THE SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE



The Solutions Initiative for Sudan and South Sudan aims to galvanize a stronger collective response to create enabling conditions for durable solutions (voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement/ complementary pathways) as well as to strengthen asylum by addressing the humanitarian, development and peace-related needs in communities affected by forced displacement in and from Sudan and South Sudan. In line with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), the Solutions Initiative supports the operationalization of the durable solutions-related provisions of the two countries' respective peace agreements. It also complements collective efforts to revive the economies of both countries. By creating enabling conditions for durable solutions, the Initiative will also contribute to addressing some of the drivers of forced displacement.

POLITICAL PROCESS

At the core of the Solutions Initiative is a political process led by the governments of South Sudan and Sudan with the support of IGAD, UNHCR, EU, the World Bank, US and Germany. A flagship activity of the IGAD Support Platform and building on the Somali Situation-focused Nairobi Process, the Solutions Initiative is aimed at generating and sustaining the political commitment to pursue durable solutions for South Sudanese and Sudanese forcibly displaced persons and displacement-affected communities in a comprehensive manner. The Solutions Initiative includes a political process that will culminate in an IGAD Heads of State Declaration, which will establish and reaffirm principles, best practices, and concrete commitments on the part of IGAD Member States to take a common and people-centered approach in support of durable solutions for forcibly displaced persons in and from South Sudan and Sudan.

OPERATIONALIZATION OF COMMITMENTS

The Solutions Initiative also includes a government-led whole-of-society approach to the operationalization of the political commitments, with the active participation of UN agencies, NGOs, the private sector, and displacement-affected communities. A comprehensive approach to solutions requires addressing a wide range of issues and needs in refugee- and IDP-hosting and return areas.

This includes:(i) strengthening legal, institutional and policy frameworks; (ii) enhancing protection, social cohesion, security and rule of law; (iii) supporting community-driven area-based programs aimed at building resilience by supporting education, health, WASH, livelihoods, HLP (housing, land and property), and environmental rehabilitation; (iv) addressing lifesaving needs using humanitarian programs; and (v) strengthening registration, data and evidence to inform solutions. Gender and climate change mitigation/adaptation are cross-cutting areas of focus.

PROGRESS MADE AND KEY NEXT STEPS



POTENTIAL AREAS OF IMMEDIATE FOCUS

- Supporting the implementation of the government **GRF policy pledges** in both countries.
- Ensuring that **social safety nets and basic service delivery programs** support an estimated 200,000 South Sudanese refugees and host communities in Khartoum.
- Supporting **integrated and context-specific area-based programs** through: (i) basic service delivery; (ii) livelihoods and economic opportunities; and (iii) environmental rehabilitation and natural resource management.
- Supporting the implementation of the **2012 Framework Agreement on the Status of Nationals of the other State and Related Matters**.

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