IGAD CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVES

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

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Displacement Dynamics 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 million 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
UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
19 September 2016 • UN Headquarters

March 2017
Nairobi Declaration

December 2017
Djibouti Declaration

December 2018
GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES
United Nations, New York, 2018

March 2019
Kampala Declaration

December 2019
Launch of IGAD Support Platform

2018
CRRF roll-out

2018
DD experts + ministerial meeting 2018 NAP stock-taking

2019
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2020
October
Sudan/South Sudan Durable Solution

April 2021
1st experts meeting KD
PRIORITY PILLARS

1. Return and Reintegration: Creating an enabling environment for safe, sustainable and voluntary return and Reintegration

2. Education: Djibouti Declaration and Action Plan on Quality Refugee Education
   Addis Ababa Call for Action on Technical and Vocational Education and Training

3. Economic inclusion of refugees: Kampala Declaration on jobs, livelihoods and self-reliance 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

1. More visibility to the region and its recent advances

2. More partners mobilized and more financing & technical support (increased shared responsibility)

3. Translating into more protection and solution dividends for forcibly displaced in the sub-region.

4. Gradually, IGAD region is becoming a model to be replicated elsewhere in Africa and possibly further afield.
THANK YOU!