

List of Abbreviations

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1951 Convention	Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951)
1967 Protocol	Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1967)
4Rs	Repatriation, Reintegration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

A

AALCO	Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation
ACCORD	Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank
AfP	Agenda for Protection
AFP	Agence France-Presse
AGDM	Age, Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming
AHC-O	Assistant High Commissioner for Operations
AHC-P	Assistant High Commissioner for Protection
AHI	Avian and Human Influenza
AI	Amnesty International
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AP	Associated Press
APCI	Advisory Panel on Country of Origin Information (UK)
APR	Annual Protection Report
ARC	Action for the Rights of Children
ASR	Annual Statistical Report
ATCs	Annual Tripartite Consultations
AU	African Union

B

BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BID	Best Interests Determination (of the child)
BO	Branch Office

C

CA	Civil Affairs
CAP	Consolidated Appeal Process



CAT	Committee Against Torture (United Nations)
CAT	Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (United Nations)
CBA	Community-based approach
CCA	Common Country Assessment
CDD	Community-driven development
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework
CEDAW	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (United Nations)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (United Nations)
CERD	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (United Nations)
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CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (United Nations)
CHR	Commission on Human Rights (United Nations)
CIMIC	Civil Military Cooperation
CIREA	Centre for Informal Discussions and Exchange on Asylum
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CMA	Civil Military Affairs
CNN	Cable News Network
CO	Commanding Officer
CoE	Council of Europe
COI	Country of origin information
COP	Country Operations Plan
CPA	Comprehensive Plan of Action
CPJ	Committee for the Protection of Journalists
CPR	Conflict Prevention and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Network
CRC	Committee on the Rights of the Child (United Nations)
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child (United Nations)
CSIS	Center for Strategic and International Studies
CTD	Convention Travel Document

D

DAC	Development Assistance Committee (United Nations)
DAR	Development Assistance for Refugees
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Programme
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DHRM	Division of Human Resources Management
DIPS	Division of International Protection Services (UNHCR)
DLI	Development through Local Integration
DOS	Department of Operations (UNHCR)
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations (United Nations)
DPRE	Displaced Persons Refugees Evacuees
DRRM	Donor Relations & Resource Mobilization Service (UNHCR)



E	
EC	European Commission
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Office
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (United Nations)
ECRE	European Council on Refugees and Exiles
EDF	European Development Fund
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
ELENA	European Legal Network on Asylum
ERC	Emergency Relief Coordinator (United Nations)
ERF	European Refugee Fund
EU	European Union
Eurasil	European Network for Asylum Practitioners of the European Commission
EVAC	Evacuation
EVI	Extremely vulnerable individual
EW	Early warning
EW	Electronic warfare
ExCom	Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (UNHCR)

F	
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAQs	Frequently asked questions
FDP	Formerly deported person (CIS countries)
FIDH	International Federation for Human Rights
FO	Field Office

G	
GA	General Assembly (United Nations)
GCIM	Global Commission on International Migration
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIST	Geographic Information Support Teams
GMG	Global Migration Group

H	
HC	High Commissioner (UNHCR)
HC	Humanitarian Coordinator (United Nations)
HDI	Human Development Index
HE	Humanitarian Evacuation
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HLD	High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
HRC	Human Rights Committee
HRC	Human Rights Council
HRO/HUMRO	Humanitarian Relief Operations



HRW

Human Rights Watch

I

IARLJ	International Association of Refugee Law Judges
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee (on humanitarian assistance) (United Nations)
IC	Individual case
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICG	International Crisis Group
ICMC	International Catholic Migration Commission
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
IDMC	Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
IDPs	Internally displaced persons
IFA	Internal flight alternative
IFJ	International Federation of Journalists
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGC-COI	Inter-Governmental Consultations Working Group on COI
IGO	Inspector-General's Office (UNHCR)
IJRL	International Journal of Refugee Law
ILC	International Law Commission
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPR	International Professional Roster
IPs	Implementing partners
IRA	Internal relocation alternative
IRB	Immigration and Refugee Board (Canada)
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IRIN	Integrated Regional Information Networks (United Nations)
IRPs	Involuntarily relocated persons
IWPR	Institute for War and Peace Reporting

J

JAM	Joint assessment mission
JPO	Junior Professional Officer

L

LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
LO	Liaison Office



LOU Letter of Understanding

M

MDGs Millennium Development Goals
MFA Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MIA Ministry of Internal Affairs
MNCs Multi-national corporations
MOH Ministry of Health
MOI Ministry of the Interior
MOSS Minimum Operation Safety Standards
MOU Memorandum of Understanding
MPG Migration Policy Group
MSF Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
MSRP Management Systems Renewal Project

N

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBC Nuclear, Biological and Chemical
NFI Non food item
NGOs Non-governmental organizations
NHRI National Human Rights Institution
NRC Norwegian Refugee Council

O

OAS Organisation of American States
OAU Organisation of African Unity
OC Officer Commanding
OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (United Nations)
ODIHR Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE)
ODMS Organizational Development and Management Service (UNHCR)
OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFPRA Office français de protection des réfugiés et apatrides (Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, France)
OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OHR Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina
OIC Organization of the Islamic Conference
OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services (United Nations)
OPLAN Operation Plan
Ops Operational partners
OSAR Office Suisse d'Aide aux Réfugiés (Swiss Office for the Assistance to Refugees)
OSCE Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSI Open Society Institute

P



PARinAC	Partnership in Action
PDES	Policy Development and Evaluation Service (UNHCR)
PIP	Protection Induction Programme
PLP	Protection Learning Programme
ProCap	Protection Capacity
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (United Nations)
PSC	Programme support costs
PSM	Peace Support Mission
PSO	Peace Support Operations
Q	
QIPs	Quick Impact Projects
R	
RBM	Results-based management
RC	Resident Coordinator (United Nations)
RFE/RL	Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty
RH	Reproductive health
RLA	Regional Legal Advisor
RO	Regional Office
ROE	Rules of Engagement
RPPs	Regional Protection Programmes
RSD	Refugee Status Determination
RSF	Reporters Sans Frontières (Reporters Without Borders)
S	
S & I	Standards and Indicators
SC	Security Council (United Nations)
SCAF	Sub-Committee on Administrative and Financial Matters (UNHCR)
SCIP	Sub-Committee of the Whole on International Protection (UNHCR)
SDPIS	Status Determination and Protection Information Section (UNHCR)
SGBV	Sexual and gender-based violence
SIBA	Staff member In Between Assignments
SitRep	Operations Situation Report
SO	Sub Office
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
SPCP	Strengthening Protection Capacity Project
SPO	Senior Protection Officer
SRS	Self-Reliance Strategy
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary-General (United Nations)
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
SURGE Project	Supporting UNHCR Resources on the Ground with Experts on mission



T

TF	Task Force
THAP	Temporary Humanitarian Assisted Persons
TNCs	Trans-national corporations
ToC	Table of contents
ToR	Terms of reference
TPLP	Thematic Protection Learning Programme
TRC	Truth and Reconciliation Commission

U

UAM	Unaccompanied minor
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HI/AIDS
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDCP	United Nations Drug Control Programme
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDHA	United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDPA	United Nations Department of Political Affairs
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNV	United Nations Volunteers
USA	United States of America
USCRI	U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
USDHS	United States Department of Homeland Security
USDOS	United States Department of State
UXO	Unexploded Ordinance



V
VCT Voluntary counselling and testing
Volrep Voluntary Repatriation

W
WEM Workshop on Emergency Management
WFP World Food Programme
WHO World Health Organization
WMD Weapons of Mass Destruction
WTO World Trade Organization

Various country-related United Nations acronyms

MINURSO United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
MONUC United Nations Observer Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
ONUB United Nations Operation in Burundi
ONUCI United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire
UNAMA United Nations Mission for Afghanistan
UNAMI United Nations Mission for Iraq
UNAMSIL United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sierra Leone
UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNMEE United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
UNMIBH United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
UNMIK United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNMIL United Nations Mission for Liberia
UNMIS United Nations Mission in Sudan
UNOMIG United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

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