

Glossary

Acquis	Used in the EU context to refer to the “acquired” or agreed set of instruments relating to cooperation on asylum matters	Complementary food	Food items provided by UNHCR in addition to the basic food ration provided by WFP.
ADB	Asian Development Bank	Convention Plus	An initiative presented by UNHCR’s High Commissioner during the fifty-third session of ExCom in October 2002 to improve refugee protection worldwide and to facilitate the resolution of refugee problems through multilateral special agreements on such issues as secondary movement, resettlement, and the link between assistance and development.
AfDB	African Development Bank	Convention refugees	Persons recognized as refugees by States under the eligibility criteria provided for in Article 1 of the 1951 Convention and entitled to the enjoyment of variety of rights under that treaty.
AFIS	Automated Finger-point Identification System	CPA	Comprehensive Plan of Action
APPB	Appointments, Postings and Promotions Board	CPR	Conflict Prevention and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Network
APC	Asia-Pacific Consultations	DAC	Development Assistance Committee
ARC	Action for the Rights of the Children	DAFI	Albert Einstein Academic Scholarship Programme for Refugees
CAP	Consolidated Inter-agency Appeal Process	DAR	Development Assistance for Refugees - Additional development assistance for improved burden-sharing for countries hosting large numbers of refugees; promoting better quality of life and self-reliance for refugees pending different durable solutions; and a better quality of life for host communities.
CASWANAME	UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Central Asia, South-West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	DLI	Development through Local Integration - Where local integration of refugees in countries of asylum is a viable
CCA	Common Country Assessment		
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework		
CEB	Chief Executives’ Board		
CEDAW	Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women		
Cessation Clauses	Legal provisions that indicate when refugee status comes to an end because it is no longer needed or justified.		
CIP	Comprehensive Implementation Plan		
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States		
CMS	Career Management System		
CoE	Council of Europe		

	option, UNHCR's High Commissioner proposes a DLI strategy to solicit additional development assistance aimed at attaining durable solutions for refugees through local integration.		
DPA	United Nations Department of Political Affairs	ELENA	European Legal Network on Asylum
DPKO	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations	EMTP	Emergency Management Training Programmes
Dublin II	Effective from 1 September 2003, this European Council Regulation provides the legal basis for establishing the criteria and mechanism for determining the State responsible for examining an asylum application in one of the Member States of the EU (excluding Denmark, but including Iceland and Norway) by a third country national.	EPG	Eminent Persons Group
Durable solutions	Means by which the situation of refugees can be satisfactorily and permanently resolved to enable them to live normal lives. The three durable solutions are voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement.	ERC	Emergency Relief Coordinator
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	ERISS	Electronic Resettlement Information and Submission System
EC	European Commission	EU	European Union
ECHA	Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs	ExCom	Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Office	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West Africa States	FAOP	Framework Agreement for Operational Partnership
ECRE	European Council on Refugees and Exiles	FDPs	Formerly Deported People(s): People(s) who were deported from their historic homeland during the Soviet period. Some of the persons belonging to this category may be stateless. (Applies to situations in CIS countries. The definition does not carry a universal or binding character).
EDF	European Development Fund	FFW	Food for Work
EDMS	Electronic Document Management System	FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
EFCT	Emergency Field Coordination Training	FYROM	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
		GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
		GDP	Gross Domestic Product
		Gender-based/related persecution	Persecution that targets or disproportionately affects a particular gender. Under certain factual circumstances, gender-related persecution may come within the refugee definition.
		HCNM	OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	IHL	International Humanitarian Law
HR	Human Resources	ILC	International Law Commission
IAAP	Inter-Agency Advisory Panel	ILO	International Labour Organization
IAPSO	Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (UNDP)	IMF	International Monetary Fund
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee	IOC	International Olympic Committee
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross	IOM	International Organization for Migration
ICRIRR	International Conference on the Reception and Integration of Refugees	IPTF	International Police Task Force
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies (NGOs)	IRPs	Involuntarily Relocating Persons: persons who are forced to relocate to the country of their citizenship as a result of circumstances threatening their lives such as armed conflict, internal disorder, inter-ethnic tension or systematic violations of human rights and who are in need of assistance to resettle in their countries of citizenship. (Applies to situations in CIS countries. The definition does not carry a universal or binding character).
IDP/IDPs	Internally Displaced Person - People who are forced or obliged to flee from their homes, "...in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflicts, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized State border" (according to the <i>Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement</i>).	IT	Information Technology
IFA	Internal flight or relocation alternative – A factual determination that a person fleeing persecution in one part of his or her country of origin could find protection in another part of the same country. The idea that refugees should first try to find a place within the country of origin where they would be safe, before seeking asylum outside the country rests on understandings which are basically at odds with fundamental refugee protection principles.	ITAA	Islamic Transitional Authority of Afghanistan
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	JPO	Junior Professional Officer
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development	KFOR	Kosovo Force
		KIMS	Knowledge and Information Management System
		LAICS	Legal Aid and Information Centres
		LIFE	Learning In and From Emergencies
		MSRP	Management Systems Renewal Project – replaced UNHCR's out-dated computer systems for finance, supply chain, human resources and payroll with a new information system using PeopleSoft software.

Mandate Refugees	Persons who are recognised as refugees by UNHCR acting under the authority of its Statute and relevant UN General Assembly resolutions. Mandate status is especially significant in States that are not parties of the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol.	OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
MERCOSUR	<i>Mercado Común del Sur – Common Market of the Southern Cone</i>	PAR	Performance Appraisal Report
MINURSO	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara	PARinAC	Partnership in Action
MONUC	United Nations Observer Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	PHARE	EU-Community programme for assistance for economic restructuring in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	PKF	Peacekeeping Force
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	POP	People-Oriented Planning
NEPAD	The New Partnership for Africa's Development	PPMS	Protection and Programme Management System
OAU	Organization of African Unity – now AU – African Union	<i>prima facie</i> refugee	Refers to a practice by which all persons forming part of a large-scale influx are regarded as refugees.
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	PRSP	Property Reduction Strategy Paper
ODIHR	OSCE, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights	QIPs	Quick Impact Projects
ODPR	Office for Displaced Persons and Refugees	QSGs	Quick Support Grants
OECD	Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development	<i>Refoulement</i>	The removal of a person to a territory where she/he would be at risk of being persecuted, or of being moved to another territory where she/he would face persecution.
OHR	Office of the High Representative (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	(4Rs) Repatriation, Reintegration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	In post-conflict situations in countries of origin, UNHCR's High Commissioner proposes the 4Rs concept, bringing together humanitarian and development actors and funds. It aims to ensure linkages between all four processes so as to prevent the recurrence of mass outflows, facilitate sustainable repatriation, and help create good local governance.
OHCHR	(UN) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	RSD	Refugee Status Determination – legal and administrative procedures undertaken by States and/or UNHCR to determine whether an individual should be recognized as a refugee in accordance with national and international law.
OIOS	United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services		
OMS	Operations Management System		
OR	Operational Reserve		
ORB	UNHCR's Operations Review Board		

RWI	Rwandan Women's Initiative	UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
SADC	Southern African Development Community	UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
Safe third country concept	Where asylum is refused on technical grounds because of the geographical route taken by the applicant – via one or more countries.	UNCAS	United Nations Common Air Service
SEAD	Small Economic Activity Development	UNCSD	United Nations Common Supply Database
SFDI	Social Fund for Development of IDPs	UNCT	United Nations Country Team
SFOR	Stabilisation Force (Bosnia-Herzegovina) (NATO)	UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-based Violence	UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
SHA	Swiss Humanitarian Agency	UNDG	United Nations Development Group
SRS	Self-Reliance Strategy	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
SRSG	Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
TACIS	European Union's Technical Assistance for the CIS	UNF	United Nations (Turner) Foundation
TB	Tuberculosis	UNFIP	United Nations Fund for International Partnerships
THAP	Temporary Humanitarian Assisted Persons	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
Trafficking (human)	The organized movement of persons for profit. The critical additional factor that distinguishes trafficking from migrant smuggling is the presence of force, coercion and/or deception throughout or at some stage in the process – such as deception, force or coercion being used for the purpose of exploitation. While the additional elements that distinguish trafficking from migrant smuggling may sometimes be obvious, in many cases they are difficult to prove without active investigation.	UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
		UNHCR 2004 process	A process chaired by the High Commissioner, which reviewed how the organization could be more solidly constituted and positioned to carry out its role as the main international institution to respond to refugee problems
		UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
		UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women

UN-IP	United Nations Integrated Development Programme	
UNMIBH	United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina	
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo	
UNMIL	United Nations Mission for Liberia	
UNOCI	United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire	
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	
UNOHCI	United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq	
UNOMIG	United Nations Observers Mission in Georgia	
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services	
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolution	
UNSECOORD	Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator	
United Nations Security Phases	<p>The security plan is country specific and takes into consideration the particular political, geographical and other circumstances of the duty station concerned. The United Nations utilizes a worldwide five-phase security management system. The five phases are:</p> <p>Phase one – Precautionary: warn staff that the security situation in the country or a portion of the country is such that caution should be exercised. Travel to the duty station requires advance clearance from the Designated Official.</p> <p>Phase two – Restricted movement: all staff members and their families will be required to remain at home unless otherwise instructed. No travel, incoming or within the country, will occur unless specifically authorized by the Designated Official as essential travel.</p> <p>Phase three – Relocation: indicates a substantial deterioration in the security situation, which may result in the relocation of staff members or their eligible dependants.</p> <p>Phase four – Programme suspension: apart from staff directly concerned with <i>emergency or humanitarian relief operations or security matters</i>, all other internationally recruited staff members who heretofore were considered essential to maintain programme activities will be evacuated.</p> <p>Phase five – Evacuation: the decision to initiate Phase Five, declared following approval by the Secretary-General, signifies that the situation has deteriorated to such a point that all remaining internationally recruited staff members are required to leave.</p>	
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor	
UNV	United Nations Volunteers	
USAID	United States Agency for International Development	
UXO	Unexploded ordnance	
Voluntary repatriation	Return to the country of origin based on the refugees' free and informed decision. Voluntary repatriation is one of the three durable solutions and may be organized (i.e., when it takes place under the auspices of the concerned governments and UNHCR), or spontaneous (i.e., the refugees return by their own means with little involvement of UNHCR and governments).	
WFP	World Food Programme	
WHO	World Health Organization	
WSP International	Formerly known as the War-torn Societies' Project	