



ROAD MAP ON THE ERADICATION OF STATELESSNESS 2022– 2024

GOAL 1: Compliance with relevant legal, policy and institutional frameworks for eradicating statelessness

Outcome 1: States are parties to the UN conventions on Statelessness by 2023

Output	Activities	Time frame	Actors/ responsible
At least one sensitization campaign on accession to the conventions targeting parliament, decision maker and civil society carried out in all countries	Undertake sensitization and information campaigns in Member States	2022-ongoing	UNHCR
At least one advocacy visit in countries that have not yet acceded	Conduct advocacy visits to decision-makers on accession to the international legal instruments on statelessness	2022	UNHCR
Advocacy document available and disseminated	Draft Advocacy document on the content and importance of acceding to the convention	2022	UNHCR
output	Activities	Time frame	Actors responsible

Model law available	Draft a Model law on Prevention of Statelessness, and submit it to the approval of experts	On-going	UNHCR
output	Activities	Time frame	Actors responsible

Outcome 2 : Constitutional and legislative frameworks are aligned, and consistent with international standards for the prevention of statelessness

Output	Activities	Time frame	Actors/ responsible
Availability of reference framework	Develop a standard reference framework for review of nationality laws	2022-2023	Member States UNHCR
	Organize training and information sessions for stakeholders on the importance of domesticating the International Conventions on Statelessness.	2022-2023	UNHCR
Nationality legal and constitutional formwork include safeguards against statelessness	State review all legislation that pertain to nationality including the legislation on birth registration and the right of children, against the reference framework and, where relevant, reform their constitution, reform their	2022-2023	Member States, with support of UNHCR

	legislation and align it with their constitution.		
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GOAL 2: Strengthening statelessness-related data collection mechanism

Outcome: qualitative and quantitative data available at regional and country level on risks factors to statelessness and groups of concerns

Outputs	Activity	Time Frame	Actors/responsible
Risks factor on statelessness in the SADC region identified and recommendations available on regional responses	Conduct a regional study on statelessness, with a focus on the nexus between migration and statelessness, assessing obstacles to acquisition of nationality, including birth registration, gender issues and access to proof of nationality by people residing in the country and by the diaspora.	2023	SADC + UNHCR
Availability of standard methodology for survey and census at country level	Develop a standard methodology for qualitative and quantitative data collection on statelessness including during national population censuses. Adoption d'une loi sur la détermination du statut d'apatrides	2023	SADC UNHCR

National statistics agencies trained	Organize training of national agencies of statistics on data collection on statelessness	2023	SADC UNHCR
Quantitative and Qualitative Data available in all countries	States conduct qualitative and quantitative studies	2023-2024	Member States

Goal 3: Protection of stateless persons

Outcome 1: Stateless persons in migratory context are identified, provided with a legal status and issued with documents

Outcome	Activity	Time Frame	Actors/responsible
Availability of a draft model law on the status of stateless persons	Draft a model law on statelessness determination procedures and issuance of statelessness status, and submit it to validation by governments experts	2023	Member States + UNHCR
Authorities responsible for statelessness determination procedures are designated and their eligibility staff are trained	In all countries, designate the authorities responsible for the determination of statelessness status and staff to be trained to undertake eligibility work	2023 – on going	Member States UNHCR
Statelessness Determination Procedures in place in all Member States	States reform their immigration legislation in order to ensure that stateless persons are identified and	2024	States + UNHCR

	provided with a legal status		
Stateless persons are documented	Issue harmonized identity cards and travel documents to recognised stateless persons.	2024	Member States

Goal 4: Reduction of Statelessness

Outcome: Stateless persons *in situ*, and persons at risk of statelessness are identified and their nationality status resolved

Outcome	Activity	Time Frame	Actors/responsible
Tripartite committee in place to determine nationality status when necessary	Establish a committee consisting of respective Member States to confirm the nationality of affected populations living in border / disputed areas with the support of UNHCR.	2023-2024	Member States/UNHCR
Best practices on solving statelessness in situ are documented and published	A best practice handbook on reducing statelessness through special laws/decrees and other means	2022 (to be updated in 2023, and 2024)	SADC/UNHCR
Handbook on model practice to manage proof of nationality is available	A model practice on handling proof of nationality and nationality for undocumented population	2023	SADC/UNHCR
Facilitated procedures on proof of nationality	States introduce nationality recognition procedures	2023-2024	Member States

	based on witness testimony (possession d'état), or other means of nationality acquisition, in order to facilitate access to nationality for all persons with a strong link to the State but who do not have, and cannot obtain, proof of their identity or of their nationality.		
Free Legal aid available	Provide legal assistance to in situ stateless persons in order to regularise their nationality Status	2022-2024	Member States, with support of UNHCR and CSO

GOAL 5: Advocacy and sensitization of populations and stakeholders

Outcome 1: Public is informed about risks of statelessness and their role to prevent it

Outcome	Activity	Time Frame	Actors/responsible
Visibility and information materials developed in the three working languages of SADC	Develop standardized communication materials on statelessness to disseminate in the region.	2022-2023	UNHCR
Public is informed in all countries on the importance of birth registration and on nationality procedures	Carry out information campaigns aimed at the general public on the importance of birth	2022-2024	Member States

	registration, the risk of statelessness and procedures to acquire a nationality		
Statelessness is taught at school and university	Mainstream statelessness, and nationality in standard curricula	2023	Member States UNHCR

Outcome 2 : Practitioners are trained to identify and respond to statelessness

output	Activities	Time frame	Actors responsible
Civil society forum organised annually	Organize an annual regional civil society forum on statelessness. Forum held with participation of all relevant stakeholders	2022-2024	UNHCR, CSO
SADC expertise enhanced	Build the capacity of relevant institutions, departments, and directorates in SADC	2022-2024	UNHCR - SADC
Member States expertise enhanced	Build the capacity of relevant institutions, departments within governments	2022-24	UNHCR-SADC

GOAL 6: Establish strategic and operational monitoring and follow-up mechanisms

Outcome 1: National focal point are designated and operational

output	Activities	Time frame	Actors responsible
National focal point	Designate Government Focal Points on statelessness and inform UNHCR	2022	Member States
Terms of reference of national focal points available	Develop terms of reference for the Government Focal Points.	2022	UNHCR Member States
Focal point trained	Provide training on statelessness to the Government Focal Points.	2022	UNHCR
Regular meetings of focal points take place	Convene regular meetings with the Focal Points to share best practices, inform strategies and policies and to assess progress.	2022	Member States UNHCR

Outcome 2: States adopt national action plans and report on progress

output	Activities	Time frame	Actors responsible
methodology developed and disseminated	Develop standardized methodologies for the development and adoption of national action plans.	2023	UNHCR Member States
All countries that have adopted national action Plans statelessness.	Adopt national action plans, at ministerial or presidential level, on the eradication of statelessness	2023	Member States
Progress on the implementation of	Convene a yearly follow-up	2023	SADC

national action plans are measured	ministerial conference to review the progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action.		Member States UNHCR
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