

IGAD CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVES

An overview of IGAD's engagement with members states on protection, return, reintegration and livelihoods

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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Displacement Dyanmics in the IGAD Region

- IGAD was formed in 1986 with a membership of 7 countries; Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda
- Region with one of the highest concentration of displaced population (over 8 millon IDPs and Over 4.5 million Refugees
- Different drivers of displacement are mixed; conflict, droughts, floods etc
- Protracted displacement averaging 11 years



THE JOURNEY

September 2016

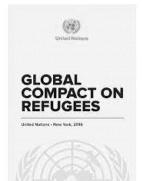


CRRF roll-out

December 2017 Djibouti Declaration

December 2018





March 2019 Kampala





March 2017 Nairobi **Declaration**



NAIROBI DECLARATION ON DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SOMALI REFUGEES AND REINTEGRATION OF RETURNEES

NAIROBI, KENYA, 25TH MARCH 2017

e, the Heads of State and Government of the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), convening in Nairobi, Kenya on 25th March 2017 at the Special Summit on protection and durable solutions for Somali refugees and eintegration of returnees in Somalia:

- . Deeply concerned that more than two million Somalis have been displaced in one of the world's most protracted displacement crises, that has now entered its third decade, with over a million internally displaced persons (IDPs), while nearly 900,000 are refugees in the region and Yemen, many of whom are women and children - most of them now third
- Condemning in the strongest terms all forms of sectarianism, tribalism, terrorism and extremism which constitute the root causes of refugee movements;
- Welcoming and applauding the election in Somalia of a new Parliament in December 2016 and the election of President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed in February 2017 as major steps towards the stabilisation of the country



Declaration





2019

Launch of IGAD **Support Platform**



2020 October Sudan/South Sudan Durable Solution

DD experts ministerial meeting meeting ZUTA 2019 NAP NAP stockstocktaking taking

April 2021 1st experts meeting KD

2018 **DD** experts ministerial

PRIORITY PILLARS

Return and Reintegration:

Creating an enabling environment for safe, sustainable and voluntary return and Reintegration

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Education:

Djibouti Declaration and Action Plan on Quality Refugee Education Addis Ababa Call for Action on Technical and Vocational Education and Training Economic inclusion of refugees:

Kampala

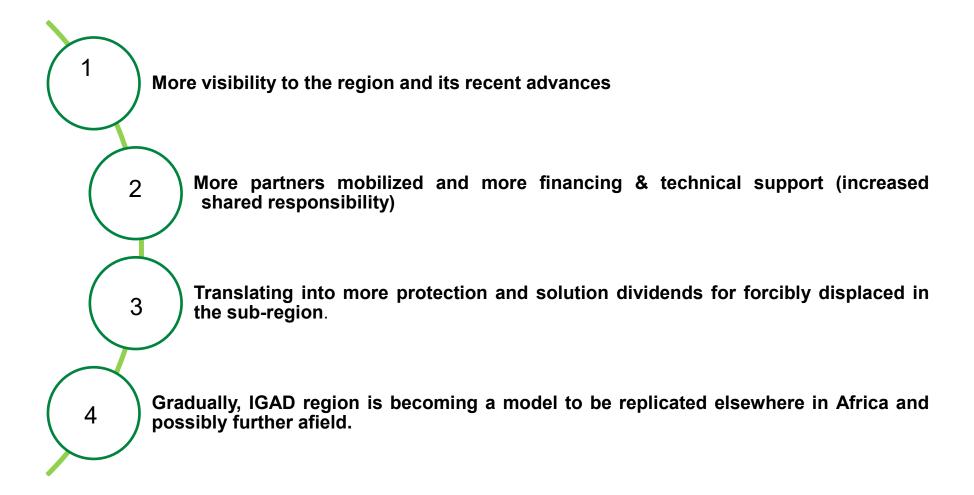
Declaration on jobs, livelihoods and selfreliance for refugees, returnees and host communities in the IGAD region (March 2019) 4

Health:

The 10th Addis
Ababa IGAD Health
Ministerial
Committee (March
2018) pledged on
the
integration of
refugees into
national health
systems



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS





THANK YOU!

