

While this Action does not directly contribute to disaster risk reduction, to a small extent it contributes to the preparedness for the natural and man-made disasters by increasing the resilience of the most vulnerable groups in Iran.

### 3.4. Risks and Lessons Learnt

| Category              | Risks  | Likelihood<br>(High/<br>Medium/<br>Low) | Impact<br>(High/<br>Medium/<br>Low) | Mitigating measures   |
|-----------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Political             | Termination or suspension of JCPoA   | Medium                                  | High                                | Contingency planning for EU's engagement in the area of migration and forced displacement in Iran.  |
| Political             | Hosting fatigue negatively affecting the public sentiment towards Afghans.   | Medium                                  | Medium                              | Continued protection-related advocacy/work with the GoI.<br>Sensitization of various stakeholders through briefing sessions for print, electronic and broadcast media.  |
| Political/operational | Absence of EU Delegation – decreased ability to monitor  | High                                    | Medium                              | Regular project and system audits of the implementing partners.<br>High insistence on deploying ROM missions.<br>Regular missions conducted by HQ.  |
| Political/operational | Absence of EU Delegation – decreased EU visibility   | High                                    | Medium                              | Specific EU visibility provisions included in the project activities and future contract.<br>Regular missions conducted by HQ.  |
| Political/operational | Absence of EU Delegation – decreased ability to engage Iranian counterparts  | High                                    | Medium                              | EU-Iran Dialogue on Migration and Refugees.<br>Regular missions conducted by HQ.  |
| Operational           | Mitigation measures to limit the spread of Covid-19 prevent certain activities and monitoring to be conducted                          | High                                    | High                                | All activities will have the safety and security of the staff and beneficiaries as priority, health protocol to prevent from Covid-19 transmission will be systematically put in place, including design of remote alternatives to in-person activities where possible. |
| Operational           | Interference in programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation  | High                                    | High                                | Continuous engagement and negotiations with authorities to ascertain implementing partners' independence and mandate; establishment of Government Liaison unit; establishment of M&E unit with capacity to monitor and evaluate.  |
| Operational           | Decreasing support and cooperation from authorities relating to livelihoods interventions to improve opportunities for Afghan refugees | Medium                                  | Medium                              | Continued engagement and negotiations with authorities to advocate for support to Afghan refugees to maintain livelihoods and ability to become independent and more resilient to economic shocks & stresses.   |
| Operational           | Low programmatic and physical access to target populations,  | High                                    | High                                | Continuous engagement and negotiations with authorities to increase access to target populations, Collaboration with Afghan   |