



# Solutions Alliance

– Ending displacement together

# Solutions Alliance Membership and Governance

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*This document should be read as an annex to and in conjunction with the Solutions Alliance Mission Statement*

## Introduction

- The Solutions Alliance’s governance structures are deliberately light.
- At the **global level**, the Alliance will be supported by a diverse and global network of actors seeking solutions to displacement situations (Members). It will be Co-chaired by at least 1 agency, 1 affected government, 1 donor and 1 civil society organisation, each with two years’ service. So as to ensure continuity of leadership, two of the initial group of Co-chairs will exceptionally rotate out of service after one year so that subsequent Co-chairs rotate off in sub-groupings rather than all at once. Co-chairs will be selected by Members in connection with a Roundtable in q3 or q4 of any given year.
- At the **national level**, small groups of Members (“National Groups”) will actively help promote the success of the Alliance in accordance with the principles reflected in the mission statement. (Note that while this paper refers to the national level and National Groups, in some cases engagement at the regional level and a “Regional Group” will be appropriate.)

## Global Level – Members and Co-chairs

### Members

- Members comprise affected states, local level authorities, UN agencies, international financial institutions, donors, civil society

groups, regional organisations, private sector partners, academia and others who are committed to the mission and principles reflected in the mission statement.

- Collectively, Members make up a network.
- Additional Members may join the network at any time on the basis of a proven commitment and ability to contribute to the aims of the Alliance.
- Members may form sub-groups on different topics/thematic areas or in support of a specific group/situation within a country or region.

#### *Objectives:*

- Drive a reinvigorated approach to solutions, self-reliance, and resilience.
- Bring technical advice, expanded networks, and new ideas and ways of approaching complex problems and improving the sustainability of solutions activities.
- Convey lessons learned based on good practices and data concerning how displaced populations have achieved a better situation for themselves, and through this develop a broader evidence base.
- Provide advice/guidance and support on selected country strategies and key thematic areas, working closely with governments to ensure strategies are relevant, timely, and figure into the broader development objectives of affected countries.
- Engage with national and local authorities (including national and local line ministries) to raise awareness and provide evidence of the economic opportunities that may be presented by a given displacement situation and how best to mitigate any negative impact; advocate on legal, social, political and economic matters relevant to achieving solutions; and ensure early partnership on solutions programming and inclusion of displacement on the development agenda.

#### *Core Tasks:*

- Members should be prepared to meet collectively at least once a year and otherwise as needed to assess the progress of the Solutions Alliance at both the global and national levels to take decisions to further the goals of the Alliance, and to nominate and confirm new Co-chairs as needed.
- Members should be ready to volunteer for National or Thematic Groups in line with their interests and capacities and to make positive contributions to the Solutions Alliance overall.

#### **Co-Chairs**

##### *Objectives:*

- The Co-chairs should provide overall leadership and keep up the momentum of the Alliance, including through regular informal consultations with Members. They should help ensure concrete achievements and group learning across the network and serve as an active resource and a repository for the membership.

##### *Core Tasks:*

- The Co-chairs should organise meetings of Members, including an annual Roundtable.
- The Co-chairs should produce, on behalf of the membership, an annual report on progress with regard to global advocacy efforts and any other specific task(s) agreed upon by the wider membership.
- The Co-chairs should also produce an annual report on progress in select countries/ displacement situations (based on reporting from National Groups).

#### **National Level – “National Groups” providing leadership in select country situations**

- Members volunteering to participate in National Groups will endeavour to work on select country situations affected by displacement issues so as to help address and resolve the displacement in accordance with the objectives and principles reflected in

the mission statement. National Groups should be made up of well-placed actors (though not necessarily based in-country, they should have the ability to be present and influential in-country) willing and able to take a strong role in achieving solutions in a specific country or countries, in partnership with the affected country/countries themselves to the greatest extent possible. National Groups may be established by and are open to the same categories of Members as the global network, and the only criteria for membership is a clear commitment to helping promote the success of the Solutions Alliance at the national level in accordance with the principles reflected in the mission statement.

- Interest in and motivation for establishing a National Group should be communicated to Members of the network with a view to help initiate a roll out process at the country-level.
- Each country situation supported by the Alliance should have a National Group.
- National Groups will work to develop a broad base of support for, and shared commitment to, relevant interventions and/or policy initiatives among donors from governments and other organisations, affected states, UN/affiliated agencies, the private sector, international financial institutions, civil society, and others as appropriate in specific settings.

*Objectives:*

- Bringing together like-minded actors that have a positive role to play in formulating and/or influencing policy and/or operational approaches to address

displacement, covering legal, social, political and economic issues relevant to achieving solutions; and supporting the integration of displacement issues into the local and national development plans.

- Facilitating agreement about how to address challenges of displacement in the particular setting in a consensual and non-partisan manner.
- Seeking innovative and practical approaches to operationalise the approach and principles reflected in the Mission Statement of the Solutions Alliance in the local context.
- Ensuring linkages to global advocacy led by the wider membership.

*Core Tasks:*

- Host at least one national Roundtable a year bringing together relevant local and other actors to review progress and help identify future priorities.
- On the basis of the national Roundtable, produce a briefing paper for the Members of the network on progress, with recommended priorities for the coming year.
- Other than the above Core Tasks, the specific mechanisms, approaches and initiatives that National Groups pursue in order to support meaningful local solutions achievements will be context-specific.

