

Support to UNHCR in operationalization of the Global Compact on Refugees

A Global Programme aiming at supporting UNHCR in its role as facilitator of the operationalization of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus.

Context

By the end of 2019, 79.5 million people had fled their homes worldwide. While the numbers of forcibly displaced are at an all-time high, the number of complex, protracted crises is also increasing. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) represents the political will and ambition of the international community for strengthened cooperation and solidarity with refugees and affected host countries. It is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing between governments, international organisations and other stakeholders. It constitutes a unique opportunity to transform the way the world responds to refugee situations, benefiting both refugees and host communities. In 2019, at the first Global Refugee Forum, 280 policy pledges were made by host countries to enhance refugee's inclusion in their national systems. These commendable pledges need the close collaboration of humanitarian and development actors to ensure their sustainable implementation, in line with the principles enshrined in the GCR.

The Global Programme

The GCR calls on UNHCR to facilitate “a coherent humanitarian and development response”. This can succeed when humanitarian and development actors make use of their capacities and complementary advantages to ensure the most effective and beneficial response. To contribute to this end, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) commissioned the Global Programme “Support to UNHCR in the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus” in 2018. The programme is imple-

mented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and aims to support UNHCR as a facilitator of the GCR in the HDP Nexus. The programme is part of the German Special Initiative “Tackling the Root Causes of Displacement, (Re-) integrating Refugees”.

The programme consists of four components that include implementing activities with UNHCR in seven countries, accompanied by organisational capacity development:

1. Implementation of the HDP Nexus in selected displacement settings,
2. Implementation of the HDP Nexus in the sector of sustainable energy,
3. Strengthening UNHCR's capacities to foster the implementation of the GCR and cooperation within the HDP Nexus,
4. Strengthening capacities of governmental structures to implement the GCR at national and district levels.

The programme consolidates and analyses lessons learned from all four components for comprehensive and coherent approaches within the implementation of the GCR in the HDP Nexus.

Programme Information

Programme name	Support to UNHCR in the operationalization of the Global Compact on Refugees in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus
Commissioner	BMZ
Implementation Area	Niger, Mexico, Mauritania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda
Partner	UNHCR
Duration	2018 –2024

Component 1

Under Component 1, UNHCR and GIZ implement projects in different displacement settings, strengthening the HDP Nexus. A joint project in Mexico aims at improving the environment for social, cultural and economic integration of displaced persons in host communities.

The implementation of measures in Mauritania builds on experiences gained in Mexico so far. GIZ and UNHCR will develop local solutions in line with the GCR that will build capacities to strengthen the socio-economic inclusion of refugees, asylum-seekers and vulnerable members of host communities.

An urbanisation project in Niger is implemented by UNHCR and targets with a progressive out-of-camp approach Malian refugees and host communities by constructing social housing, one-stop-shops and providing income generation. GIZ supports UNHCR in terms of quality assurance of construction measures.

Component 2

Component 2 focuses on the renewable energy sector in refugee contexts in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia. GIZ works together with UNHCR on the policy level to develop strategic energy plans that include refugees and host communities. GIZ supports UNHCR to facilitate procurement of long-



term energy service contracts, solar systems, technical designs and economic analyses in order to green humanitarian infrastructure in displacement settings. The energy access for the target group will be increased through market-based approaches for households, social institutions and small businesses. For example, energy kiosks are being set-up in Uganda selling solar products and energy-efficient cookstoves.

Component 3

With an increasing trend towards protracted crises and longer-term situations of forced displacement, solutions for persons of concern are not only a humanitarian endeavour. At UNHCR, the Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) focuses on supporting their country operations to better work and engage with key development partners within the context of the GCR and the HDP Nexus. DRS supports the socio-economic and legal inclusion of forcibly displaced and aims to achieve institutional change towards better responses for refugees also benefitting their hosts. GIZ strengthens these processes by financing staff, providing advice and supporting capacity development processes at DRS.

Component 4

Component 4 strengthens capacities of governmental structures to implement the GCR on national and district levels in Rwanda and Uganda. In Rwanda, the programme provides advisory services to the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management working on the sustainable socio-economic integration of refugees (among other topics). In Uganda, the programme strengthens the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) Secretariat as a knowledge hub as well as its coordination with district institutions. First lessons learned have been drawn from the cooperation in the HDP Nexus which will improve further implementation of the GCR in the country.

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