistance.

Participants expressed the need to have a one common data source which would present the ongoing and/or planned livelihoods activities. CC informed and reminded on existing Cluster Coordination tool (in English and has separate several Tabs with respective contact details), however all participants agreed that part on Livelihoods needs to be developed and be more specific. It has also been agreed that at this stage two additional sections would be added to this tool: on LWG and on Agricultural Working Group (recently revitalised under the umbrella of the FSLC and now chaired by Olena Kushch, FAO Field Office Coordinator). CC also reminded partners on available MTOT data platform: administered by and housed in the MTOT, the Data Portal serves as a public website to help map national and international programming.

Group members were asked to briefly introduce plans of their organisations on Livelihoods interventions and/or highlight any related concerns:
NRC
Plans to conduct trainings for rural cooperatives followed by grant distribution in an amount of 5,500 USD, as well as business support trainings followed by grant distribution in an amount of 2,000 -3,000 USD in Donetska/Luhanska oblasts. Agricultural component might be also potentially considered, TBC.

FAO
Activities will be focused on the following: mapping of the priority value chains, assessment and support in development of agricultural advisory services, support to cooperatives and capacity building to address bottlenecks of priority value chains within several subprojects, support to local providers of laboratory services, facilitating the exchange of experience among farmers through their participation in agricultural fairs and other business events, improving access of micro, small and medium entrepreneurs (MSME) to financing (grants, credits), as well as support to specialized educational institutions (“Farmers School”). FAO announced that have already received a confirmation on allocation of additional funds for the implementation of the humanitarian agricultural inputs distribution along the “contact line” and soon will be searching for the implementing partner.

Save The Children
Plans to distribute multipurpose cash on NGCA starting from November, livelihoods activities TBC.

ACTED
Livelihoods activities TBC if feasible.

NGO “Proliska”
Are current partners of UNHCR and highlighted that have access to the most hard to reach areas, work with local communities, as well as able to provide information on the needs and gaps in case requested. Consider future possible trainings to effected population.

IOM
Conduct different types of trainings (e.g. light trainings on business development, vocational trainings) and business grants distribution up to 5,000 EUR (might include agriculture components) - in the east of the country as well as all over Ukraine.

Stabilization Support Services
Expressed general concern on communication to affected population and information sharing on humanitarian aid, as well as availability of the common centralised hotline.

Triangle
Have conducted internal assessment in the agriculture, livelihoods, economic development sectors to inform TGH strategies and priorities in the sector (0-20km from the “contact line” and beyond). Small holder farmers, agribusinesses and entrepreneurs will be prioritised, and market linkages will be created between them. Agricultural business grants will range from several hundred of EUR up to 5,000-7,000 EUR depending on the needs. It is also envisaged to establish a dialogue among various stakeholders around pertinent issues such as certification, etc.

DRC
Currently has three livelihoods programmes:
1. Livelihoods assistance programme for Eastern Ukraine, providing micro-business grants (up to USD 1,000), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) grants (up to USD 200) for IDPs and conflict-affected people and grants for SMEs, aimed to create new jobs for IDPs and conflict-affected people (up to USD 2,000 per each job created). Programmes are implemented in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA (for IDPs and conflict-affected people), as well as in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhya oblasts (for IDPs only). DRC also provides support to Employment Centres: needs-based assistance (material/technical/training/etc.) to regional, local employment centres and centres for professional and technical education in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts in addition to grass-roots advocacy on the problematic legislative issues for small and medium businesses in Ukraine. More on http://lap.drc.ngo/.

2. Provides micro-business grants (up to EUR 1,000) and TVET grants (up to EUR 500) for IDPs and conflict-affected youth (18-35 years old) in Donetsk GCA. Supports Employment Centres (material/technical/training/new curricula development/etc.) to the regional, local employment centres and the centre for professional and technical education. Conducts study tours, exchange visits, youth forums and advocacy on the problematic legislative issues for youth entrepreneurship and employment in Ukraine.

3. Economic Resilience Activity (ERA), as an implementing partner for DAI (more on this link), provides grants to SMEs and NGOs, which assist vulnerable population in Donetsk, Luhansk oblasts and Berdyansk (Zaporizhia oblast). Please see online application platform under USAID Economic Resilience Activity on this link.

- Participation in supporting schemes for TVET institutions in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.
- Participation in activities to strengthen local value chains - IT, innovative entrepreneurship, vegetable growing, honey production.

Caritas Mariupol

Continue distribution of cash grants to cover the initial needs for population in the buffer zone.

Continues in case of emergency food sets distribution. Business training activities are being conducted to improve their ability to create own business. Recruiting and program of re-education are being conducted too in order to find a job.

Dorcas

Informed that due to the phase out NGO is ready to share the beneficiary database of the Mariinka district.

UNDP

Business development grants aimed at creation of new jobs as well as at supporting self-employment are going to be distributed across all Donetska and Luhanska GCA, including in 0-5 area. About 135 business are expected to be supported, with a grants up to EUR 8,000 and USD 10,000. Over 750 conflict-affected people are expected to develop business skills through training and workshops across all Donetska and Luhanska GCA, including in 0-5 area.

Participants agreed that there is a high need in coordination in Livelihoods and information sharing, as well as further harmonisation of technical approaches among actors in order not to duplicate the efforts and avoid potential overlaps or gaps.

Next meeting is tentatively in May-June 2019. The date and time will be confirmed via email.
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As of April 2019, the need for supporting early recovery livelihoods and income generation remains unmet: It is estimated that up to 406,000 unemployed working age people (15-70 years) are in need of livelihoods assistance. Among these, some 127,000 are estimated to be food insecure as well and therefore in need of food and/or livelihood assistance to ensure they can cover their basic needs. In addition, outside of Donbas, it is estimated that 30,000 IDPs are in need of livelihoods assistance and of these, around 6,300 IDPs are also food insecure.