**Duties And Responsibilities**

The primary objective of this assignment is for a consultant to study livelihoods planning and interventions for Homs' refugees located in Jordan. Under the guidance of ESCWA's focal point, the consultant will design the methodology, carry-out field work, and perform necessary activities to achieve the objective of this assignment. ESCWA will facilitate coordination with UN agencies who are expected to give technical guidance and support with linkages on the ground when needed.

The work of the consultant should be structured and reported in a way that facilitates replication in other countries and for other refugee populations.

To achieve the immediate results, the consultant is expected to conduct the following activities:

- Secondary review of livelihoods programming targeting Homs' refugees in Jordan
- Primary data collection
  - a. Representative random or purposive sample of Homs' refugees involved in agriculture and non-agriculture livelihoods in Jordan – Phone interviews could be undertaken if access to the field is restricted for health reasons
  - b. At least 8 Focus group Discussions to cover the themes/components of the immediate results (Zoom interviews could be conducted by various stakeholders)
  - c. Key informants Interviews with main stakeholders and implementing agencies (Phone interviews is possible)
- Field observations (if allowed after COVID-19)
- Validation meetings
- Any other tools identified in the methodology.

**Work Location**

Jordan
Expected Duration

The work should start immediately after contract signature and the completion of the assignment with all immediate results and the validation meetings should be finalized within 5 months from contract signature date.

Result Of Service

By the end of this assignment, the consultant is expected to have developed the following immediate results:

- Conduct a secondary and primary review of various livelihood-based interventions (agriculture and non-agriculture based livelihoods programs) implemented with Homs refugees in Jordan. The consultant should consider Homs refugees residing in Amman, Mafraq, Zarqa, and Irbid governorates and Azraq camp. The review should look into the nature/type of activities, their objectives, their relevance to refugees’ profile/age, their role in facilitating skilled employment, reducing food insecurity, improving income, etc. It needs to reflect how current livelihoods programming and interventions are positioned to promote sustainable livelihoods for both refugees and host communities and capture main encountered challenges. Data should be disaggregated by gender and age. The timeframe for the review should at least cover the last 3 years (2017-2019) but the consultant is free to extend for the purpose of data saturation.

- Identify any variations in Homs refugees' livelihoods (different value chains, sub-sectors, etc.) between the pre-conflict period and during their stay in Jordan. This will help compare the refugees' geographical location in Jordan among the five districts (Amman, Mafraq, Zarqa Irbid governorates and Azraq camp) and the adopted livelihoods they are currently engaged in (agricultural and non-agricultural livelihoods) with their circumstances before the conflict in Homs. It is important to trace pre-conflict economic and social ties with Jordan and understand if refugees were introduced to new value chains in agriculture or new economic sectors in general. In addition, the consultant needs to check if the pre-conflict technical and institutional challenges in Syria are being addressed in the forced displacement livelihoods' programming or initiatives in Jordan.

- Understand the perceptions of the livelihoods barriers for refugees' voluntary return to Homs in addition to processes and institutional challenges among different sectors. For farmers from Homs who are not engaged in agriculture livelihoods, the consultant should try to understand if they have undertaken steps to shift their livelihoods and how this influences their voluntary return. There is a need to understand how COVID-19 might affect refugees' voluntary return to Homs and their access to formal or informal livelihoods in Jordan.

- For the Jordanian host communities, check their observations regarding the integration of livelihoods interventions targeting Homs' refugees in local economic development plans and their complementarity with the priorities for context-based livelihood development. The consultant needs to have discussions with Jordanian farmers, producer's cooperatives, local authorities, and other stakeholders involved in agriculture development across the value chain (extension offices/Ministry of Agriculture, Chamber of commerce, industry, and agriculture,
research and academic institutions, etc.). In addition, he/she needs to meet with stakeholders engaged in construction, manufacturing and services to discuss the current situation, programs implemented and their effect on both Syrians and Jordanians.

- Based on the findings of field work and discussions with main stakeholders, propose national and regional livelihoods initiatives that help preparing the ground for sustainable local economic development benefiting both populations on the long term. Initiatives should be prioritized based on a set of criteria that ensure win-win situation for both refugees and host communities while waiting for the enabling conditions for refugees' voluntary return to become more favorable.

**Qualifications/Special Skills**

Skills: Proven experience in data collection, livelihoods planning, presentation and visualization; and in conducting survey work; and in producing rigorous economic/agriculture reports;

Academic Qualifications: Master's degree in the field of development studies or related major is required;

Experience: A minimum of ten years of experience conducting agriculture-economic research/field assessment is required, with experience working on economic sectors under forced displacement and knowledge of sector-specific institutions in Jordan;

Language: Fluency in written and spoken English and Arabic is required.

Submission of the application

Interested/qualified consultants must submit the following documentation:

- A proposal detailing how the selected consultant technically plans to conduct the assignment. It is recommended to include an outline of the methodology and other proposed tools in addition to a detailed timeframe. The proposal should contain a financial offer.

- One sample report highlighting experience relevant to this assignment

**United Nations Considerations**

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8). The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

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