

## Global update on the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

This monthly document summarizes key developments in the application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Africa, the Americas and Asia.



### DJIBOUTI

#### **New livelihoods strategy validated**

At a joint workshop by the International Labour organization (ILO) and UNHCR, participants validated the [new Livelihoods Strategic Plan](#) which provides foundational knowledge in livelihood and economic inclusion programming, socio-economic assessment and targeting of population groups, and results-based management. The strategic plan was developed with significant support from the Government of Djibouti and colleagues at ONARS (*l'Office National d'Assistance pour les Réfugiés et les Sinistrés*), UNHCR's main counterpart in Djibouti. National ministries, agencies and municipal officials, as well as NGOs and private sector entities such as the Djiboutian Chamber of Commerce contributed to the strategy, helping to understand market realities and opportunities for the near and medium term future.



### ETHIOPIA

#### **Access to Justice project for refugees and host communities**

Following discussions between Gambella Justice Bureau, court officials and UNHCR on the subject of enhancing access to justice for refugees and host communities, a UN Community Safety and Access to Justice Project is soon to be rolled out in the refugee-hosting region of Gambella (west). It is hoped that the project, which has a particular focus on women, children and youth, will improve community safety, and access to justice for refugees and host communities in four target districts which include seven refugee camps.

#### **Local consultations to agree on the CRRF at local level**

Ethiopia's Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and UNHCR conducted consultations on the CRRF in a *woreda* (district) in the northern region of Tigray. The one-day workshop brought together local authorities, UN agencies, NGO partners and representatives of host and refugee communities to formally agree on a programme of action for both populations, with a particular focus on social services, the environment and natural resources, work and livelihoods. Local authorities will review the plans ahead of finalization.

#### **New irrigation canal in southern Ethiopia**

A new irrigation canal in the Melkadida area near the border to Somalia has been completed, benefitting 200 refugee households and 200 local households. Irrigable land will also be allocated to both populations as part of the project.



### KENYA

#### **Advancing the objectives of the Djibouti Declaration on education in the Region**

Following a mapping\* of post-secondary and vocational education for refugees and host communities in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya, a group of refugee students from universities in Nairobi, who are part of the Somali Students Association in Kenya ([SomSake](#)), met with the Special Envoy for the Somali Situation, Ambassador Mohammed Affey to discuss the findings of the mapping exercise and their own research on the status of education in Dadaab. Their research suggests that refugees and nationals have limited access to scholarships; lack information on education in urban areas; have limited access to documentation; and experience administrative barriers to obtain scholarships.

\*The mapping was undertaken by UNHCR through the High Commissioner's Special Envoy for the Somali Refugee Situation.



## RWANDA

### Distribution of refugee ID cards

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees (MIDIMAR) and UNHCR, jointly with other national entities including the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration, and the National Identification Authority, co-hosted an official launch event in Kigali for the issuance of national refugee ID cards to over 1,000 Congolese refugees and 2,760 refugees from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Refugee ID cards enhance their freedom of movement and disburden the opening of bank accounts. The distribution marks the start of the implementation of the [pledge made by the Government of Rwanda](#) at the 2016 Leaders' Summit on Refugees to issue cards to all refugees living in Rwanda.



## UGANDA

### Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development to lead on livelihoods plans for refugees and their hosts

Following the July decision by the CRRF Secretariat to prioritise jobs and livelihoods in the application of comprehensive responses, the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development convened the first multi-stakeholder meeting to initiate a livelihood plan for refugees and host communities. Line ministries, departments and agencies, and development and humanitarian partners took part in the initial discussions.

### Launch of Uganda Refugee Response Portal

A new version of the [Uganda Refugee Response Portal](#) has been released, which complements the [Global CRRF Portal](#). Uganda's portal contains data from partners, a needs assessment registry, and mapping of partners by area of focus and geographical location.



## Somalia situation, including IGAD regional response

### Establishing new partnerships to improve livelihood opportunities for returnees and IDPs

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has held two "Trainer of Trainers" events in fisheries skills in the regions of Bossaso and Puntland. Meanwhile, UNHCR-Somalia is working with the Ministry of Fisheries to support 50 youth and women to develop their fishing skills. In Mogadishu, UNHCR is also working with the HANO Academy, a social business enterprise for youth and women's marketable, short-term vocational training.



## ZAMBIA

### National consultations on the MYMP inform the CRRF roadmap

In line with UNHCR Zambia's efforts to develop its multi-year, multi-partner protection and solutions strategy (MYMPPSS), a two-day national consultation with up to 100 stakeholders brought together line ministries, district authorities from the three main refugee hosting districts in the country, UN agencies, NGOs, faith-based organizations, the private sector, donors, academia and refugees. The consultations served to agree upon priority areas of intervention and will also inform the development of the CRRF roadmap.

### UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP and UNHCR assess services for refugees and their hosts

With ongoing inter-agency efforts to address the Congolese emergency response in Nchelenge District (Luapula Province in the North), the Resident Coordinator, the UN Development Programme's Country director and UNHCR's team in Kawambwa visited Mantapala Settlement to assess progress in the provision of social services for refugees and host communities, and the construction of infrastructure in the new integrated settlement. As the situation in the North of the country stabilizes and emergency partners begin to hand their programmes over to the Government, development partners such as UNDP are seeking ways to continue development interventions in the areas of connectivity, mobility and access to energy.



THE COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK  
in the NORTH OF CENTRAL AMERICA (*MIRPS* in Spanish)



COSTA RICA

**Multi-stakeholder efforts towards inclusion**

The Ministry of Labour and local NGO Women's Foundation organized a job fair to promote the *Living Integration* programme that fosters employability and resilience of persons of concern. The event also served as platform for the launch of "*Programa Integrate al Empleo*", which promotes job placement through subsidies for employers considering to employ persons of concern to UNHCR.



GUATEMALA

**Applying comprehensive responses at local level**

UNHCR's field office in Petén (north) and the new provincial Governor have agreed to implement a community protection project and a safe water project, which will be carried out with the support of the local association of social workers.



HONDURAS

**Enhancing governmental capacity to assist deportees**

In a series of trainings provided by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and UNHCR, a group of officials working in the airport of Honduras' second biggest city, San Pedro Sula, were trained on principles of international protection and on the identification and referral of deportees. These efforts are in line with the Government's commitments made under the MIRPS.



PANAMA

**Home gardening programme for refugees and asylum seekers in Panama**

In order to improve food security and access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food, the Panamanian Red Cross, together with FUNDELAS (Foundation for Economic, Labour, Agricultural and Social Development) is developing a home gardening programme for refugees and asylum seekers. The project is designed to provide agricultural and management training in urban/semi-urban areas.

## CONTACTS and USEFUL LINKS

- CRRF Task Team, Division of Resilience and Solutions, Geneva: [hqcr@unhcr.org](mailto:hqcr@unhcr.org)
- Useful links: [New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants](#), [Global Compact on Refugees](#), [Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework](#).

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