

Durable Solutions for Displacement Affected Communities in Somalia Training

Session 4: What are the principles and criteria governing DS processes?

Summary

The last session of module 1 is a session that will enable us to transition between the durable solutions conceptual framework and durable solutions in practice (or how to do durable solutions?) in the module 2. This session is structures around the principles and criteria that will be guiding durable solutions process, planning and programming. The first part of the session is dedicated to the endorsed durable solutions programming principles and the second part will be focused on the 8 criteria as main operational framework to plan and measure for durable solutions. The major part of the session will take the form of an activity aiming at starting to identify the main obstacle to the realization of durable solutions in Somalia/the location and the main actors in charge.

Objectives

By the end of this session you will be able to:

- Apply the key principles guiding durable solutions processes and programming in Somalia.
- Explain the 8 criteria developed to measure the level of progression toward durable solutions
- Use the 8 criteria to start thinking around the main obstacles to durable solutions in Somalia/the location in Somalia.

Key messages

1. **Durable Solutions Programming Principles were agreed upon by many partners in Somalia, including national authorities and should guide durable solutions processes.**
2. **Durable Solutions are achieved when Displacement Affected Communities have access to their rights and related services without discrimination based on their displacement. Their situation should therefore be compared to the situation of the rest of the population/the host community.**
3. **This assessment and comparison can be done using the 8 criteria as a general framework.**

Note that facilitation notes and tips as well as key messages are provided for each slide in the note boxes.

Delivery modalities

Structure

This session is structured around two main parts and ends with a long activity.

1. **Durable solutions programming principles**. These principles were developed based on the experience of carrying durable solutions programmes in Somalia and gradually adopted by the partners working with ReDSS and the Government/local authorities. The aim of this part is for participants to better understand what they stand for and to adopt them as guiding principles for each durable solutions programme. A handout of the principles is to be distributed to the participants.

2. **Durable solutions criteria:** the goal there is to present the criteria as useful starting point for durable solutions analysis and to emphasis on the fact that analysis will be carried out in comparison with non-displaced populations, potentially host community.

3. **Activity: the last activity of the module is a first analysis of the obstacles to durable solutions using the IASC criteria grid.**

Timing

This session is planned to last one hour and a half

- About 20 minutes for part 1
- About 10 minutes for part 2
- About 60 minutes for the last activity including the debriefing

Activities

I. Durable Solutions Programming Principles

Activity 1: Group the participants in pairs and assign a principle to each pair. Ask them to think about what it means and about an example illustrating it for 5 minutes. Distribute the handout on principles and do the debriefing, pair after pair asking each pair about their thoughts and potentially reading the description of each principle from the handout.

II. Durable Solutions Criteria and analysis

Activity 2: assign a criterion to each group (potentially two depending on the number of participants/groups and ask each group to:
- Explain in plain language what their criteria is about and to formulate it this way: Displacement affected communities should have access to (the criteria and its explanation) without discrimination due to their displacement.
- Identify what are the main obstacle to the achievement of this right for refugee-returnees/IDPs and potentially host communities.
- Start identifying the main actors that should be in charge of ensuring that these rights are accessed by DACS.

They can use the table template to list their response.
Timing of the activity: between 40 to 50 minutes for the group work and about 14 minutes for the debriefing.

Preparation

- ☐ Activity 1: Print the handout on the durable solutions programming principles. One per participant.
- ☐ Activity 2: Print the Activity table template, one per participant.

Useful resources

- ☐ IASC Framework on Durable Solutions, 2010 (https://www.unhcr.org/50f94cd49.pdf)
- ☐ ReDSS Solutions Framework (Solutions Framework | Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (regionaldss.org))