

## SDTWG - 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting, Monday 24 May 2021 - **Agenda**

1. Review the background and objectives of the [Terms of Reference](#) for this inter-sectoral Skills Development Technical Working Group (SDTWG)
2. Next Steps for Action. How to kick-start “DIVIDING” up the work in the TOR, starting with:
  - a. MAPPING
  - b. GUIDANCE NOTES on MOST COMMON SKILLS TRAININGS
    - i. in the Camps; and
    - ii. in the HC
3. Set the date for the next Monthly Meeting
  - a. Invite others, Mailing Lists of relevant Sectors.
4. Discuss Suggested Recommendations for Next Steps
5. AOB

# Background

- Education and skills development: can both provide a protective role and hope for the future; reduces exposure to protection risk without adequate opportunities for learning
- Initiative to develop a ‘Skills Development Framework’ started in Dhaka in 2019, stalled because of COVID-19
- End of November 2020 – Presentation of process to draft [Skills Development Framework](#) from UNHCR and IOM (Dhaka)
- Started discussion in CXB based on multiple Sectors’ need to operationalize Skills Development (SD) Framework
- SDTWG was formed to operationalise the ‘Skills Development Framework’ in CXB

## SDTWG - Timeline:

15-22 December – inputs collected from key actors to be included in TOR

22 December – online meeting to discuss key issues and needs

27 December – TOR v.1 drafted

13 January – joint review of TOR v.2

21 January – second joint review of the TOR v.3 – feedback received from 44 individuals

24/25 January – presentation to Sector Coordinators and HoSOs

February-April – paused due to Fire Response, Eid, new COVID lockdown

17 May – pre-planning team meeting

24 May – 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting of SDTWG

# Skills Development - overview

- Primary focus on strengthening connection between education and skills development and the economy
- FSS Sector (Joseph, focal point on SD) and Education Sector (Ashraf, Immad, YWG Group coordinators) are the Co-chairs of SDTWG
- Stakeholder efforts and initiatives across all sectors
- Primary focus on Food Security, Education and Protection Sectors
- Additional focus on Health, SMSD, Shelter/NFI Sector, and GBV Sub-Sector

# Objective 1

Establish an effective network with the relevant partners and agencies to collect quality information regularly and in a timely manner; to **ensure cooperation** among different partners to avoid duplication, share lessons learnt, build synergies and ensure a harmonized approach. Suggested activities may include:

- Defining 'Skills Development'
- Ensure third party studies, evaluations, and innovations
- Arrange workshops and webinars
- Establish and maintain a knowledge management platform
- Coordinate joint field monitoring visits with partners

## Objective 2

Refugee and host community households have access to quality skills development and supportive services for apprenticeship, mentorship, business and enterprise development, and job matching services in Cox's Bazar district for the host communities and within the camps themselves for the refugees. Activities includes:

- **Map existing work** and resources across stakeholders
- Support cooperation among agencies to develop jointly or try to harmonize skills training curricula
- Review and prepare a standardized ToT and assessor training programmes
- Promote skills in the livelihood and food enterprise development sector with **harmonization/standardization**

## Objective 3

**Promote and encourage partners to use/utilize innovative approaches** for refugee skills development, host community livelihoods and market driven jobs. This includes:

- Review existing Labour market studies and prepare, disseminate Labour market information
- Support in the formalization of a Skills Development Platform for Cox's Bazar which is private sector led and coordinated

# Objective 4

Provide strategic engagement for **advocacy, resource mobilization, policy and planning** - in host and refugee communities. This includes:

- Support in the establishment of a Skills Development Fund for Cox's Bazar district
- Create awareness and image campaigns about Skills Development in Cox's Bazar level as well as at the national level
- Advocate for the creation of a Skills Development pool/ basket for funding from donors by forming a central Skills Development Fund
- Form a coordinated Skills Development graduate database for Cox's Bazar district, alumni data and Master Craft Persons, including classroom trainers/instructors
- Develop a collaborative career guidance and counseling framework for partners to use Skills Development
- Strengthen the Public-Private Partnership



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5. AOB ?