

Decent Work Across the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus in the Arab Region A collaboration between the ILO and the Nexus Academy

Wednesday, September 11th 2024, 13:30 – 15:00

Session 2.3: Frameworks and Entry Points - from “People who benefitted” to “People who sustained” The case of Forced displacement, decent work and the Nexus

Objectives:

To provide workshop participants with different experiences of collaborating throughout the H-D-P Nexus in support of forcibly displaced populations and host communities. Using primarily the experience from PROSPECTS Phase 1, identify the factors and/or conditions (as they relate to the adoption of an HDPN approach) to systematically deliver integrated packages of support to forced displacement caseloads and host communities.

Outcomes:

Two to three SMART DW principles and/or actions that can be taken by workshop participants regarding protracted forced displacement caseloads by adopting an HDPN approach in the region.

Country-based group work:

Country-based groups will then be asked to discuss questions focused on specific themes that represent unique challenges posed by forced displacement. Each group will be asked to come up with two to three SMART principles and/or actions related to any number of questions (below) that can be taken up by workshop participants in their HDPN work in forced displacement. The themes and questions are as follows:

1. Coordination

How can the Decent Work Agenda be more effectively integrated with humanitarian aid and development programs, to create cohesive and durable solutions for forcibly displaced populations? What mechanisms can be established to ensure that employment and social protection programs for displaced persons are aligned with national development plans? What existing national coordination mechanism should be the main point of entry?

2. Tailoring Interventions to Context (Adaptive Management)

What are the most critical labor market needs in the regions affected by displacement, and how can programs be tailored to meet these needs while promoting long-term development?

3. Economic Integration, Market Access & Self-Reliance

How can the HDPN actors support the economic integration of displaced persons into host communities, ensuring that they have access to markets and can contribute to the local economy? What partnerships with the private sector can be leveraged to create sustainable employment opportunities for displaced populations?

4. Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

How can DW programs in forced displacement contexts be designed to ensure long-term

sustainability beyond immediate crisis response? What role can Governments, social partners and local institutions play in sustaining decent work initiatives after the HDP actors' direct involvement ends? How can capacity building in FD contexts ensure this sustainability?

5. Community Cohesion and Peace

What efforts are required to reduce tensions, foster dialogue, and build trust between displaced populations and host communities? How can international actors work through an HDPN approach to support national and local efforts to promote cohesion in environments often fraught with competition over resources, cultural differences, and perceptions of inequality?

6. Pathways to Return of Refugees & Sustainable Solutions

How can host countries, international organizations, and the country of origin collaborate to support the reintegration of returning refugees, ensuring they have access to livelihoods, housing, and basic services? What legal and policy frameworks need to be strengthened or developed to ensure the protection of refugees during the process of return or when accessing complementary pathways (ie third countries)?