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# Newsletter

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A snapshot of updates and activities carried out by partners who are actively working to prevent, protect and resolve situations of internal displacement, in line with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

# Bringing renewed energy to collective efforts - a message from the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement.

By Robert Piper

When the UN Secretary-General launched his [Action Agenda on Internal Displacement](#) on June 24th in follow-up to the High-Level Panel report his message was simple: More of the same is not good enough. It is not good enough for the tens of millions of people internally displaced now – many for years or even decades – nor for the millions more who face the risk of being forced from their homes and neglected in their own countries.

On 15 June, I started as the UN SG's [Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement](#). My main goal is to promote fundamental changes in the way we address solutions to internal displacement, drawing in development and peace actors, and engaging much more deliberately with national and local actors. My position is deliberately time-bound, to catalyze the shifts that are needed across the UN system, and beyond, to work differently. To develop some new muscles. Perhaps break some bad habits too. And to mobilize new and renewed action by partners – starting with Governments themselves through to the wider eco-system of NGO partners, the private sector and many more. We need to move quickly and not lose the momentum created by the High-Level Panel report.

There are enormous challenges, but in my short time in the role so far, I am already struck by the tireless passion and dedication of so many actors around the world

working to better address internal displacement – and who are all, equally, pressing for change. Many of them are part of this network, the GP2.0 Global Platform on Internal Displacement, and I look forward to exploring how we can generate momentum together on the issue of solutions to internal displacement, including by finding creative ways to give much more visibility to this vital, and relatively 'invisible' issue as the Panel observed.

The Action Agenda challenges us to reverse the current and devastating internal displacement trends, and will require a number of critical steps:

First, on the part of the UN, we need to get our own house in order, and that includes ensuring that a diverse range of both UN development and peace and security actors are engaging systematically in facilitating solutions to internal displacement.

Second, we need to see UN Resident Coordinators providing strong leadership on solutions at the country level, engaging more proactively with national and local authorities on these issues.

Third, and most importantly, we need more and more governments owning their internal displacement challenges and taking steps to find safe and sustainable resolutions to them. There is a lot of positive momentum in this direction, but it must be maintained. Without State

leadership and national ownership, there can be no real progress towards solutions.

Fourth, we need more robust and consistent engagement by international financial institutions and development donors to address internal displacement so that national and local authorities can have access to badly needed resources to translate plans into action.

And fifth, we need new allies. The private sector, data experts, and academics all have vital contributions to offer, and we need to harness their potential even more deliberately if we are going to pull-off this step-change in our response on solutions.

These changes concern all of us engaged in prevention, protection, and durable solutions for internally displaced persons. Our collective efforts will rely on strong partnerships and must be driven by IDPs and host communities themselves.

Years of work by a broad and diverse range of actors laid the foundations for the High-Level panel and the ensuing SG's Action Agenda and have brought us to this exciting moment, ripe for change – including through multistakeholder networks like GP2.0. I look forward to collaborating with GP2.0 as we design the next chapter in our efforts to respond to internal displacement.

# A Message from the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

## Cecilia Jimenez-Damary

Since it was created just under three decades ago, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) had evolved its work from mainly standard-setting which eventually produced the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, to the now encompassing work of promotion and advocacy, and the mainstreaming the human rights of IDPs into the work of the UN and the international community. Marking the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles, the Special Rapporteur mandate, the UNHCR and OCHA and with the endorsement of Austria, Honduras and Uganda, launched the three-year GP20 Plan of Action (2018-2020) for Prevention, Protection and Solutions in internal displacement which galvanised the international community to support national responsibility of States for the rights of IDPs.

The GP2.0, which followed the successful outcomes of the GP20, continues the dynamics of multi-stakeholder dynamism, with a firmer focus on state engagement. As the mandate holder, I am happy to have contributed to these endeavours and I thank you all for the collaboration of your respective entities and your collegiality.

At the cusp of the end of my six-year term, I am happy to re-affirm the importance of collaboration on ensuring principled approaches to the broad challenge of tackling internal displacement.

1. The essentiality of the participation of IDPs and affected populations: Since I presented my very first [report](#) to

the UN General Assembly, which focused on the participation of IDPs in decisions affecting them, a broader consensus and integration of this principle have been undertaken at many levels inside and outside the United Nations. The message is clear: **the effectiveness of any interventions and support for solutions to internal displacement, can only be sustained with an IDP-centred approach that enables their capacity to take control of their lives as political agents.** The right to participation encompasses many aspects, among which is the theme of my last [report](#) to the UN Human Rights Council on the rights of IDPs to participation in electoral processes.

2. The primary responsibility of States in the prevention of internal displacement, the protection of IDPs and solutions to internal displacement: While much has been said on this matter since the first IDP mandate holder and the Brookings IDPs project elaborated extensively, the implementation of State responsibility, based on the sovereignty, has been rich in practice in many states, but also dire in others. **Prevention of internal displacement has been one focus that further needs much work, particularly in the respect for international human rights law and international humanitarian law.** My [report](#) to the UN General Assembly

on prevention of arbitrary displacement attempts to dissect the obligations of States to ensure, through a human rights based approach, that internal displacement is avoided or at least its dire consequences to its own populations are minimised

3. The centrality of protection, **particularly through the implementation of human rights based on international law, remains the crucial aspect in prevention, protection and solutions.** Technical and programmatic approaches cannot work alone without the political conditions that will eventually lead to social cohesion, economic sovereignty and political acceptance by IDPs and their integration into mainstream societies. It is hoped that the implementation of the recently launched UN Secretary-General Agenda on Internal Displacement and the future work of the SG Special Adviser will lead to these much needed outcomes - [check press release here](#).

These six years have been rich in substance and advocacy, in collaboration with you, and I wish you all the best in the continuation of your work in these challenging endeavours. I also hope you will extend the same excellent cooperation to the next mandate holder. Thank you!

[Cecilia Jimenez - Damary, Esq., Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons \(IDPs\), 2016-2022](#)

# Regional Action: Africa

## Sudan: Peacebuilding with Durable Solutions for Darfur's Displaced at the Core



The [story map](#) presents insights on obstacles and opportunities for Durable Solutions to displacement and peacebuilding in Darfur, with recommendations for policy and programming. It complements other resources (detailed [locality reports](#), [five thematic briefs](#), [anonymized datasets](#)) from a large-scale analysis covering eight localities across Darfur.

The studies were led by UNHCR and other PBF agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, IOM, UN-Habitat and FAO), with technical guidance from the Durable Solutions Working Group in Sudan and technical support from JIPS, IOM and the Sudanese Development Initiative. Findings are currently being translated into locality action plans.



## Mozambique'; Promoting a participatory and gender-sensitive approach to conflict

In Mozambique, UN-Habitat, and UN Women, funded by the Government of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, are empowering displaced girls and women to learn skills to rebuild their homes.

The project aims at strengthening the mechanisms for the protection of displaced women and girls from the time they are given temporary accommodation to the final resettlement stage, providing self-reconstruction training, building materials, and supervision so they can build durable homes for themselves.

The local authorities have been trained in participatory and resilient planning, to allow replication and scaling-up of the initiative.



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## Burkina Faso: Supporting municipalities to serve communities impacted by displacement.

For a dignified life, people need housing, urban basic and social services and income. In Burkina Faso, UN-Habitat, supported by the EU's IcSP, pilots an integrated approach for supporting municipalities impacted by urban internal displacement. Since May 2022, the first school and health facilities are ready for hand-over and will help to reduce pressure on existing services.

The infrastructures are in underserved neighborhoods in which the project's low-cost housing units, water systems and public spaces will soon improve living conditions for those in extremely vulnerable situations.

## Ethiopia: Launch of Somali Region of Ethiopia Durable Solutions Strategy 2022-2025

On May 24, authorities of the Somali Region launched the Somali Region Durable Solutions Strategy 2022-2025, supporting the Durable Solutions Initiative. The launch followed roundtables and community participatory assessments engaging government, partners, and displacement affected communities.

The Somali Region Chief of Cabinet moderated the event. Among the attendees were the Regional President, the UN Ethiopia Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, key donors, representatives of the Somali Regional government, Heads of UN Agencies, members of the Durable Solutions Working Group, development and humanitarian partners, representatives from the displacement affected communities, and civil society organizations.



IOM



OCHA

## African Union Summit High Level Side Event on the UN SG Action Agenda on Internal Displacement.

The high-level side event on the “United Nations Secretary-General’s Action Agenda on Internal Displacement” took place on 26 May on the margins of the 2022 African Union Humanitarian Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA, delivered the key-note address. Panelists and moderators were high level officials from Niger, the African Union, the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency, IOM, UNHCR, and UNDP.

National authorities, AU, UN, NGOs and civil society reiterated strong support for the Action Agenda.

# Regional Action: Americas

## Honduras: Youth-led organizations champion advocacy for the adoption of IDP protection bill

UNCHR partners Centre for Human Development and Youth Against Violence are leading advocacy efforts alongside 15 youth organizations, NRC, and ICRC to sensitize newly elected lawmakers on the urgency to adopt the bill.

As a result of campaigns and public demonstrations, they have established direct dialogue channels with State authorities, and lawmakers of the reviewing committee have expressed their commitment to support the bill that was initially presented by the Commission for the Protection of IDPs in 2019.



UNHCR

## Mexico: Mexico strengthens legal action and capacity building for IDPs in the first half of 2022.

This is a review of key initiatives undertaken by national authorities, supported by UNHCR and other key partners. In March, with ICRC and in collaboration with UN Agencies, JIPS, and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, UNHCR delivered a course on forced displacement to government institutions, civil society organizations, academia, and victims of forced displacement.

UNHCR and ICRC also launched on 27 June a Manual on Internal Displacement for the Supreme Court of Justice which includes a review of international standards on internal displacement, and a comparative review and domestic case law.

## Ecuador: UNDP strengthens the Ecuadorian State to support inclusive human mobility.

The Integra Project, financed by the European Union and implemented by UNDP, has strengthened the Ecuadorian Government through training on rights, human mobility, and gender approach in 5 provinces of the country.

This process included the creation of Inclusive Public Policies Manual and technical guides for the comprehensive management of migrants and Ecuadorians. Additionally, the Economic Integration Strategy Guide was transferred to institutionalize entrepreneurship and employment services in 2022. The project targets 3,000 people and promotes 1,800 enterprises. It is implemented in partnership with an NGO consortium, in coordination with UNHCR.



# Regional Action: Asia and Pacific

## Afghanistan: Economic recovery for displaced key to Afghans' future

Some 3.4 million people have been displaced within Afghanistan, a tenth of the population. Many of them live in makeshift settlements under difficult conditions without access to services. UNDP and UNHCR are working together for greater impact. In Herat province, UNDP and UNHCR have launched a programme for the reintegration of displaced people, enhancing access to basic services, creating employment opportunities, supporting small businesses, especially for assisting women, and rehabilitating infrastructure. More info [here](#).



UNDP

# Regional Action: Europe



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## The UN Crisis Coordinator for Ukraine and the National Coordination Platform support the initiative “Durable Solutions from the Start”

Durable solutions for the nearly 14 million displaced people are indispensable for the country's recovery. The Durable Solutions from the Start initiative focuses on: (i) incorporating durable solutions as a strategic direction of the current crisis response, (ii) implementing the HPD nexus and (iii) leveraging the capacities and comparative advantages of UN, NGOs and civil society, Financial Institutions and other actors, toward durable solutions as a collective outcome.

The initiative builds on pre-existing efforts, emanates from the crisis response, ties into the ongoing work for a National Recovery Plan led by the Government.



# Regional Action: Middle East

## Iraq: Facilitating Voluntary Returns in Iraq

In May, IOM and UNHCR Iraq presented the Toolkit on Facilitated Voluntary Returns at a GP2.0 webinar, endorsed by Iraq's Durable Solutions Technical Working Group in 2021 and produced by IOM.

Since 2019, humanitarian, development, stabilization, and peacebuilding actors have been supporting solutions to internal displacement in Iraq. The volume of the Toolkit on Facilitated Voluntary Returns provides practical guidance on steps to facilitate returns, community-based planning, and accountability towards IDPs. It can be adapted to other types of durable solutions, in other contexts. The Toolkit draws on the experience and learning from a pilot project implemented by IOM, and funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration of the US Department of State.



IOM-UNHCR

**SYRIA ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK**

The Analytical Framework draws its design and indicators from the IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons, the MDSS Solutions Framework, IPS Durable Solutions Indicator Library, the IASO Durable Solutions Indicator Framework, and UNHCR's Protection Thresholds and Parameters for Refugee Return to Syria. Its purpose is to put forth a framework that is specific to the Syria displacement context, and can be used to assess progress towards durable solutions for displaced Syrians both inside and outside the country.

This framework is an analytical tool that helps researchers, monitoring and evaluation teams, and other actors to better incorporate a durable solutions lens into their methodologies, research tool design, report writing, and other efforts aimed at increasing knowledge on displacement in the Syria context. It is appropriate for use both inside Syria as well as in nearby states housing Syrian refugees. By creating a shared set of indicators by which organizations can collect data on and assess progress towards durable solutions, this framework is intended to not only increase the analytical rigor of individual research efforts, but also contribute to an information landscape where evidence on durable solutions is being gathered in a meaningful and mutually intelligible manner. As more organizations collect and share durable solutions data according to a shared framework, the more data can be combined to monitor progress towards durable solutions for displaced Syrians.

**FRAMEWORK APPLICATIONS**

This framework can be utilized by both research and programming specialists, and may be of use throughout both research and project cycles. Below are some suggestions for incorporating aspects of the framework at each step of these cycles, should actors choose to do so:

**Program Implementation**

- Project identification:** In reference to identifying durable solutions a relevant and feasible project objective, identify potential areas for program interventions.
- Project implementation and learning:** Design projects that will contribute to identifying durable solutions (e.g., Contact mechanisms, data or research initiatives or group initiatives. Assess complementary measurements through context monitoring).
- Project evaluation and learning:** Assess project contributions to durable solutions or other outcomes. Contribute to or generate data by research and advocacy efforts. Identify evidence for displaced Syrians (if possible), use data to inform migration/return decision-making (if possible and relevant).

## Syria: Durable Solutions Platform (DSP) - Syria Solutions Analyses

DSP led on multi-stakeholder solutions analyses for northwest and northeast Syria (2021/2022). Covering four safety categories drawn from the eight durable solutions criteria, and based on significant empirical data, the outcome of these processes provides a granular overview of the conditions in each geographic area. The analyses provide evidence that both contexts are not conducive for achieving durable solutions, and outline ways forward to support pathways to durable solutions for IDPs.

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# Global Action

## Does Disaggregation Equal Inclusion? Reflections on Producing Disaggregated Analysis for Inclusive Durable Solutions

This [background paper](#) is JIPS' contribution to the 2022 Global Report on Internal Displacement, issued each year by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC). It offers critical reflections on data disaggregation, drawing on insights from recent interagency studies on Durable Solutions conducted in [Sudan](#). It calls for a shift away from disaggregation as a box-ticking exercise to an analysis that is inclusive of all displacement affected people.



## Delivering on the UN Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement: Making the Key Shifts a Reality for Data

Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway and JIPS on Tuesday, 14 June 2022, this high-level event tied in directly with the UN Secretary-General's expected Action Agenda on Internal Displacement and the key shifts it calls for, highlighting positive changes that are already in motion to support the implementation of the Agenda in the future. The recording and additional information are available [here](#).

## **Displacement at WUF 11 - Katowice (Poland), 26-30 June 2022**

The 11th World Urban Forum has for the first time introduced an Urban Crises Track, curating over 40 events that allow a broad sharing of knowledge and practices. As part of it, internal displacement and its impact on cities will be discussed through events organized by several members of the GP2.0. The forum will host discussions around localized solutions in conflict-induced displacement contexts (UN-Habitat), displacement and sustainable urban development (JIPS), women in displacement contexts (UN-Habitat) as well as the role of local governments in addressing displacement challenges across the HDP nexus (Global Alliance on Urban Crises).

## **UN-Habitat launches its global programme on urban migration**

As part of the Urban Crises track at the 11th Edition of the World Urban Forum (WUF) in Katowice, Poland, UN-Habitat has launched its global programme to address the challenges of urban migration. The global programme on urban migration aims at supporting evidence-based approaches, building on enhanced data collection and analysis, in partnership with UNHCR and IOM. It also focuses on building the capacities of national and local governments as well as any partners to address displacement in urban contexts.

## **IntegrHa-bitat, a new generation of community centers**

IntegrHa-bitat is an initiative from UN-Habitat in partnership with UNHCR and IOM and with the support of the EU. It promotes a new generation of inclusive community centers, providing ad-hoc assistance and orientation to vulnerable groups, including refugees and migrants. Communities are engaged in co-creation of solutions and opportunities for habitat improvement and socioeconomic integration. Community centers around the world can join the initiative by adopting its principles and be part of a global network for knowledge sharing to improve the services provided to communities and become engines of sustainable and inclusive development. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3zCjS4N>

## **IOM and IDMC Present Displacement Metrics to Support DRR Actors Preventing and Resolving Displacement**

On 24 May, at 7th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, IOM and IDMC presented to 12 EU member states the development of a set of standard displacement-related metrics and indicators which are intended to strengthen the ability of DRR actors to integrate displacement within their work. The National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia, the Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Florida Atlantic University, Georgia State University, Independent experts, the Platform for Disaster Displacement, RED CROSS/CRESCENT, South American Network for Environmental Migrations, UNDP, UNDRR, UNHCR, the University of Sussex, IDMC, IOM missions ten countries, and several IOM HQ divisions are involved in this effort. After the peer-review of a State-of-the-Art report, the indicators will be piloted in 3-4 countries through 2023.



## Incentivizing the self-reliance of displacement-affected persons through the granting process – lessons from the Lives in Dignity Grant Facility

The Lives in Dignity Grant Facility, founded by the EU and managed by UNOPS since 2020, has been designed to channel funding to promote development-oriented approaches to new, recurrent and protracted displacement crises. After two calls for proposals, and 14 projects funded globally, what can our early experience tell us about how donors can incentivize localization, the participation of displaced people, and the engagement of a whole-of-society approach? The LiD Grant Facility's Forced Displacement Senior Advisor analyses what worked, and its impact thus far - available in English, French and Spanish at: <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/lives-in-dignity-grant-facility/documents>



Displaced communities in the Tahoua region of Niger in June 2022, supported by projects funded by the Lives in Dignity Grant Facility - ASB Niger

## Side event of the Human Rights Council on the participation of IDPs in elections

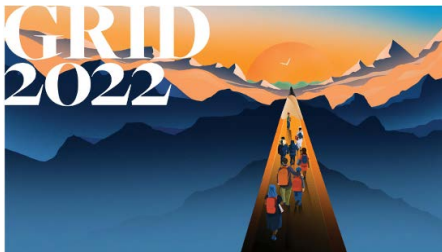
The UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, with Austria and UN agencies and offices as co-sponsors, held a virtual UN Human Rights Council side event on July, 1st. A human rights-based approach is essential to international and national responses to internal displacement. The Special Rapporteur discussed this in her final Council report. Participation of IDPs in electoral processes is a way to achieve protection and durable solutions. Panellists such as the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Solutions to Internal Displacement, and representatives from the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and the Protection Cluster in Iraq shared their experience in supporting IDP political participation. Four IDP youth gave poignant testimonies from Honduras.



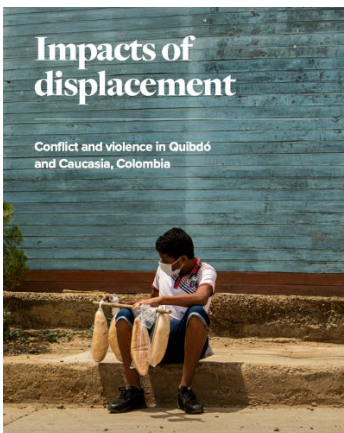
Side event to the Human Rights Council at its 50th session

The Participation of Internally Displaced Persons in Elections

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