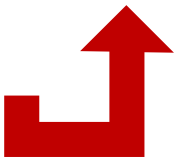
Focus on location 	Area based planning uses an area/geographical location as the main entry point. The 'area in which an area-based approach is implemented can be determined based upon a number of factors.
Multi agency Multi sectoral 	To address a variety of needs, embracing a range of social, economic and physical, humanitarian and development objectives.
Realistic timeframes 	The focus should be on medium- to long term outcomes rather than the short timeframe of annual planning, budgeting and implementation cycles

People-centered actions and planning  ReDSS Unlocking Protracted Displacement	With a strong emphasis on community and wider stakeholder engagement to identify potential solutions, and with active involvement of local authorities.
Work and invest in existing structures  ReDSS Unlocking Protracted Displacement	Leadership on area-based planning needs to be localized with international actors playing a supportive role. Area-based planning/approaches should take into account existing investments and local capacities.
Collaborating sectors and Programmes  ReDSS Unlocking Protracted Displacement	Essential in order to deliver a more coherent and unified response and to contribute to a common vision on durable solutions. This is especially true in an urban displacement context, where there are overlapping and complex needs and vulnerabilities between the displaced and urban poor.

Flexible programming: adaptive management 	A programming approach that combines appropriate analysis, structured flexibility and iterative improvements in the face of contextual and causal complexity.
Nimble internal systems 	Area based approaches requires actors and their systems to align with the complexities and needs of displacement-affected communities in a location
Plan for scaling-up 	Area-based approaches can be scaled up to other areas, which emphasizes the need for local ownership.

Measure contribution not attribution  ReDSS Unlocking Protracted Displacement	A key characteristic of the area-based approach is the leveraging of expertise of different actors within a geographical location towards a collective outcome.