



Child Labour in the Syrian refugee situation

CASH ASSISTANCE: MEASURING CHILD LABOUR

What do we know ?

Multipurpose cash in Lebanon shown to:

- Increase children's participation in school
- 10% of households use child labour (sporadic)
- Impact on child labour not clear but cash does reduce likelihood of withdrawing children from school to work

UNHCR regional study on impact of cash assistance on negative coping mechanisms:

- Multipurpose cash mostly spent on rent
- Hierachy of negative coping mechanisms: School drop out and child labour one of the last
- If additional source of income in the family, cash contributed to increased school attendance and reduced child labour
- Without additional source of income, amount of cash assistance was insufficient to impact on child labour

Impact of Multipurpose Cash Assistance on Outcomes for Children in Lebanon



Support to the most vulnerable

A photograph of two young girls in headscarves looking at a display screen. The girl in the foreground is wearing a brown headscarf with blue and yellow patterns and a brown jacket. The girl behind her is wearing a red and white floral headscarf and a purple jacket. They are both looking intently at a screen that is out of focus in the background.

- I. Scale up investment in cash assistance and vouchers to vulnerable families
- II. Refine modalities to ensure that cash assistance targets and effectively contributes to the reduction of child labour**
- III. Explore expansion of conditional cash transfers and vouchers to support children's return to school

Measuring child labour in refugee settings

- ▶ Vulnerability framework: 4 different countries, 4 different set of questions
- ▶ 2 national CL surveys: mixed results in terms of assessing refugee child labour
- ▶ Household assessment approach:
 1. **Household survey to inform targeting and evaluate programme**
 2. Limited monitoring questions



Why integrate child labour questions in household surveys

1. Low cost way to assess refugee child labour and track over time (including piloting)
2. Child labour questions can be correlated to other factors to better understand risks and patterns
3. Understand better link between cash and child labour
4. Results can inform targeting of cash programming to maximize impact on child labour

Key questions

Employment module for all family members including children

1. Work for someone else in last month?
2. Self-employed in last month?
3. How many children under 16 work in your workplace?
4. Geographical location of workplace?
5. Sector (hazardous work)
6. Employment status (rule out volunteers)
7. Hours worked over last 7 days?
8. Hours on household chores in last 7 days?
9. Searching for work?