

WORLD BANK

FORCED DISPLACEMENT  
AND COVID-19

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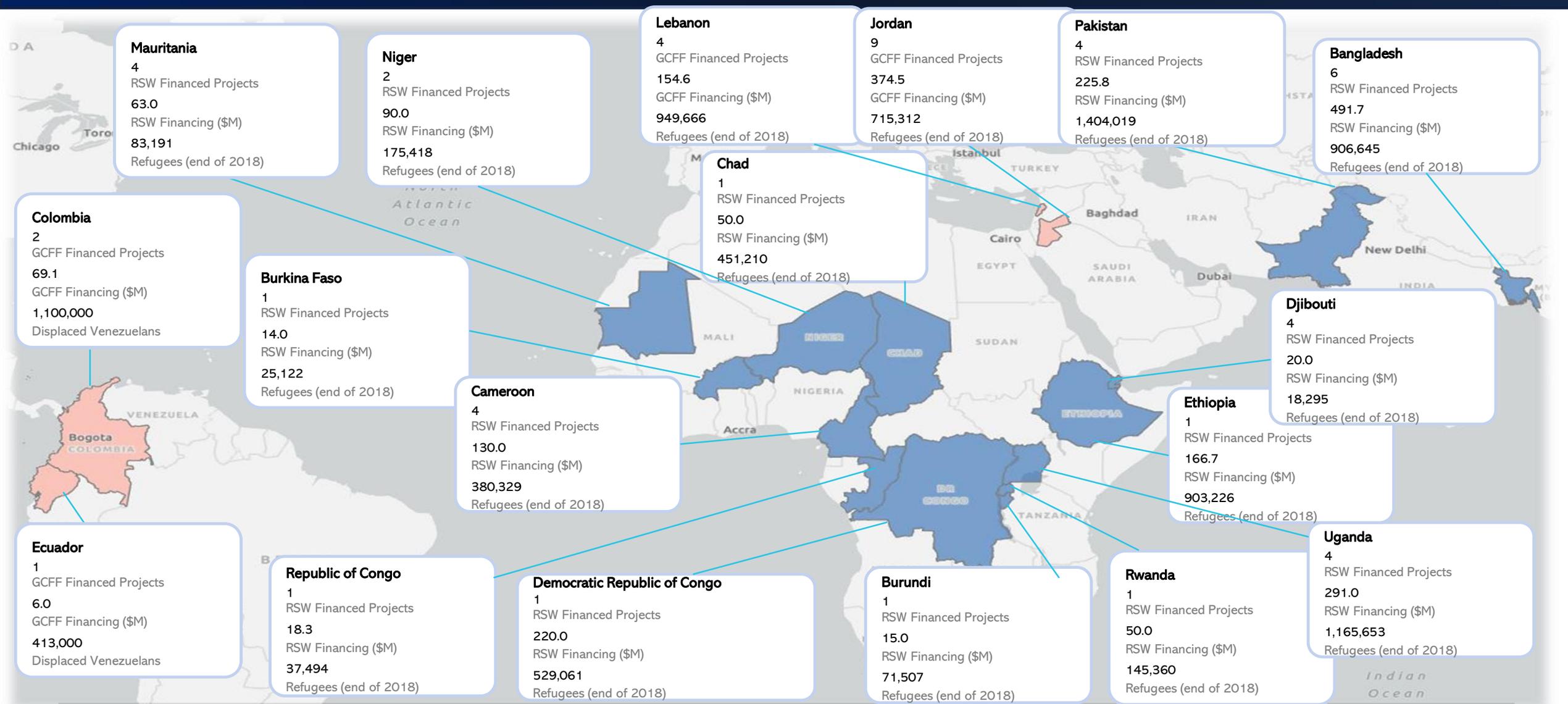
# DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

## A development lens

- Anchored in a poverty reduction mandate, part of broader development effort to reduce poverty and boost shared prosperity
- Part of a broader effort including security, diplomatic, and humanitarian components; distinct from, but complementary to, the humanitarian agenda
- Focused on development institution's comparative advantage

**→ Focus on the medium-term, socio-economic dimension of the crisis – to help both the *forcibly displaced and their host communities***

# Approved operations targeting refugee and host populations\*



# COVID-19 IMPACTS

## ***Public health:***

- Refugee and IDP communities are facing specific health risks (e.g. crowded space, poor sanitation, lack of access to health care) and could also become incubators for larger groups within and across the border

## ***Economic impacts:***

- Refugees, IDPs and host communities likely to be partly hard hit (e.g. pre-existing vulnerability, limited inclusion in economic networks, dependency on humanitarian assistance) possibly exacerbated by containment measures

## ***Protection risks:***

- Risks of “scapegoating” or just “falling below the radar”

## ***Overall trends:***

- Increase in conflict, increase in the number of forcibly displaced persons and strain on government budgets (hosts and donors).

# WORLD BANK RESPONSE

## Focus:

- **Health response:** help ensure refugees, IDPs, and host communities are included in the national responses
- **Economic support:** continued support needed for economic opportunities and access to services, but success will depend on the broader-level national mitigation and recovery effort

## Additional areas:

- Adequately support host communities to mitigate local tensions
- Maintain policy dialogue with government on protection and policies
- Consider stepping up preparedness agenda

## Principles:

- **Ensure that COVID response is both comprehensive and inclusive** (pay adequate attention to host communities, avoid discrimination against forcibly displaced persons)
- **Conceive the development response as a complement to, rather than a substitute for, humanitarian assistance** (government leadership, country systems, medium-term perspective, sustainability)
- **Make sure COVID response does not come to the detriment of other forms of support to refugees, IDPs, and host communities** (the pandemic is often an emergency on the top of other emergencies) and ensure resources remain available to address the longer-term issues faced by forcibly displaced people and their host communities

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**QUESTIONS ?**

**THANK YOU**

# DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

## Key elements of a development agenda

### Data and evidence

### Preparedness

- Develop advance warning systems, contingency planning / resources
- Strengthen resilience of those who stay

### During the crisis

- Address long-standing development issues
- Area-based development, jobs, private investment
- Service delivery and country systems, education
- Right to work and freedom of movement, gender

### Towards solutions

- Support returnees and return communities
- Support legal solutions for people who are “de facto” integrated
- Help shrink situations of “lasting limbos”

# FINANCING

## IDA 19 Window for Host Communities & Refugees (WHR)

### Objectives

- **For medium- to long-term investments** that benefit refugees and host communities in refugee-hosting countries, to: (1) mitigate shocks and create socioeconomic opportunities; (2) facilitate sustainable solutions; and (3) strengthen preparedness
- **To support policy reforms** as evaluated with the **Refugee Policy Review Framework (RPRF)**

### Financing Terms

- **\$2.2 bn envelope**; projects to be financed 90% with WHR and 10% regular IDA; min (10 m) & max (500 m) country allocations for IDA 19 period (July 2020 – June 2023)
- Of which \$1 billion in grant terms in FY21 (July 2020 – June 2021) for projects (1) responding to COVID; (2) supporting substantive policy content
- Remainder (\$1.2 billion) financed as mix (50% grants, 50% IDA terms)

### Eligibility criteria

- > 25,000 refugees and / or 0.1 percent of population
- Adequate protection framework
- Government strategy towards long-term solutions for refugees / hosts