

APPLYING COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSES (CRRF) IN AFRICA



Irikungoma (right) is a refugee from Burundi. She lives alongside her best friend, Anethe (left), who is Rwandese. They attend Paysannat L school, in Mahama refugee camp, Kirehe, eastern Rwanda. The camp hosts around 54,000 refugees who fled Burundi after violence broke out in 2015. Around 20,000 children here attend the Paysannat L school, which expanded to accommodate the new arrivals. It now has 230 classrooms and 300 teaching staff – some of whom are refugees themselves.

I. NEW YORK DECLARATION COMMITMENTS (19 SEPTEMBER 2016)



Shared global responsibility

Specific acknowledgement that the protection of refugees and assistance to host States are a shared international responsibility.



Whole of society approach

Even stronger partnerships between host governments including line ministries, UN Agencies, development actors, the private sector, NGOs, financial institutions, and civil society.



Supporting host countries

Providing them with additional and predictable humanitarian funding and development support.



Well-funded emergency responses

Pledge to meet the needs of refugees and host communities at the start of emergencies.



Self-reliance

Commitment to include refugees in national development plans and invest in the future of refugees and local communities alike.



Enhancing durable solutions

Commit to wider avenues for refugees through resettlement and complementary pathways.

II. NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CRRF ROLL-OUT COUNTRIES*2

Chad
411,482

Ethiopia
916,678

Uganda
1,444,873

Rwanda
165,993

Zambia
45,940

Kenya
481,226

Djibouti
27,366

Number of Somali refugees in East and Horn of Africa and Yemen*

835,905

Number of IDPs in Somalia

2.1M*3

*The CRRF is applied to the Somalia refugee situation through a regional approach involving Somalia's neighbouring countries

*2 Country figures as of March and April 2018

*3 As of 31 October 2017

III. KEY AREAS OF CRRF APPLICATION

Djibouti	Ethiopia	Kenya	Rwanda	Uganda	Zambia	Regional approach for Somali refugees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRRF builds on three pledges made at the Leaders' Summit on Refugees (20 September 2016) to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt a new refugee law giving more rights to refugees; 2. Provide quality education to all refugee children; 3. Grant refugees access to national health systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRRF is the vehicle to implement the 9 pledges made at the Leaders' Summit. Pledges are divided in 6 thematic areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Out of camp policy 2. Education 3. Work / livelihoods 4. Documentation 5. Other social / basic services 6. Local integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRRF addresses Leaders' Summit pledges to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Support development of Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement to benefit refugees and residents of Turkana County; ii) Facilitate the legal status for refugees with claims to citizenship/residency; and iii) Facilitate school enrolment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRRF addresses 3 Leaders' Summit pledges: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Promote refugee inclusion through livelihoods strategy and allow 58,000 refugees to enjoy baking services; ii) issue ID cards and travel documents to 160,000 refugees; iii) allow 30,000 urban refugees to buy into the national health insurance; iv) improve refugee children's inclusion into the national education system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses 5 key areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admission and rights 2. Emergency response and ongoing needs 3. Resilience and self-reliance 4. Expanded solutions 5. Voluntary repatriation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Builds on Leaders' Summit pledges including to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locally integrate eligible Angolans, Rwandans, and protracted Congolese refugees; 2. Consider relaxing the encampment policy; 3. Enhance measures for refugees to access work; 4. Improve access to education in settlements; 5. Provide access to civil registration and other legal documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses 2 key strategic aims: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stabilize Somalia through State- and peace-building and creating conditions for voluntary return. 2. Foster burden-sharing among countries in the region hosting Somali refugees.

IV. KEY PROGRESS / ACHIEVEMENTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new refugee law and its decrees give refugees access to social services such as education, health, justice and employment. Since August 2017, refugees are included in the National Action Plan on Education and the national curriculum is translated into English and Arabic. Since January 2018, the Ministry of Health fully assumes responsibility for the inclusion of refugees in the national health systems and is responsible for refugee healthcare. The National Action Plan for the CRRF was validated and a National Steering Committee has met on April 4th 2018 to lead the CRRF application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The enrollment of refugee children in primary schools has increased by 37% since the 2016 school year (72% enrollment for this age group; close to the Leaders' Summit pledge to enroll 75%). Refugees can register their vital life events, such as births, thanks to civil documentation for all refugees. The design and negotiation phase of the World Bank's Job Compact project is underway with a view to provide employment opportunities for 30,000 refugees and 70,000 Ethiopians. The CRRF road map was released and workshops are taking place in order to establish 6 thematic Technical Committees around the Government's pledges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion of refugees in County Integrated Development Plans in Turkana and Garissa is underway. The World Bank's IDA-18 refugee sub-window eligibility mission assessed that Kenya is eligible for the financial facility for refugees and host communities. Refugees and stateless people have been included across all pillars of the upcoming 2018-2022 UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Multi-government workshop on the CRRF was facilitated in November 2017 to explain the framework, share lessons and discuss opportunities around the roll-out. The verification of urban refugees that is underway will enable refugees to access the national health insurance and to receive refugee ID cards. The verification of camp-based refugees will be finalized by the end of 2018. A World Bank eligibility mission on the IDA 18 sub-window for refugees and host communities has taken place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugees are included in the national and local development plans through the Settlement Transformation Agenda (STA). The CRRF and the Refugee and Host Community Empowerment strategy (ReHoPE) also support the STA. Amongst others, additional funding is ensured through the World Bank's IDA-18 refugee sub-window, as well as USD 50M loan from the Bank, approved by Parliament. The Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) launched a comprehensive response strategy (2018-2022) to localize the CRRF through strengthened cooperation, evidence-based planning, and greater livelihoods support, integration and peace-building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zambia's 2017 Refugee Act is a significant shift from the 1979 Refugee Control Act as it enables the Government to: implement a settlement approach; grant refugees a variety of rights and access to services; and facilitate permanent residency and naturalization. A "whole-of-government approach" is applied to the refugee response, through linkages with national and provincial development priorities and plans. 	<p>REGIONAL LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGAD Member States adopted the Nairobi Declaration and its Plan of Action (25 March 2017) and agreed to "collectively pursue" a regional response To improve education standards for refugees, IGAD Member States adopted the Djibouti Declaration on Regional Refugee Education and its Programme of Action in December 2017. IGAD stocktaking meeting was held (March 2018) to review progress made in implementing the Nairobi Declaration's Plan of Action. <p>INSIDE SOMALIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRRF promotes self-reliance, invests in the future of returnees, IDPs and host communities, and supports the stalled Durable Solutions Initiative for return, reintegration and economic recovery of Somalia. A National Forum on Durable Solutions for Refugees, Returnees and IDPs (Aug. 2017) brought together central and regional government officials, resulted in a draft National Policy to support the Nairobi Declaration.
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V. NEXT STEPS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An awareness-raising campaign on the new refugee law is being conducted to convey the new rights of refugees, targeting private sector businesses, line ministries and others partners including refugees and host communities. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a workshop with all private sector entities to encourage them to create job and training opportunities for refugees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new national refugee law is due to be finalized in early 2018. It will grant refugees the right to work, access to education, employment, health, justice and freedom of movement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government is finalizing the drafts of both the IGAD National Action Plan for the implementation of the Nairobi Declaration and the country's roadmap guiding the CRRF application. The Ministry of Education is developing a Refugee Education Inclusion Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A workshop to agree on detailed commitments for CRRF roll-out and facilitation mechanism is scheduled to take place in June 2018. Six similar consultations in districts will ensure that the results scale down to refugee hosting districts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Steering Group meeting is scheduled to take place on 27 June 2018. The meeting will serve to review progress on the milestones for Q2 in Uganda's CRRF Road Map. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efforts are underway to include aspects of inclusion and self-reliance of marginalized populations, including refugees, in development plans (national and district). The Government is developing a roadmap that will set the strategic direction of the comprehensive refugee response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalization of Somalia's draft Action Plan for Refugee Returnees and IDPs. Finalization of National Policy on Displacement in Somalia. Second regional thematic conference on the theme of livelihoods will be held in Q4 of 2018.
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