

EXISTING DURABLE SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK IN THE EAST & HORN OF AFRICA

Initiatives with strong leadership
Initiatives with a local, area-based focus
Initiatives focusing on learning
Initiatives that require fine-tuning

TABLE 4: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES: A TOTAL OF 14 ON-GOING DS INITIATIVES IN THE 4 COUNTRIES SURVEYED

	Initiative	Coverage	Objective	Membership	Coordination channels
DS Initiatives with Strong Leadership	Solutions Alliance	Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support innovative durable solutions • Shape the global policy agenda • Mainstream DS in the development agenda 	Development and Humanitarian organizations, Donors, academics, governments	Roundtable meetings, Alliance Thematic Groups, National groups
	IDP Solutions Initiative	Somalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve IDP living conditions • Increase self-sufficiency • Increase government ownership 	Inter-agency channels led by the office of the UNSG, RC/HC and the FGS	Government, Development Protection cluster Displaced community groups DSRSG Working Group
	Refugee and Host Empowerment Programme (ReHOPE)	Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver sustainable livelihoods • Develop integrated and sustainable social service delivery system • Build community resilience • Provide protection incl. emergency response and space to promote full enjoyment of rights • Build refugees' skills and capacities in preparation for return to their home countries 	Inter-agency (government, private sector, humanitarian and development)	Joint coordination between partners, planning workshops, coordination meetings, National Development Plans II
DS Initiatives with a local, area-based focus	Out of Camp Policy for Eritrean Refugees	Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow Eritrean refugees living in camps to reside in urban areas where they meet a number of criteria, including having an urban sponsor • Provide skills training and education • Curb secondary movement and alleviate the pressure for resettlement.⁸ 	Government and UNHCR	ARRA and UNHCR, Implementing partners: NRC etc.

	Turkana UN Joint Programme	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance, human capital development, economic growth, environmental sustainability • Integrate refugee and host economies through area-based programming opportunities • Prepare the host community to take advantage of emerging economic opportunities in upcoming extraction and agriculture • Reduce overdependence on humanitarian aid and support greater self-reliance 	Development and Humanitarian organizations (UN system in Kenya, World Bank, NGOs), Turkana County Government	Field-based research Technical Working Group Joint UN-County steering Joint coordination, planning workshops, meetings Local county meetings National level meetings
	Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Program (KISED P)	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Integrated Service Delivery and Skills Development for host and refugee populations; • Site Planning and Infrastructure Development; • Agriculture and Livestock; and • Private Sector and Entrepreneurship. 	County government and UNHCR-led initiative, with UN humanitarian and development agencies, refugee and host communities	Community dialogues, stakeholder engagements
	Koboko Initiative	Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen community resilience • Increase sustainable incomes and employment opportunities in the district • Refugees and host community economic cooperation to foster peaceful co-existence 	Local district government, Development and Humanitarian organizations (UNHCR and NGOs such as ACAV and KATO Eco Farming Limited)	Community dialogues
	UNHCR Higher education scholarship programme - Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI)	Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote self-reliance and empowerment of the student with skills needed for employment • Develop qualified human resources and build capacity and leadership of refugees to contribute to reintegration upon repatriation • Facilitate integration, temporary or permanent, contribute skills to the host country, if repatriation is not possible 	UNHCR	UNCHR Field offices meetings, workshops with German embassy

DS Initiatives focusing on Learning	Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (ReDSS)	Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and information management to promote a culture of learning to improve durable solutions programming and policies • Capacity building to strengthen capacity of NGOs and key stakeholders in the field of durable solutions in the region • Advocacy and policy • Coordination to ensure synergies and maximize opportunities 	Coalition of Civil Society Actors	Steering committee comprising of IRC and DRC. Advisory Group (11 NGOs)
	Profiling by the Joint IDP Profiling Service	Somalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide up to date information on displacement and IDPs living conditions • Create a baseline for policy implementation for a comprehensive IDP DS strategy 	Governments and international NGOs and UN humanitarian agencies	Inter-agency coordination meeting, SAS technical workshops, profiling coordination trainings
DS initiatives requiring fine-tuning	Voluntary Repatriation of Somali Refugees	Kenya Somalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and dignified return for refugees; • Voluntariness of the decision to return; • Protection safeguards • Standard operating procedures • Strategic protection partnerships 	Country Governments (Somalia and Kenya) UN Humanitarian agencies, local and international NGOs	Tripartite Commission meetings (5 times a year) Commission Committee and Secretariat and Technical Committee Inter-agency return forums Inter-agency cross border coordination monthly meetings (UNHCR, 2015:15)
	Somalia Return Consortium	Somalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to voluntary return as a solution • Provide standardized support to IDPs • Ensure IDPs return voluntarily 	Humanitarian and development actors	Inter-agency database Feedback reports
	Strategy for Durable Solutions for IDPs in Somali Regional State	Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen infrastructure in IDP hosting areas • Promote and enable the shift for IDPs towards sustainable development and self-reliance • Promote joint planning, responsibility, and commitment amongst key government and non-government actors (Strategy Paper) 	Somali Regional State (SRS) sector representatives UN humanitarian and development agencies, International NGOs.	Durable Solutions Working Group at Jijiga is main coordination forum, Ad-hoc task forces
	Global Initiative for Somali Refugees (GISR)	Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate commitment to Somali refugees • Agree on common ground for DS • Create enabling conditions for refugee returns 	UNHCR and Country Governments (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda and Yemen)	Addis Ababa meeting, Regional dialogues Consultation meetings

Note: The list of initiatives provided does not include:

1. Operations with limited stakeholder engagement, for example the following operations in Kenya:
 - a. Operation Rudi Nyumbai - ORN (*Operation Return Home*), to assist IDPs to return back to their place of residence.
 - b. Operation Tujenge Pamoga (*Operation Let's Build Together*) to encourage communities to rebuild their lives together, and to encourage IDPs to return
 - c. Operation Ujirani Mwema (*Operation Good Neighbourliness*), to improve relations between displaced populations and host communities

The well-founded nature of operations such as ORN have been questioned by civil society actors⁹ and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) for not sufficiently taking a rights-based approach and a wider perspective of durable solutions beyond return, based on a monitoring of the programme. In light of such concerns, they have not been included as durable solutions initiatives explored in this review.
2. Initiatives targeting vulnerable populations at large and the displaced among them exist. They focus on preventative measures in conflict-affected populations and areas that do not aim to achieve durable solutions, but contribute to the well-being and dignity of the displaced.
3. Past initiatives like the Regional Durable Solutions Strategy for Somali Refugees or the Development Aid for Refugees (DAR) in Uganda that have since been integrated into other initiatives.
4. Past initiatives like the Great Lakes Strategy which stakeholders have not been able to comment on.