

## **UNHCR Policy Development and Evaluation Service (PDES)**

### **Work programme, July-December 2007**

This paper provides a summary of the PDES work programme, with indicative completion dates for each project.

The work programme is focused of five principal themes, selected by the High Commissioner and Assistant High Commissioners:

- IDPs and humanitarian action
- Reintegration and peacebuilding
- International migration and asylum
- The protection of refugees and other persons of concern
- Strengthening the policy development and evaluation function

#### **1. IDPs and humanitarian action**

Completion of real-time evaluations of IDP programmes in Chad, Liberia, Uganda, Somalia and DRC (completed)

Completion of synthesis evaluation report on IDP programmes for September 2007 Standing Committee (completed)

Completion of IASC Working Group paper on humanitarian space (completed in draft)

Completion of paper on UNHCR's experience in integrated UN missions (completed in draft)

Completion of paper on UNHCR's experience of remote management and cross-border operations (in progress)

Focal point for OCHA-led inter-agency evaluation of the Cluster Approach (ongoing)

Focal point for SDC evaluation of UNHCR's IDP programme in Georgia (ongoing)

#### **2. Reintegration and peacebuilding**

Completion of UNHCR policy paper on reintegration (completed in draft)

Completion of concept paper on UNHCR's role in protection and the rule of law in post-conflict and transitional situations (completed in draft)

Evaluations of UNHCR reintegration programmes in Angola and southern Sudan (planning underway)

Research project on sustainable reintegration in Mozambique (planning underway)

### **3. International migration and asylum**

Completion of Global Migration Forum paper on forced migration and development (completed)

Completion of paper on UNHCR, environmental migration and displacement (to be completed by December 2007)

Completion of study on unaccompanied and separated children in mixed migratory movements (to be completed by December 2007)

Focal point for UNHCR Migration Working Group, Global Migration Group, Global Forum on Migration and Development and UNHCR-IOM High Level meeting

### **4. The protection of refugees and other persons of concern**

Commencement of independent evaluation of UNHCR's role in preventing and responding to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (in progress)

Completion of UNHCR policy on refugees in urban areas (to be completed by DIPS, timeframe to be determined)

Completion of paper on UNHCR's role in protracted refugee situations (completed)

Focal point (with DIPS) for Field Reference Group on Protection Policies (ongoing)

Focal point (with DIPS) for the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges (ongoing)

### **5. Strengthening the policy development and evaluation function**

Establishment of Policy Development Network (in progress)

Revision of UNHCR evaluation policy (to be completed by December 2007)

On-the-job and external evaluation training for PDES staff (ongoing)

Participation in UN Evaluation Group (ongoing)

Participation in ALNAP (ongoing)

Focal point for SCHR peer review (ongoing)

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