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Forced displacement: Dursable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

**Switzerland's engagemet in the field on internal displacement:
perspectives and new initiatives**

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Most recent initiatives to develop an international agenda on ID

- 09.2017 2017 UNGA Resolution on the protection of and assistance to IDPs (A/RES/72/182)
- 04.2018 GP20: three-year multi-stakeholder Plan of Action to Advance Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs from 2018-2020
- UN system-wide efforts to reform the development system
- Grand Bargain between donors and humanitarian organizations
- Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) recent Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and its recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus
- International processes related to climate change and disaster risk reduction



The High Level Panel on Internal Displacement

- 07.2018 joint initiative Switzerland-Norway for the appointment of an High Level Panel on Internal Displacement, letter submitted to UN SG
- 05.2019 new letter co-signed by 57 Member States to UN SG
- 08.2019 OCHA, UNHCR, IOM mandated to design the HLP
- 12.2019 UN Secretary-General establishes the HLP, focusing primarily on addressing protracted displacement and achieving durable solutions for persons displaced in the context of armed conflict, generalized violence, as well as disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. A new Secretariat is established in Geneva.
- 26.02.2020 First working session of the HLP



Switzerland's engagement in the field on internal displacement

- Addressing the risk of new, secondary or protracted displacement is increasing in several contexts across the globe. IDPs face serious vulnerabilities and protection gaps and are at high risk of being displaced again within urban centers or neighboring countries, becoming this way new refugees and asylum-seekers, particularly if they lack secure tenure, employment and social support that ensure their local integration.
- Strengthening the strategic link between Switzerland's IC and its foreign policy on migration and contribute to addressing the root causes of irregular and forced migration
- Finding durable solutions for IDPs, particularly as integrated components within development strategies, would be an effective way to free much needed humanitarian funds.



New Policy on UNHCR's Engagement in Situations of Internal Displacement

- 2018 Based on the recommendations of UNHCR Internal Review on Protection leadership (IASC Centrality of Protection).
- 10.2019 Switzerland host the launch of the new Policy, which reflects UNHCR commitment to work across the entire spectrum of displacement as per its Strategic Directions 2017-2021;
- Key focus:
 - it calls for a more consistent application of area-based approaches and integrated programming in support of protection and solutions for all relevant population groups in a particular geographical area - including IDPs, refugees, returnees and host communities;
 - it empowers/requires Representatives to be proactive in preparing for and stepping into emergencies that result in significant internal displacement under the UN country leadership;
 - it envisages an agency-wide strategy for resource mobilization in support of IDPs' operations.

Approaches to Durable Solutions:



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Criteria	Sub criteria (IASC)
 PHYSICAL SAFETY	1. SAFETY & SECURITY/ PROTECTION/ SOCIAL COHESION
	2. ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES
 MATERIAL SAFETY	3. ACCESS TO JOB CREATION/ ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
	4. RESTORATION OF HOUSING, LAND & PROPERTY
 LEGAL SAFETY	5. ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION
	6. FAMILY REUNIFICATION
	7. PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
	8. ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE REMEDIES AND JUSTICE



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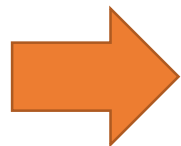
Multi-sectoriel

Multiples partenaires

Lead du Gouvernement & WOGA

Participatory & community-based

Area-based



Combination of human rights-, humanitarian-, development-, peace-/state-building approaches



The example of the Durable Solutions Initiative on Ethiopia

- Launched on 06.12.2019 as a collective process involving federal and regional authorities and their humanitarian, developing and peace partners;
- Walter Kälin appointed early July 2019 as Special Envoy for IDPs in Ethiopia by UN RC;
- Promotion of a shift from a humanitarian response to more comprehensive development (urban) interventions targeting all communities affected by displacement;
- Harmonization of approaches at normative, institutional and operational level with a view to achieving sustainable solutions through area-based approach;
- DS implementation principles: Gvt lead; multi-sectorial & multi-partners; area-based, community-based approach, etc.



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Durable Solutions Initiative on Ethiopia

- A **principled operational framework** to design and implement durable solutions in support of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities.
- Not a program but a **platform** to facilitate collective actions and cooperation between government and international community.
- Based on **international standards** (Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the 2010 Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons).



Durable Solutions Initiative on Ethiopia

Who is involved?

- Government of Ethiopia, the United Nations, international and national NGOs and donors.
- The federal level Durable Solutions Working Group, chaired by NDRMC and co-chaired by IOM and the UN Resident Coordinators Office, responsible of implementation.
- UN team on DS established under the Federal-level DS Working Group – Durable Solutions Coordinator in the RCO.
- Support by the Special Advisor on Displacement to RC/HC



Durable Solutions Initiative on Ethiopia

LEVELS OF DSI SUPPORT	
Policy level	Mainstreaming DS in key policy/strategy documents (incl. development plans)
Legislative level	Ratification of Kampala Convention and of implementing legislation/policy
Institutional level	Strengthening coordination and operations of federal and regional DS working groups. Enhancing whole-of-government approach
Planning level	Mainstreaming displacement/durable solutions in spatial plans
Operational level	Area-based, programmes Supporting IDP households to find individual solutions Mainstreaming solutions



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Programming tools

Towards durable solutions:

Physical safety

Material safety

Legal safety

Area-based approach

- Risk analysis - reconciliation
- Community-based planning
- Basic services
- Livelihoods

Supporting households to find individualized solutions

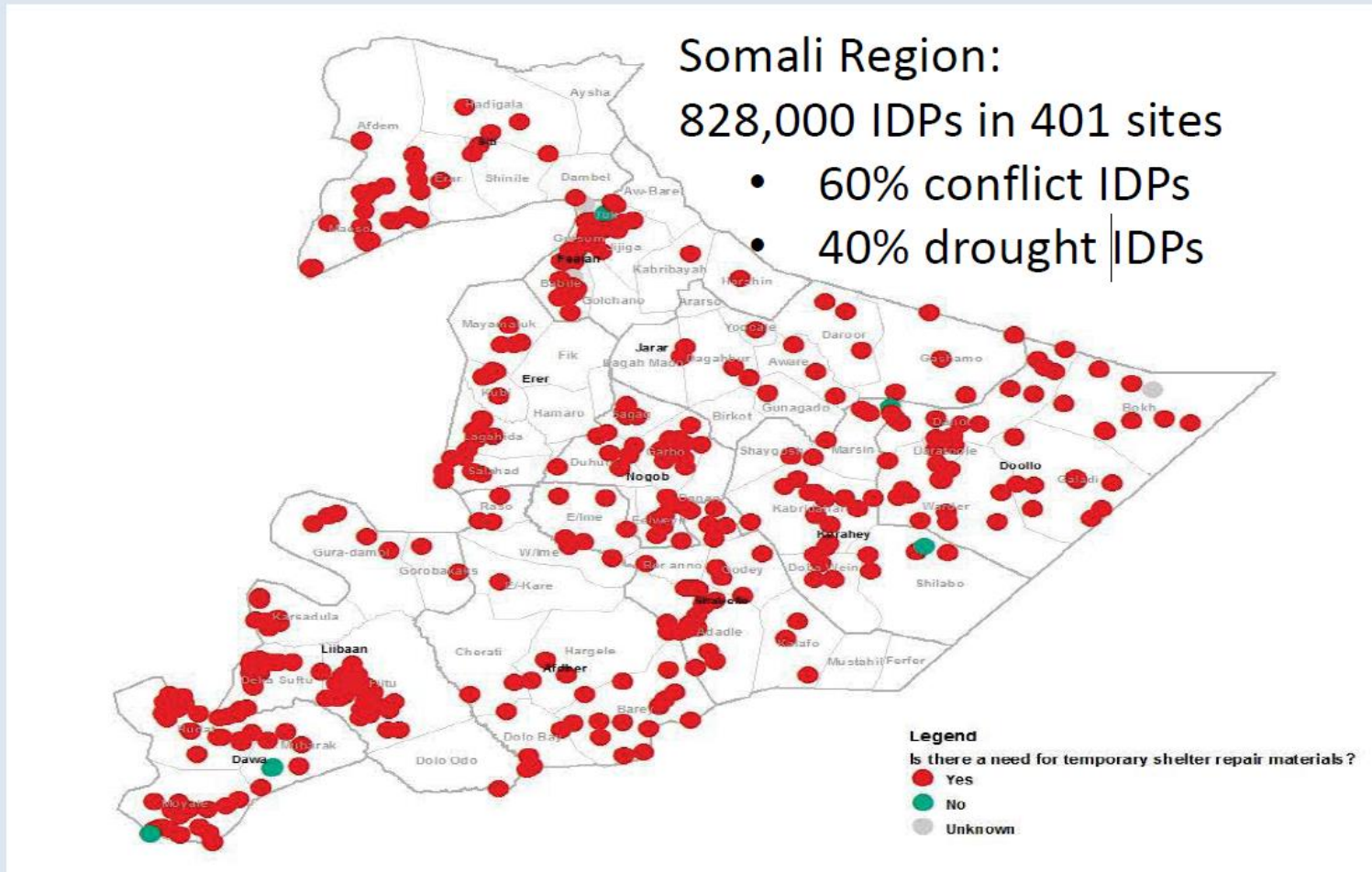
- Access to micro-credits
- Cooperatives
- Access to livelihoods

Integration of solutions into programmes

- Durable Solutions marker in development programmes
- Integration into plans & budgets at multiple levels



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Categories



Conflict:

- IDPs within Somali Region
- IDPs of Somali origin from Oromia Region

Drought:

- IDPs within the same Woreda
- IDPs from another Woreda



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Return areas

- Inter-community peace processes and (sometimes volatile) security in several areas
- Emergency needs (shelter, food, water)
- Lack of services
- Lack of early agricultural inputs
- Still in an IDP(-like) situation





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Relocation areas

- Humanitarian needs
- Housing needs
- Lack of livelihoods and unclear prospects (land; water)
- HLP related challenges
- Problematic for IDPs from urban areas
- Burden on host communities



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Short-term perspective: Towards durable solutions in the Somali region

Policy

- Relocation Guidelines

Institutions

- Relocation Task Force

Planning

- Jijiga city extension plan
- Spatial planning for relocation sites

Operations

- Two project proposals (“proof of concept”)



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Relocation Task Force



- Structure:
 - Bureaus (Disaster Risk Management, Education, Health, Agriculture etc.
 - UN, INGO, donor
 - Headed by Vice-President
- Tasks
 - Menu of options
 - Site assessments
 - Technical plans



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“Proof of concept”



- Drought
 - Local integration
 - Community based planning
 - Fodder production – milk/meat production
 - Links to urban markets
- Conflict
 - Areas of return
 - Community based planning
 - Implementation of two projects (infrastructure or services / livelihoods)
 - Linking to relevant programs