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Welcome to Issue 2 of the IGAD Support Platform Newsletter. We feature the highlights of a busy but fundamental season across the region as key engagements at member state and regional level are held.

A new conflict in Sudan means more people have been forcibly displaced including those who were initially internally displaced and those who had sought refugee status in Sudan. Other conflicts in Las Anood, Eastern DRC and South Sudan among others continue to multiply the region's case load of forcibly displaced persons.

At the regional level, IGAD through the IGAD Support Platform on Forced Displacement is directing effort towards a regional approach to durable solutions for refugees, returnees, asylum seekers and host communities through the establishment of a common approach to displacement affected persons in all the member states.

The Munyonyo Declaration on Durable Solutions for Refugees in the East and Horn of Africa is the latest testament of the drive to harmonised regional solutions to forced displacement.

In this same period, the Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP)'s focus was on durable solutions while IGAD Members States convened to prepare a mega pledge for the upcoming December 2023 Global Refugee Forum.

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Ministers from EAC and IGAD Members States in a photo op during the IGAD-EAC High Level Ministerial Conference on Durable Solutions for Refugees.

IGAD and EAC Member States Sign Munyonyo Declaration on Durable Solutions for Refugees in the East and Horn of Africa

Ministers responsible for Refugee Affairs from Member States of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Partner States of the East African Community (EAC) have signed the Munyonyo Declaration on Durable Solutions for Refugees in the East and Horn of Africa.

Convening in Munyonyo, Kampala on 16 June 2023 following the IGAD-EAC High Level Ministerial Conference on Durable Solutions on Refugees in the Horn and East Africa which was hosted by the Government of Uganda from 13th – 16th June 2023 and in the presence of international and regional partners, Members States agreed to work together on addressing the root causes and drivers of forced displacement in IGAD and EAC regions.

Member states made concessions addressing areas of violence and conflicts; natural disasters and adverse effects of climate change; and Protection, maintaining asylum space and rights of refugees as enshrined in international and continental frameworks to be applied in national and regional policy frameworks;

The declaration also addresses issues of Government-led whole-of-society approaches; Socio-economic inclusion; Return and reintegration; Resettlement; local integration; on Partnership, Burden and Responsibility Sharing; and the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

The IGAD and EAC Member States also made resolutions on the joint IGAD-EAC Multi-Stakeholder Regional Durable Solutions Pledge to the forthcoming Global Refugee Forum in December 2023.

The 11 Member States that endorsed the declaration are; Republic of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of Djibouti, State of Eritrea, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Rwanda, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of South Sudan, Republic of Sudan and Republic of Uganda.

The signing of the declaration was witnessed by H.E Fathia Alwan, the Representative of the IGAD Executive Secretary, H.E Dr. Irene Isaka, the Representative of the EAC Secretary General, Mr. Michel Nshimba, Representing H.E. Mrs. Minata Samate Cessouma, the African Union Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, H.E Ambassador Yasir Mohammed representing the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

International Partners that were present during the signing include H.E Susan Namondo Ngongi, the UN Resident Coordinator for Uganda, H.E Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey Special Envoy for Horn of Africa at UNHCR, H.E Tejan Sanusi Savage, the IOM Chief of Mission for Uganda, H.E Benjamin Reese, Representative of the World Bank, H.E Alexio Musindo, Regional Director for ILO, H.E John W. Barbian, representing the US Embassy, H.E Ambassador Hidemoto Fukuzawa of the Government of Japan and Co-Convenor of the Global Refugee Forum 2023 Geneva Switzerland.

Representatives of Refugees and Representatives of Host Local Governments were also present.













IGAD and EAC Member States Sign Munyonyo Declaration on Durable Solutions for Refugees in the East and Horn of Africa







"Having a regional pledge will provide opportunities for the international community to show solidarity and provide the necessary financial and technical support.

Ambassador Mohamed Ibrit Ahmy, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa

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"Being able to access employment, maintain and expand their skills and find a decent job prevents prolonged aid dependence and extended gaps in people's working lives.

Mr. Alexis Mustafa - Director, IGAD Country Office for Ethiopia, Djibouti, Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia

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"While we work to provide solutions, we must also increase investment in prevention-oriented activities, such as disaster risk reduction, early warning systems, and anticipatory action.

Mr. Samuel Team Savage - IOM Uganda Chief of Mission



"Durable solutions for refugees cannot be attained by UNHCR or UN Agencies alone but requires system-wide consideration and systematic inclusion of refugees into both humanitarian and development planning and programming instruments

Ms. Susan Nyongo Nanondo, UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda

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"When addressing sustainable solutions, it is essential to examine the root causes that lead to displacement, and all countries must collaborate to find effective measures that promote peace, security, and mitigate involuntary population movements

H.E. Peter Kaikende Kazadi - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior and Security of the Democratic Republic of Congo



"We need to shift from Humanitarian to Development support which economically empowers refugees to change their lives and boost the economy of the host communities.

Hon. Marie Solange Kayisire, Minister in Charge of Emergency Management, Republic of Rwanda.



"I recognize Uganda's exemplary refugee assistance model with its progressive policy and protection of the refugees in the assigned spaces of the country. The Government of Japan is determined to continue supporting Uganda's solidarity with the refugees and host communities

HE Fukuzawa Hidemoto Japan Ambassador to Uganda



"Uganda's open door policy for refugees and asylum seekers is commendable, exemplary and all countries should emulate this approach

HE Mohammed Suleman Ahmed, Ambassador, State of Eritrea to Uganda



Delegates from Durable Solutions Secretariats and Refugee Commissions of IGAD Members States and other partners at the Regional Consultative Meeting on the Preparation for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, at Hotel Kempisky, Djibouti.

IGAD Member States Draw Roadmap, Pledges for the GRF 2023

The Government of Djibouti hosted the regional consultative workshop was to support IGAD member states to effectively and technically prepare for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum to be held in Geneva, Switzerland in December 2023.

The workshop held 4th and 5th April in Djibouti Ville, Djibouti, aimed at engaging member states of IGAD on the preparation and participation in the 2023 Global Refugee Forum (GRF). This also entailed drawing roadmaps at and identifying pledges towards the GRF at Member State level. The GRF is scheduled to take place from December 12th to December 15th, 2023.

Organized under the auspices of the IGAD Support Platform on Forced Displacement and with support from its Core Group Members, delegates evaluated the implementation status of prior pledges and commitments, highlighting best practices across the region, assessed the potential for a mega joint pledge and took time to review and validate the GRF Roadmap for the IGAD Support Platform.

Further to these discussions, delegates were also taken through the GCR Indicator Framework, matching of existing pledges, development of new pledges and financial tracking tools for refugee situations. The IGAD Support Platform GRF Roadmap which includes follow up and Ministerial meetings on the Kampala and Djibouti declarations were validated.

Regarding the joint pledge, member states narrowed down to two main thematic areas for a joint-pledge; namely Climate Change and Durable solutions.

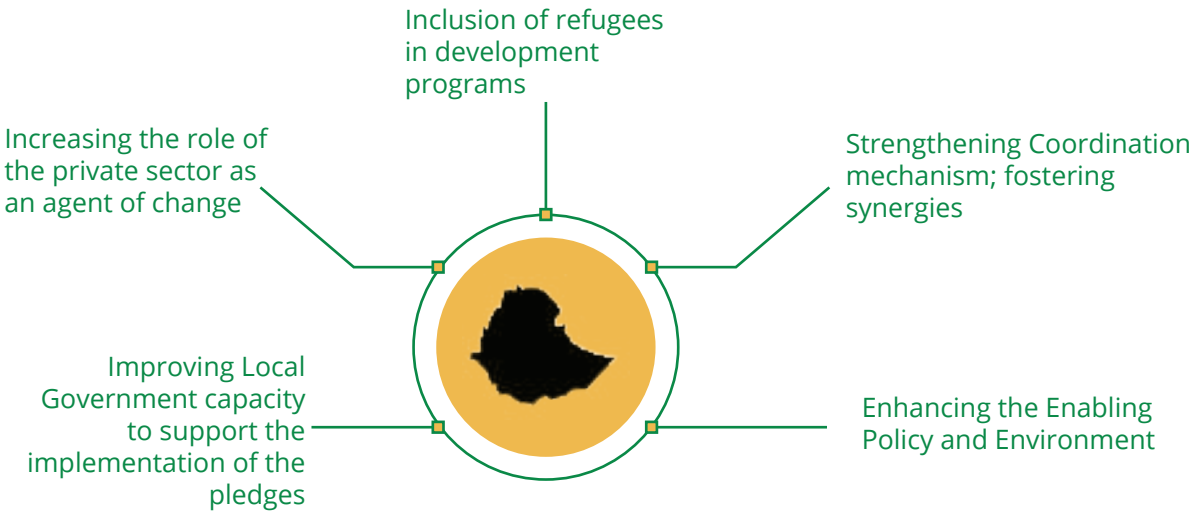
The workshop recommendations emphasized the need for members states to further national consultations to review and develop country and regional pledges, engage in the gathering data, documentation and tracking the implementation of the pledges, institute strong coordination structures, promote inclusion and participation of refugees and refugee-led organizations in national consultation in the Member States, as well as regional high-level meetings leading up to the Global Refugee Forum 2023.

"As we gear up to the December 2023 Global Refugee Forum, we must identify the key priorities for our region. We must not lose sight of the compact's intended purpose, which is to address the impact of displacement on the refugee-hosting countries and communities." ***Mme Fathia Alwan, Director Health and Social Development, IGAD.***

"Djibouti has delivered on key instruments such as the Djibouti Declaration on education of refugees. Djibouti continues to be a leading example of governance in refugees." ***Mr. Houssein Hassan Darar Executive Secretary of the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Victims (ONARS)***



New Pledge Areas for FDR Ethiopia





Member States Underline Progress at the 8th Regional Migration Coordination Committee Meeting

"Majority of this displacement is protracted and therefore as a region we need to dialogue and see how best we can address the needs of the displaced population to enable them to lead a normal life," said Mme Fathia.

IGAD Members states are registering progress in several regional commitments to the Global Compact for Refugees according to the revelations made by delegates at the 8th Regional Migration Coordination Committee (RMCC) meeting that was held 21st February, 2013 in Nairobi, and hosted by the Government of Kenya.

Notably, Member States have made tremendous progress in drafting, adopting and implementing policies and action plans in line with various commitments established under the Nairobi Process to address issues of forced displacement especially in the areas of refugee education, health, jobs, livelihood and self-reliance.

Delegates presented among others the enactment of different laws, policies, guidelines that have been implemented to address issues of displacement affected communities within their countries and the progress registered both at national and local government levels.

Mr. Douglas Asiimwe, Uganda's Commissioner for Refugees attributed the ease of the implementation of the Country's settlement approach (Out of Camp Policy) for refugees to the inclusion of refugee matters in the development of national and local development plans. Kenya has registered progress with the refugee-host community integration model while the Refugee Act of 2021 promote economic inclusion, integration and solutions to protracted situations

The Governments of Sudan and Southern Sudan have finalized consultations and harmonization of the Regional Strategy for the Solutions Initiative of Displacement Situation in and from Sudan and South Sudan while Djibouti has developed policies that have enabled financial inclusion, education and health systems for displacement affected communities.

In Ethiopia, durable solutions to displacement situations have been highly considered in the National Development Plan (2021 – 2030) while a Refugee bill is currently in the Somalia Parliament seeking protection for Refugees, Returnees and Asylum Seekers.

The Director of Health and Social Development Division at IGAD, Madam Fathia Alwan called for sustained efforts both at regional and national levels to address the needs of displaced communities in the region in a whole of society, whole of Government approach.

"Conflict and disaster within and beyond our region continue to drive people out of their homes and currently more than 17 million people are currently displaced across the IGAD region either as IDPs or Refugees/asylum seekers."

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The first ordinary meeting to take place since 2017 was also used to harmonize plans and roadmaps for the Global Refugee Forum Scheduled for December 2023.

The Regional Migration Coordination Committee (RMCC) was established in 2011 as a platform to facilitate information sharing and coordination among IGAD Member States and institutions with migration related functions and responsibilities. The RMCC comprises of Directors of Immigration of IGAD Member States, as well as a Steering Committee of officials from departments of immigration, labour, national security, refugees and foreign affairs.

The meetings aim at stocktaking of the major achievements, best practices and lessons learned of the current IGAD migration governance architecture as well as identify areas for improvement. The RMCC was supported by the Swiss Government and the European Union.



Rufus Karanja from the Embassy of Netherlands in Kenya (Left) moderating a session on innovation in financing to displacement affected communities at the RCP.

Member States seek new approaches to deal with Displacements under the IGAD Regional Consultative Process

In collaboration with the Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (REDSS), the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) convened a regional workshop to discuss Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement within the framework of the IGAD Regional Consultative Process (IGAD RCP) which was held on February 22 to 23, 2023, in Nairobi Kenya.

The workshop which was organised under the theme; "finding new approaches to persistent problems," gathered experts from IGAD Member States currently implementing programmes for displacement-affected communities. Participants comprised of technical representatives from IGAD Members States, regional and local authorities from areas highly impacted by internal displacement; UN agencies; NGOs; private sector; international donors; development finance institutions; representatives of displacement-affected communities; as well as other local, regional and international experts.

The overall objective of this regional dialogue was to provide a platform IGAD member states and other stakeholders to share their experience and expertise in supporting resilience and durable solutions on forced displacement in their contexts. Key deliberations focused on areas of mobility and durable solutions, organising multistakeholder partnerships, the financing challenge and the importance of data to inform durable solutions policy across the region.

The meeting underscored key recommendations from deliberations across the various plenary discussions, presentations and experience sharing sessions. These were aggregated according to the focal areas for discussion highlighting the role of central governments in implementing durable solutions, adopting integrated area development initiatives in rural and urban settings, promoting community engagements and accountability and instituting mechanisms that promote mobility. There were also recommendations on addressing the financing gaps and the gathering, management and use of data.

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Dialogue is helping to translate programme findings into concrete and pragmatic policy recommendations in enhancing the protection and living standards of displacement affected communities across the IGAD Region.

Fathia Alwan | Director, Health and Social Development, IGAD



Switzerland will join IGAD and its member states in this call to find durable solutions for displacement affected communities and providing support to interventions that are solution oriented, human rights centered and have protection at their core, solutions that move towards self-reliance for social, economic inclusion.

HE Valentin Zellweger | Ambassador of Switzerland to Kenya

Objectives of the RCP

CREATE space for stocktaking and lesson-learning from experiences in the region

REFLECT on the challenges to durable solutions that the region faces in 2023

ENSURE that the region can play its full role in shaping and influencing global policy discussions

The IGAD Regional Consultative Process (RCP) was established in 2008 as an informal, non-binding mechanism whose overall objective is to facilitate dialogue and regional cooperation in the management of migration and forced displacement, by creating a platform through which information is exchanged, best practices are shared and solutions to common challenges are pursued. The process also acts as a platform for following up on the implementation of the IGAD Regional Migration Policy Framework recommendations.

RCP SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Role of the Central Government

- Provide conducive environment for roll out and implementation of durable solution
- Develop frameworks to provide strategic guidance on durable solutions and resource allocation.
- Foster partnerships with refugee-led organizations, private sector and broad-based civil society to pursue durable solutions.
- Ensure coordination structures support government leadership wherever it is being driven from.
- Government leadership should strengthen accountability mechanisms to ensure the needs and aspirations of displacement affected communities are met at all levels.
- The centrality of political will creates an enabling environment for integration of communities and coordinated actions across all sectors

Integrated Area-based Development for Urban and Rural Areas

- Prioritize area-based and development-oriented approaches in addressing the needs of all displacement affected populations.
- Shift from humanitarian shelter to coordinated infrastructure investment, adequate housing, and industrial development and urban governance.
- Enhanced peer learning between various authorities with key responsibilities for durable solutions in leading multi-stakeholder coordination responses.
- Strategy for sustainable urban growth need to be underpinned by legal, demographic, spatial considerations.
- Prioritize early solutions.

Financing

- Localization of financing for local authorities and local actors to scale up response to climate-induced displacement.
- Create more opportunities for discussions on public and private financing in displacement contexts.
- Leverage on climate financial instruments
- Tap into remittance and diaspora financing.
- Promote Direct Financing through existing government structures and local communities.
- Strengthening of government systems for transparency and accountability.

Data and Evidence

- Enhance the utilization of holistic data (humanitarian and socio-economic) to raise the visibility of the vulnerable groups to amplify the context and make informed decisions.
- Governments should ease the documentation of the refugees and other displaced persons to enable them access services.
- Develop a regional mechanism to support Member States in tracking their progress towards durable solutions and map out the targeted interventions.
- Integrate displacement statistic into the national databases, including the use of technology.

Mobility

- Promote mobility and recognition of qualifications as a durable solution for refugees and IDPs
- Governments should ease the documentation of the refugees and other displaced persons to enable them to move freely.
- Integrate mobility in regional plans and promote integrated cross border planning.
- Create regular pathways for mobility.
- Expand mobility for vulnerable groups, specifically women.
- Invest in learning from pilot mobility clusters such as Moyale.

NewsBytes

Ethiopia's RRS Staff Trained in Refugee Protection and Management

IGAD in collaboration with the Refugee Law Project (RLP) organized a capacity building training program to disseminate knowledge and share experiences on refugee protection and management with technical staff of Ethiopia's Refugee and Returnee Services agency.

The training that took place in Adama City, Ethiopia on 24th – 26th January, 2023 follows Ethiopia Government's firm commitment to extending humanitarian access and protection to individuals seeking asylum within its borders.

The objective of the training program was to uphold refugee protection principles by providing specialized sessions on refugee law, frameworks, and the GCR, with a specific emphasis on protection. The primary goals of the training were to enhance understanding and how to implement key international, regional, and national legal and policy frameworks governing refugee protection. Additionally, the program aimed to strengthen the technical capacity of Refugee Response System (RRS) staff in areas such as Refugee Status Determination (RSD) principles, standards, and procedures, as well as the protection of refugee children.

The training also sought to enhance staff members' ability to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) in refugee contexts and emergencies. The final focus was to promote a comprehensive understanding and application of the GCR/CRRF, aligning with the commitments made by the Ethiopian Government.

Overall, the training program focused on the long-term sustainability of capacity-building efforts by IGAD, equipping RRS staff with a unified understanding of refugee laws, legal frameworks, and protection procedures. By enhancing the technical capacity of RRS staff and fostering a comprehensive comprehension of refugee protection, the training program emphasized the need to strengthen access to fair and efficient asylum procedures, improve protection principles and assistance for vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers, and contribute to the implementation of the GCR/CRRF and the achievement of government pledges.

South Sudan National Dialogue Underscores Peace-Building Initiatives

The Government of South Sudan convened a national dialogue on forced displacement from 28th to 30th March, 2023 in Juba gathering all the technical and political players that make up the National Task Force Committee that handles displacements. The dialogue coordinated by the Ministry of Interior through Commission for Refugee Affairs was also attended by the international partners including UNHCR, IOM, representatives of IDPs and refugees.

The National Dialogue on forced displacement served as a crucial platform for discussing government initiatives, assessing progress made, and preparing for the upcoming 2023 Global Refugee Forum. The objectives of the dialogue included highlighting government initiatives, sharing updates on pledged commitments, informing the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) Strategy for the period of 2023-2027. The workshop was also a platform for identifying challenges, mobilizing resources, and initiating discussions on establishing a National Steering Committee for the CRRF.

The dialogue's expected outcomes were to foster an improved understanding of relevant frameworks, promote enhanced cooperation among stakeholders, adopt rights-based approaches in responding to forced displacement, document progress and challenges, and strengthen coordination on national issues related to addressing forced displacement.

The key recommendations arising from the dialogue focus on addressing the root causes of displacement by promoting peace-building initiatives to reduce secondary displacement and enhance social cohesion. Additionally, there was an emphasis on strengthening legislation, policies, and institutional frameworks, enhancing collaboration on data management, improving access to essential services, and reinforcing existing coordination mechanisms to ensure adequate resource mobilization, coordination, and partnerships.



Officials from various Government offices of South Sudan South, NGOs, UN Agencies and the Private Sector caucus at the Sudan National Dialogue on Forced Displacement

Sudan's National Durable Solutions Strategy Validated

IGAD supported the Government of Djibouti's in convening a three-day national dialogue on forced displacements. The dialogue that took place on the 13th to 15th March, 2023 brought together participants from different government ministries, department and agencies, regional local authorities from Tadjourah, Ali Sabieh, Obock and Djibouti, international and national humanitarian agencies with responsibilities on refugee protection.

Due to its significant refugee-to-national ratio, Djibouti is one of the pioneering nations implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). In line with their commitment, Djibouti introduced a new National Refugee Law, which came into effect alongside decrees issued in 2017. These measures aimed to facilitate the integration of refugees into national systems, encompassing crucial areas such as healthcare, education, and employment.

Djibouti's national dialogue served as a platform for the government and stakeholders to converge and engage in discussions, sharing their experiences regarding forced displacement responses. This inclusive forum allowed for the identification of obstacles and the formulation of appropriate measures to expedite the implementation of activities aimed at enhancing the quality of responses to forced displacement.

The recommendations from this meeting played a crucial role in developing unified and cohesive solutions to address forced displacement challenges within Djibouti's context. During the meeting, the Government of Djibouti, in collaboration with its partners, conducted a thorough review of the membership and Terms of Reference (TOR) of the CRRF Coordination Mechanism. This evaluation coincided with the review and update of the National CRRF Plan of Action for the period of 2017-2022.



Secondary school teachers during the first training in Gambella, Ethiopia.

IGAD's Teacher Training Is Improving the Quality of Secondary Education in Refugee Hosting Areas

The IGAD Teacher Training Initiative, implemented by IGAD with support of the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the government of Germany, trained a total of 755 teachers in secondary schools, thereof 263 female teachers, in Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda. After accomplishment of the four modules in pedagogy, socio-psychological skills, life skills/communication and ICT, the teachers were better equipped with tools and methods to improve the quality of their teaching.

The Teacher Training Initiative is designed to put the Djibouti Declaration on Quality Education for Refugees, Returnees and Host Communities into practice. The pilot initiative implements key provisions of the declaration by capacitating teachers to respond to the distinct learning and psycho-social needs of refugee learners. The training equiped teachers with methods to effectively communicate in often overcrowded classrooms and with digital tools that can be integrated in teaching. Approximately 15,424 students in 71 secondary schools in refugee camps and host communities in Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda benefited from the improved quality of secondary education.

Key achievements and lessons learned from the three training rounds, monitoring missions and classroom observation have been shared regularly during IGAD's regional high-level meetings with IGAD member states. Based on feedback from the trained teachers, the four modules were revised and greater emphasis was paid to gender equality in classrooms. The consultancy firm Particip GmbH has also developed two additional modules on learning assessment of students and mentoring of teachers in order to ensure the sustainable application of the training content in the long-term.



Handover of training certificate to a female teacher by the State Minister for Primary Education, Hon. Dr. Joyce Moriku Kaducu in Arua, Uganda.



IGAD and UNHCR Staff at the Joint Review Workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

IGAD & UNHCR in Joint Review of the Draft IGAD Policy Framework on Refugee Protection

Experts from IGAD and UNHCR engaged in a joint review of the Draft IGAD Policy Framework on Refugee Protection in Nairobi, Kenya on 25th – 27th April, 2023. A team from East African Community (EAC), the Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) shared their experiences, lessons learnt and best practices in the formulation and implementation of regional mechanisms on refugee protection.

The team of experts which also included representation from the UNHCR Regional Bureaus for the East, Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region, UNHCR at the African Union and UNHCR Southern Africa Bureau, analysed the findings and recommendations arising out of national consultations on the status of refugee protection in the IGAD region.

The experts further reviewed the draft Policy Framework's priority areas and the recommended measures in preparation of Member States technical experts' review and validation workshops.

IGADs Highlights Roadmap at the GRF Briefing in Geneva

IGAD presented the priorities and objectives for the IGAD Support Platform at the first quarterly Informal Briefing on the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) on the 6th of March 2023 in Geneva.

Mr. Charles Obila, the Coordinator of the IGAD Support Platform presented IGAD's roadmap for the Global Refugee Forum taking place in Geneva in December 2023 and highlighted the plan to explore the formulation of a regional mega pledge. IGAD is supporting member states in developing national GRF roadmaps.

To support this process, IGAD planned to hold a regional consultative meeting with member states on 4-5th April in Djibouti. Leading towards the GRF, a range of national consultations with member states and regional Ministerial high-level meetings on education, jobs and livelihood, and health for refugees, returnees and host communities had been planned. Additionally, a high-level exchange between IGAD and the East African Community (EAC) would be hosted in June by the Government of Uganda, which is a co-convener of this years' GRF.

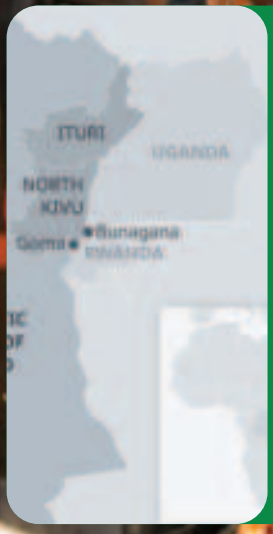
Forced Displacements Watch in the IGAD Region

SUDAN CONFLICT DISPLACES NEARLY FOUR MILLION

Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, large numbers of civilians have been forced to flee, including people who were already internally displaced because of previous conflicts in Sudan and refugees from other countries who had sought safety in Sudan.

Latest data shows that the conflict has displaced nearly four million people, with more than 926,000 seeking refuge abroad and a total of 3.02 million internally displaced. These include refugees of other nationalities hosted by Sudan who have fled Sudan to neighbouring countries or returned home, some to more adverse circumstances.





M23 CONFLICTS SENDS MORE REFUGEES TOWARDS UGANDA

Since the beginning of the year and ending June 2023, Uganda has received 34,436 refugees from DRC (16,191) due to the M23 Rebellion and South Sudan (18,245) due to internal conflicts.



200,000 DISPLACED IN LAS ANOD

Since violence erupted in Las Anod, Sool region, in Somalia at the beginning of February, close to 200,000 people have been displaced.

Upcoming Major Events

August 2023

IGAD Regional Migration Cordination Committee (RMCC) and the Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP) Meeting.

Tadjoura, Djibouti

28th - 30 August, 2023

About the Meeting

The Regional Dialogue will provide a platform for Government officials and other stakeholders to share the experiences and expertise on human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change. Participants will include Directors and Ministers in charge of human mobility, disasters, climate change and migration from IGAD Member states and related partners.

GRF Preparation Engagements of IGAD Members States

July – September, 2023

IGAD Member States continue on national consultation on the Preparation for the December 2023 GRF. These consultations are aimed at taking stock on the implementation of the previous pledges and the development of new pledges.

October 2023

Regional Review and Validation Workshop for the IGAD Policy Framework on Refugee Protection

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

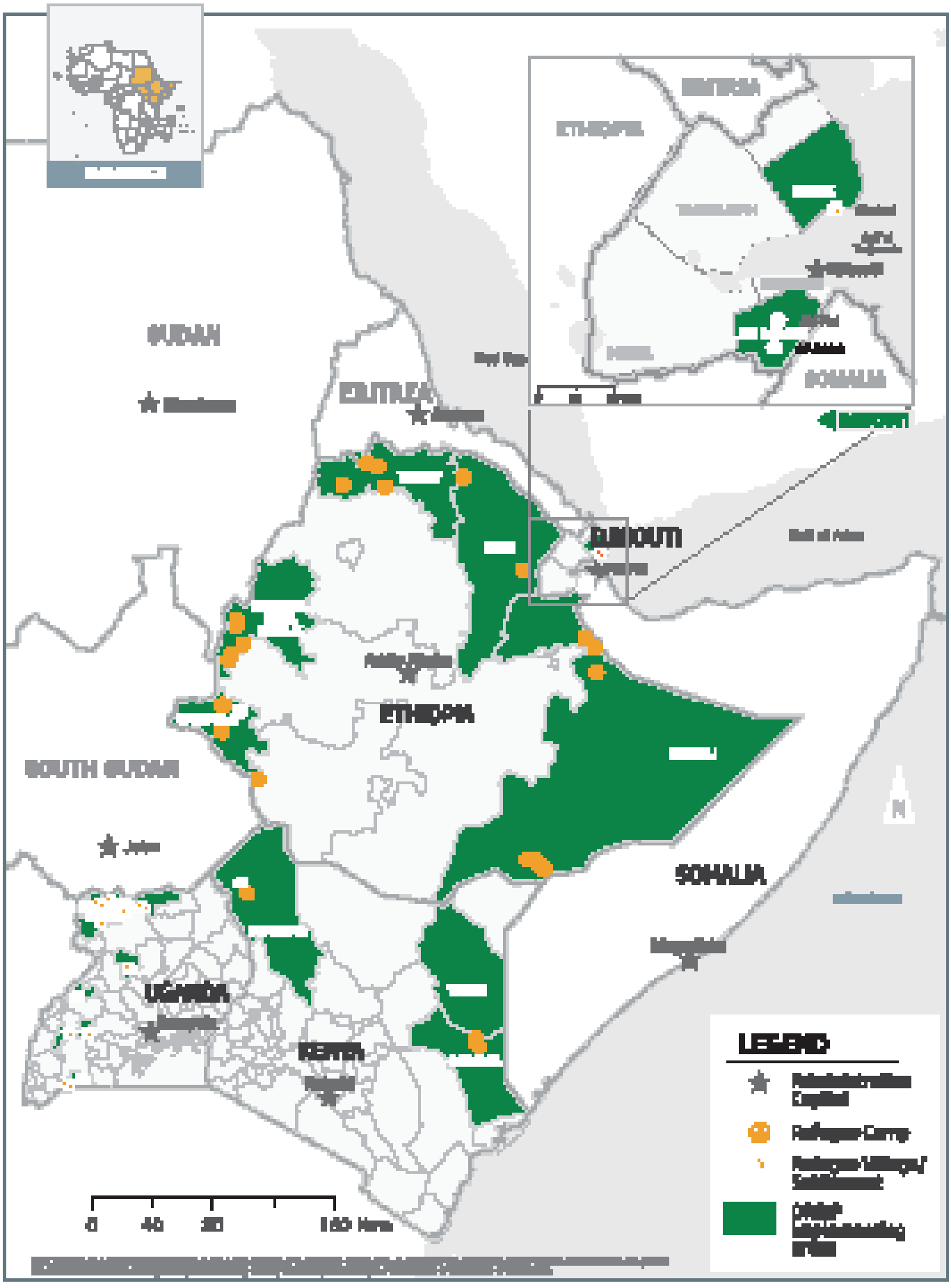
16th - 18th October, 2023.

About the Meeting

IGAD will convene technical experts from all the Member States to review and validate the draft IGAD Policy Framework on Refugee Protection. The Policy Framework seeks to provide a common regional mechanism for refugee management in the IGAD region.

DRDIP REGIONAL OUTCOMES

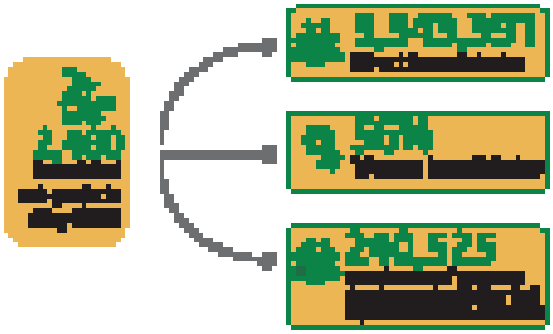
Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP)



DRDIP REGIONAL OUTCOMES

Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP)

Key outcomes



Social Economic Services and Infrastructures (SESI)



820

108,114

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Sustainable Environmental Management (SEM)



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Livelihoods Support Program (LSP)



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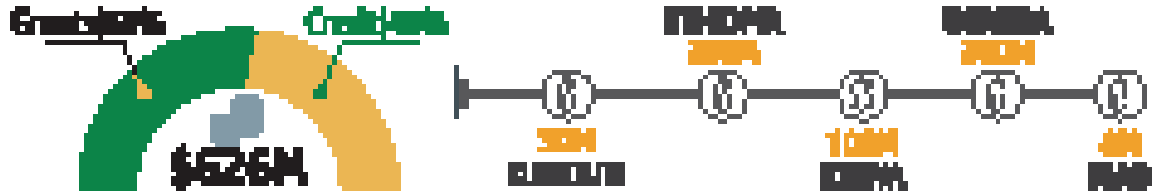
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Financial support



IGAD SUPPORT PLATFORM



DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES