

Guidance Checklist on Durable Solutions to Displacement

This checklist is intended as an indicative, general overview, providing a sense of the logical flow of recommended steps in developing a joint durable solutions strategy for displacement. The steps will often not occur sequentially and should be adapted and used according to the displacement context. More detailed information and guidance on the points in the checklist can be found under each of the nine connecting steps in the Guide.

The checklist can be used by any designated authority (national/ local institution, RC/HC, and/or coordination body/individual) who has assumed or been charged with the task of developing a strategy for durable solutions to displacement.

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<p>Consult with the following stakeholders on developing a strategy on durable solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national /local authorities - national / international humanitarian and development partners - affected populations - other relevant stakeholders (e.g. donors) <p>The process of drafting the strategy should be initiated from the early stages of displacement and onwards</p>	<p>Review existing in-country coordination platforms as to how to embed the durable solutions strategy process within a framework that will engage and empower national and longer-term actors</p>	<p>Identify actors with a role to play in achieving durable solutions, including: IDPs; refugee returnees; locally settled or relocated IDPs; displacement affected communities; the private sector; bilateral donors and international financial institutions</p>	<p>Enhance awareness among key stakeholders of core concepts, international principles and criteria for durable solutions. Click here for the relevant page of the Guide¹ for guidance on the core issues to be clarified</p>	<p>Collect essential information to inform durable solutions strategy². Click here for pages in the Guide on essential information to be collected</p>	<p>Stakeholders to define and agree on an overall vision of what the durable strategy aims to achieve and how it will enhance the political, economic and social development of the country</p>	<p>Matters to be addressed in the outline of the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief analysis of the overall and displacement situation - The vision and strategic objectives - Key areas of focus for intervention - Cross-linkages to other strategic frameworks - Identification and analysis of the main gaps/ obstacles to durable solutions - International legal standards and principles - Methodology, including a coordination mechanism to oversee strategy implementation - Outline of Action Plan - Methods for ensuring Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) - Monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework³ 	<p>Organize the validation process. The strategy should be reviewed and validated by all Stakeholders. It would be beneficial to organize a workshop bringing together key stakeholders to collectively review it and jointly agree on any final amendments to the draft.</p>	<p>Install/ confirm/ activate the identified coordination body to oversee the implementation process and periodically monitor the progress in implementing the strategy</p>

¹ I.e. the Preliminary Operational Guide for Durable Solutions to Displacement

² This may include an IDP profiling exercise to provide a baseline for measuring progress towards achieving durable solutions and informing relevant responses. The profiling exercise can be conducted with support from the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) and their indicators library for durable solutions: <http://www.iips.org/en/profiling/durable-solution>

³ See also the points raised regarding the design of the monitoring and evaluation framework under: *Implementing the strategy and monitoring progress towards durable solutions*.

Examples of indicators that could be included in the monitoring framework:

- the JIPS indicators library on durable solutions (see footnote 1)
- the Solutions Framework (local integration and refugee focus), Uganda 2016, of the Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (REDSS): <http://www.regionaldss.org/sites/default/files/ReDSS%20Uganda%20Solutions%20Framework%20Local%20integration%20infograph.pdf>
- [IOM Syria resilience indicators](#)

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Communicate the decision to develop the strategy to relevant stakeholders who were not part of the consultation process	Determine the best mechanism for coordination through consultation with the government, RC/HC and all stakeholders	Continuously engage with key stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that their views and recommendations inform the development and implementation of the strategy	Train stakeholders on the core concepts, principles and criteria for durable solutions, in order to raise awareness and build consensus on them. ⁴	Review and analyse available data on the overall displacement situation.	Stakeholders to define the strategic objectives: what needs to change in order to achieve the agreed vision?	The team drafting the strategy should provide regular updates on the drafting process to the coordination body, national/ local authorities and/or to the RC/HC	Stakeholders and partners to adopt the final text of the strategy. The adoption of the strategy indicates the engagement of partners to their commitments under the strategy. It renders the strategy final and ready for implementation	Mobilise resources to enable the implementation of the strategy
	Ensure an inclusive and broad-based membership of the coordination mechanism (including humanitarian and development actors). The coordination platform should be manageable to allow for efficiency of work. Government leadership or co-leadership should be encouraged		Disseminate key guidance material among stakeholders to facilitate and reinforce understanding of core concepts, international principles and criteria on durable solutions	Review existing national plans in order to link the development of durable solutions to existing national and international humanitarian and development planning processes	Stakeholders to determine the interventions needed to achieve the changes required by the strategic objectives		The government, RC/HC, or both (e.g. in a joint communiqué) to disseminate the final text of the official adopted strategy document	The strategy should be implemented in accordance with the Action Plan. The Action Plan should be regularly reviewed and, as necessary, revised

⁴See examples of training modules on durable solutions developed by IDMC: <http://www.internal-displacement.org> and REDSS (basic training for technical staff): <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8k983otoua3xucz/AACCu95wXJF7LDXdm8TyQjF0a?dl=0>

The guidance note for the REDSS training package can be found [here](#).

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	Designate a coordinator with time, relevant expertise and capacity to manage the process				The coordination body should consult with all stakeholders and examine the situation, in order for them to decide on the appropriate approach and format for the strategy, as well as to decide on the most context-relevant factors that should be included in the strategy			Monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation of the strategy: the monitoring mechanism needs to be designed so as to address local concerns and priorities
	Adopt the terms of reference of the coordination mechanism				Stakeholders to agree on the sequence of interventions. Interventions that are already underway or planned should be identified. Linkages should be made with already existing mechanisms and strategies (e.g. reintegration strategies, social cohesion strategies, governance strategies, development strategies, etc.)			The achievement of durable solutions should be measured on the basis of enjoyment of human rights, embodied in the eight criteria set out in the IASC Framework ⁵ and in other structures specific to the context

⁵ See page 26 of the Preliminary Operational Guide for Durable Solutions to Displacement

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					<p>Inclusion of the agreed sequence of interventions in the Monitoring and Evaluation plan. This will be a central part of the common tracking of achievements against the strategy</p>			
					<p>Identification of the actors best placed to take the lead in each sector and/or region. Decisions as to which actor will do what, where and when, will need to be agreed to an adequate level of detail to allow</p>			

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					a practical work-plan to be annexed to the strategy itself			