

KAMPALA DECLARATION ON JOBS, LIVELIHOODS, AND SELF-RELIANCE

For refugees, returnees and host communities



Policy and legislative frameworks



Support Natural Resource management



Increase the role of private sector and civil Society to create sustainable livelihoods



Enhance Regional Coordination, Partnership and Financing



Promote and facilitate Sustainable Return and (Re) Integration

In March 2017, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Special Summit on Durable Solutions for Somali Refugees and Reintegration of Returnees in Somalia adopted the IGAD Nairobi Declaration on Somali Refugees and the Nairobi Action Plan (NAP). IGAD was tasked to operationalize, follow-up and monitor the implementation of the commitments IGAD member states made which encompasses three key thematic areas: education, livelihoods and health. The launch of the IGAD Support Platform during the December 2019 Global Refugee Forum gives impetus to the Nairobi Process to follow up on the significant political commitments made by IGAD Member States during the Nairobi Summit.

The Kampala Declaration on Jobs, Livelihoods, and Self-Reliance adopted on 28th March 2019 committed IGAD member states to:

- Advance livelihood opportunities and economic inclusion of refugees
- Adopt the Plan of Action
- Roll-out comprehensive national implementation roadmaps with a whole-of-society approach
- Seek durable solutions for protracted displacement situations and address associated socio-economic challenges affecting refugees, returnees and host communities

How is it done?



Development of regional strategies to facilitate evidence-based programming, planning and decision-making



Reinforcement of coordination and partnership among key stakeholders



National Consultation with IGAD member states



Mobilization of funding and technical support



Stocktaking via ministerial, and experts' meetings



Monitoring and reporting

IGAD MEMBER STATES MILESTONES



DJIBOUTI

Inclusion of refugees in the 2022 National Development Plan, and development of National financial inclusion strategy to allow refugees to open free bank accounts. 2017 Refugee Law and the two implementing decrees grant refugees same treatment as nationals in national labor and social security legislation.



ETHIOPIA

Adoption of the 2019 new refugee law with progressive rights for refugees, and directives on out-of-camp, right to work and grievance facilitate the enabling environment. The 2020 Investment Proclamation promotes private sector led development. A below-market rate investment was launched fund by African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) and Dashen Bank to support refugee and host community entrepreneurs in Assosa and Jigjiga refugee camps.



KENYA

The Refugee Act 2021 and the Marshal Plan of Action 2022 improves the enabling environment for economic inclusion of refugees. The National Qualification Authority is set to roll out the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in October 2022, to recognize and certify skills acquired both formally, informally and non- formally.



SOMALIA

Adoption of National Durable Solutions Strategy 2020 – 2024 (NDSS) by Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development guides the implementation of durable solutions programming and policies in Somalia The National Durable Solutions Strategy and the State level Development Plans are aligned to the National Development Plan.



SOUTH SUDAN

The South Sudan Durable Solutions Strategy and Plan of Action includes refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities. Provision of land for refugees and returnees in the area of return. Promotion of market-based skills approaches with the formation of the TVET, a draft vocational training policy and harmonization of the curriculum and vocational training centers in the ten states and three administrative areas of South Sudan.



SUDAN

Establishing of a mechanism for integrating refugees and returnees in local development plans for urban and other areas hosting refugees. The government promotes land-based settlement allowing refugees and host community to share land. Policies and labor laws being reviewed to attract private sector.



UGANDA

Jobs and Livelihoods Integrated Response Plan (JLIRP) launched in April 2021, and establishment of the National Steering Committee for the Jobs and Livelihoods Integrated Response Plan. The 2006 Uganda Refugees Act and Refugee Regulations 2010 guarantees refugee rights to work, education and own property. Digitalizing cash transfers through agency banking and mobile money, financial literacy trainings; infrastructural investment of putting telephone signals in refugee settlements by private telecommunication network service providers.

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