



# Support in the Implementation of the UN Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

A Global Project aiming at strengthening UNHCR's function as coordinator in protracted displacement settings

## CONTEXT

By the end of 2018, 70.8 million people had fled their homes worldwide. While the numbers of forcible displacement is at an all-time high, the number of complex, protracted crises is also increasing. On 17 December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly affirmed the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), after two years of extensive consultations led by UNHCR with Member States, international organizations, refugees, civil society, private sector, and experts. The Global Compact on Refugees is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international cooperation. It provides a blueprint for governments, international organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that host communities get the support they need and that refugees can lead self-determined lives. It constitutes a unique opportunity to transform the way the world responds to refugee situations, benefiting both refugees and host communities.

The four objectives of the GCR are to:

- Ease the pressures on host countries;
- Enhance refugee self-reliance;
- Expand access to third-country solutions;
- Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.

## Role of UNHCR as facilitator of the GCR application

Under the GCR, UNHCR's 2016-2018 responsibility to support fifteen CRRF pilot programmes shifts to an all-of-agency responsibility for global facilitation of comprehensive responses. In this new period, UNHCR's approach strongly emphasizes facilitation of key interventions that support nationally/regionally designed comprehensive plans that are led by governments. UNHCR maintains a crucial facilitation role under the GCR in advancing the Nexus in Humanitarian Aid, Development and Peace.

## GLOBAL PROJECT

The BMZ commissioned project "Support in the Implementation of the UN Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework", implemented by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ), seeks to support UNHCR as a facilitator of the GCR in the Nexus. The project is part of the German Special Initiative "Tackling the Root Causes of Displacement, (Re-)integrating Refugees".

The global project consists of three components that include implementing activities with UNHCR in six countries, accompanied by organizational capacity development.

1. Implementation of the Nexus in selected displacement settings
2. Implementation of the Nexus in the sector of sustainable energy

### 3. Capacity Development of the UNHCR division DRS and national structures to implement CRRF

#### CONSOLIDATING EXPERIENCES

The project develops a monitoring and knowledge system for consolidating and analysing lessons learned from all action areas. This is key in generating knowledge on ‘what works under which conditions’ and contributes to public and organisational learning, which can result in better-informed and -coordinated programming and implementation on the CRFF and Nexus.

#### COMPONENT 1

Under Component 1, UNHCR and GIZ implement joint projects in Mexico and Niger. The approach in Mexico is designed as a partnership based on division of labour. Referring on the Nexus, the project aims on improving the socio-economic integration of displaced persons in hosting communities. A focus is set on strengthening of self-reliance through labour market integration and promotion of entrepreneurships. In addition, public institutions receive support through capacity development.

The project implementation in Niger is based on a grant agreement under the responsibility of UNHCR with advice from GIZ. Following a progressive out-of-camp approach, the urbanisation project targets 35.000 Malian refugees by constructing social housing and providing income generation. Moreover, the project establishes one-stop-shops for the provision of information services for refugees.

#### COMPONENT 2

A great challenge that humanitarian agencies face is to ensure the provision of reliable and sustainable energy access in displacement settings. Therefore, Component 2 focuses on the renewable energy sector within the Nexus by improving the global policy framework and greening infrastructure in displacement settings as well as increasing energy access for households in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia and cost efficient solutions.

#### COMPONENT 3

At UNHCR, the newly established Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) focuses on protracted displacement settings in the context of GCR and the Nexus. On a national level, partner countries set up designated structures for applying the CRRF on site. Component 3 seeks to support these processes by financing staff, providing advice and organise capacity development at DRS. In addition a GIZ advisor will support the CRRF secretariat in Rwanda.

#### Project Information

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