

ILO and Early Recovery Cluster partner agencies meet to review tools for recovery

GENEVA—21 September ILO Crisis conducted a four-day Peer Review Workshop on upcoming tools and training materials on recovery. The workshop successfully achieved the intended outcomes: The multilateral consultations boosted finalization of tools, and consolidated partnerships amongst ILO, ILO International Training Centre (ITC) and UN agencies.

The Peer Review Workshop was an intensive working session that brought together colleagues of ILO/CRISIS, ILO technical units, ITC, and the following partner agencies: FAO, IFRC, ISDR, UNDP/BCPR, UNEP, UNFPA, UN HABITAT, UNHCR, and UNOSAT. Some of the tools have been developed jointly with or for other UN agencies. During the review of such tools, the presence of the concerned agency was needed to engage in multilateral discussions. The participation of diversified profiles and expertise guaranteed valuable inputs and guidance during the rigorous group activities.

A total of seven tools, training packages and concept notes were presented and submitted to structured assessments. The materials presented were the Toolkit for ILO CRISIS Response; Guidebook for Socio-economic Reintegration of Ex-combatants; ILO-FAO Disaster Livelihood Assessment Toolkit and Response System; Learning materials on Local Economic Recovery for practitioners in Iraq; Learning package for practitioners in Indonesia on How LER Can Integrate the CDD Approach; Operational Package for LER practitioners in Post-conflict Situations; and the Pre-Disaster Framework for Recovery Planning.

The stages of development of the tools varied from conceptualisation to operational phase. The learning materials on Local Economic Recovery in Iraq, for example, had already been tested with UNHCR implementing agencies, and the workshop was envisioned as a platform to share outcomes. Other tools, such as the Pre-Disaster Framework for Recovery Planning, benefited from the brainstorming exercises to help define its objectives and scope. Irrespective of the status of each tool, a specific set of objectives was obtained through due diligence review and the exchange of pertinent information.

Indirect results of the retreat were interagency team building, and the opening of discussions on a one-year plan of action for tool development, testing and sharing. A staff meeting was held following the workshop to jointly devise a timeline of activities. Focal points of the toolkits will develop a road map for the coming year, designating responsibilities and sketching out human resource and financial needs, which will be endorsed in a series of validation workshops in October.

The Peer Review workshop was convened to communicate to and solicit comments from relevant constituents on the tools conceived by ILO/CRISIS. In line with ILO/CRISIS' role of Capacity Building & Training Focal Point for the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Early Recovery Cluster, CRISIS has been developing relevant tools to support early recovery and recovery programming. These upcoming tools focus primarily on creation of employment and livelihood recovery in post-crisis settings.