REGIONAL DURABLE SOLUTIONS SECRETARIAT IN EAST & HORN OF AFRICA

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WHAT IS A DURABLE SOLUTION?

A durable solution (voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement) is achieved when displaced persons no longer have any specific assistance and protection needs that are linked to their displacement and they can enjoy their rights without discrimination on account of their displacement.

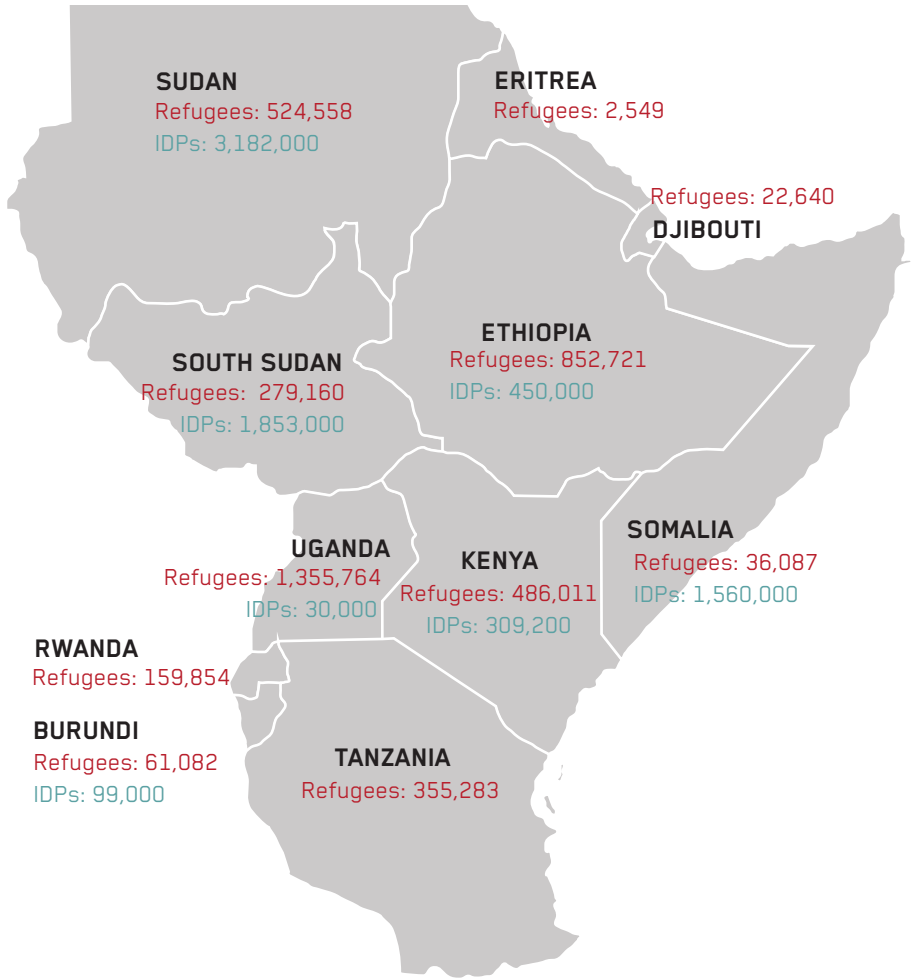
ABOUT ReDSS

A coalition of 12 NGOs committed to do more and better together in the search for durable solutions. It is not an implementing agency but a coordination and information hub.

ReDSS GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

ReDSS' goal is to improve programming and policy in support of durable solutions for displacement affected communities in East and Horn of Africa.

- **Research & knowledge management:** the Secretariat acts as a resource and information hub promoting a culture of learning and reflection that leads to improvements in durable solutions programing and policies
- **Capacity development:** the Secretariat contributes to strengthening capacity of NGOs and key stakeholders in the field of durable solutions in the region
- **Advocacy and policy:** the Secretariat initiates and supports advocacy and policy actions based on evidence to ensure that durable solutions issues are adequately addressed in policies and funding systems (both humanitarian and development while connecting national, regional and global levels)
- **Coordination (internal and external):** the Secretariat supports internal and external coordination to ensure synergies and maximize opportunities.



KEY FIGURES ON DISPLACEMENT IN THE REGION

13.1 million
Total number of estimated displaced people

4.4 million
Total number of estimated refugees

8.7 million
Total number of estimated internally displaced people

Source: OCHA June 2017, IDMC December 2016, UNHCR December 2016

SITUATION ANALYSIS

The search for durable solutions to the protracted displacement situation in the region is a key humanitarian and development concern. This is a regional/ cross border issue, dynamic, with a strong political dimension, and which demands a multi-sectorial response that goes beyond the existing humanitarian agenda. Currently, more than 8 million people are internally displaced and a further 4.4 million have sought refuge in neighboring countries. Although most have been displaced for several years or even decades, few have access to durable solutions' prospects.

KEY MESSAGES

- **The search for durable solutions requires a multi-sectoral, rights and needs based programming approach addressing physical, material and legal safety**
- **Political will and longer term investment from development actors are critical in the search of durable solutions for displacement affected communities.** The inclusion of displacement and durable solutions issues in regional and national development plans is key for this.
- **Direct engagement of displacement affected communities is paramount to make these solutions lasting, locally relevant and feasible.** A participatory process is key to support return and (re)integration and to ensure social inclusion.

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