



The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework in the United Republic of Tanzania



« We want the refugees and host communities in Tanzania to live alongside one another prosperously and peacefully. »

A new global approach to refugees

On 19 September 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a set of commitments, known as the *New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants*, to address the growing challenges of dealing with large movements of refugees and migrants. It sets out, *inter alia*, the key elements of a **Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework** to be applied to large-scale movements of refugees and continued refugee situations.

What is the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework ?

- It is a framework for a comprehensive and people-centered refugee response
- It is Government owned and led and aligns with national priorities and development plans
- It includes a ‘whole of society’ approach, involving a broad range of actors and new partnerships
- It aims to provide a more predictable and sustainable response that benefits both refugees and host communities by linking humanitarian and development efforts early on
- It strengthens inclusive service delivery while calling for more robust and expanded planning and opportunities for durable solutions
- It encourages innovative approaches from civil society and private sector, including opportunities for investment and a broadened scope for refugee self-reliance

The CRRF in Tanzania

The CRRF initiative was launched in Tanzania on 2 June 2017 by the Government in collaboration with United Nations agencies, development partners, local and international NGOs, the private sector and the academia.

In Tanzania, the CRRF focuses on **six areas of engagement**:

Admissions & Rights

- Revision of Tanzania's Refugee Policy (2003) and Refugees Act (1998).
- Access to registration, birth certification & documentation.
- Access to territory and safeguards for the right to seek asylum.

Inclusion & Self-Reliance

- Humanitarian and development initiatives to facilitate inclusion of refugees into national systems.
- Area-based development programmes and projects.
- UNDP II: thematic results on resilience.

Emergency Response

- Application of Refugee Coordination Model (RCM).
- Support to regional refugee response and contingency plans.
- Protection and humanitarian assistance.

Local Integration of New Citizens

- National Strategy for Local Integration of New Citizens (TANSPLI).
- Settlements designated for refugees to be organised under local government structures.

Third Country Options

- Resettlement of refugees to other countries.

Voluntary Repatriation and Reintegration

- Monitoring of situation in Burundi & the Democratic Republic of the Congo for conducive environment for return.
- Support to Burundian refugees who make a free and informed choice to voluntarily repatriate to Burundi.

Partnerships and coordination structures

In line with the “whole of society” approach, the CRRF roll-out in Tanzania is guided by broad partnerships. Led by the Government, a wide range of humanitarian and development actors are actively participating in the process, as well as the private sector, the civil society, the media, the academia, refugees and host communities.

The National Steering Committee (NSC) ensures a comprehensive refugee response through policy, oversight, coordination, and resource mobilization. It is co-chaired by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the President’s Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and includes membership from a wide range of stakeholders.

The NSC is supported by a **Secretariat** that is composed of MHA, PO-RALG and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in the planning, implementation and stocktaking of a comprehensive refugee response. The Secretariat also acts as an information and knowledge hub on matters relating to the application of the CRRF in Tanzania.

The NSC and Secretariat liaise with **regional** and **district authorities** to ensure effective coordination and information flows among national, regional, and district levels.

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