

Reporting by Session Note-takers at the 2019 Annual Consultations with NGOs

Date:	5 July 2019
Session Title:	Solutions
Moderator:	Martin Anderson Refuge Point
UNHCR focal point:	
NGO focal point:	
Major points arising from speakers and discussions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-stakeholder collaboration throughout planning and implementation processes and collective leadership results in the strongest results: In Cote d'Ivoire, a multi-stakeholder approach meant there was a comprehensive and sustainable response to the reintegration process, and an action plan with clearly identified gaps has been developed; The Three-Year Strategy (2019-2021) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways was developed through a collaborative process including NGOs and relevant stakeholders and will be implemented through collective actions and leadership. • NGOs have an important role in building capacity and can bring the flexibility and innovation needed to test and pilot new approaches: NGOs are well placed to support emerging resettlement programmes through capacity building including through EURITA web based platform and through case management checklists/tools which involve refugees in providing feedback on the maturity of programmes; • Complementary pathways for refugees can increase refugee self-reliance by offering refugees the freedom to study and build their own futures: Through a scholarship programme initiated by an NGO in France - Démocratie et Entraide en Syrie Ghosn Zeitoun – the NGO works in partnership with universities and is engaged in ensuring that refugees have access to the rights and services that they need while completing their studies. 	
Recommendations/Conclusions/Decisions on the way forward	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-stakeholder collaboration throughout planning and implementation of processes to achieve solutions for refugees will be essential to the success of the GCR; • The GRF is a platform to galvanise support for the Three-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways through more places; more partners and better quality third country solutions; • Capacity building of stakeholders on solutions will be important to facilitate implementation of GCR; • There is a need to increase refugee access to complementary pathways, and to make passports and travel documents available to refugees – for all solutions and pathways – we need internationally agreed upon documents and certification to allow refugees to find solutions. 	
Top two quotes from the session	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Refugees should be viewed as survivors not victims, with their own capacities to become self-reliant” <i>Genevieve Caston, IRC</i> 	

- “The vision in the Three-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways is ambitious but not unrealistic – we know that complementary pathways exist and it will be critical that we find ways to remove the barriers preventing refugees from accessing them” *Emad Aziz, UNHCR*

Any general points regarding UNHCR-NGO partnerships:

Mention any salient points that the Rapporteur and UNHCR should be aware of for the closing plenary, i.e. prior to the closing of the Consultations.