

The UNHCR – NGO Annual Consultations, 15 June 2017
Panel Concept Note

Walk the talk – A Multi-stakeholder Approach to Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

The theme of the 2017 annual UNHCR - NGO Consultations is the **Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)**. A recurring theme in the CRRF is the need to ensure assistance for displaced persons is adequately resourced. This critical session will reflect on the section 'Support for immediate and ongoing needs' of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. It will discuss how a multi-stakeholder approach with states, in cooperation with multilateral donors and the private-sector partners can provide resources to the comprehensive refugee response in a prompt, predictable, consistent and flexible manner. It will highlight the need to forge new partnerships and embrace different ways of working with local and international actors. It includes reaching out to new financing mechanisms, including finance lending schemes and development funding. This session is an opportunity to share ideas on how to address the funding gap through creative resourcing approaches, following up on the three key recommendations raised in the High Level Report on Financing: (1) Growing the resource base through different approaches and innovation, (2) the Grand Bargain focus on efficiencies (3) Shrinking the need and therefore reducing the cost of response.

Why CRRF—Support for Immediate and On-Going Needs

The New York Declaration outlines that States, in cooperation with multilateral donors and private sector partners, as appropriate, would, in coordination with receiving States:

- (a) Mobilize adequate financial and other resources to cover the humanitarian needs identified within the comprehensive refugee response framework;*
- (b) Provide resources in a prompt, predictable, consistent and flexible manner, including through wider partnerships involving State, civil society, faith-based and private sector partners;*
- (c) Take measures to extend the finance lending schemes that exist for developing countries to middle-income countries hosting large numbers of refugees, bearing in mind the economic and social costs to those countries;*
- (d) Consider establishing development funding mechanisms for such countries;*
- (e) Provide assistance to host countries to protect the environment and strengthen infrastructure affected by large movements of refugees;*
- (f) Increase support for cashbased delivery mechanisms and other innovative means for the efficient provision of humanitarian assistance, where appropriate, while increasing accountability to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches its beneficiaries.*

What do we hope to achieve with this theme?

Objective(s) of the session

In the context of developing a comprehensive refugee response framework, the session will aim to explore the key challenges in resourcing the comprehensive response and will consider support for immediate and ongoing needs and support for host countries and communities in a whole of society approach.

The objective of the session to share ideas and high tangible examples in practise on how to best address the funding gap for the Comprehensive Refugee Response. The session will look at resourcing through three key lenses raised in the Report by the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing : (1) Growing the resource base through different approaches and, (2) the Grand Bargain focus on efficiencies (3) Shrinking the need and therefore reducing the cost of response

Outcomes of the session:

- ✓ Actors are empowered to take forwards ideas and tangible examples into their own program resourcing approaches and partnerships
- ✓ Tangible ideas are generated as to how to implement the resourcing recommendations of the CRRF
- ✓ These proposed actions will serve as inputs in the development of the Global Compact on Refugees.
- ✓ Bring diverse voices directly impacting support for immediate and on-going needs to speak about successes and challenges in these efforts
- ✓ Understand perspectives from a whole of society approach including local, development and private sector actors
- ✓ To see how non-government organisations can connect to and support these efforts to address immediate and protracted needs

Panel Line up:

Moderator:

Kathryn Taetzsch, Director, Humanitarian Response & Private Sector Partnerships, World Vision

Speakers

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