

ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH NGOS
14 – 16 JUNE 2017
International Conference Center Geneva

DISCUSSION PAPER

Session title: ***Catalysing refugee self-reliance through the
comprehensive refugee response framework (CRRF)***

Date: ***Friday 16 June***

Time/Room: ***09h00 – 12h00 – Room 4***

Background and link to the theme:

Self-reliance refers to the ability of individuals, households or communities to meet their essential needs and enjoy their human rights in a sustainable manner and to live with dignity. The New York declaration highlights that efforts to build self-reliance lay the foundation for sustainable solutions.

Building self-reliance of displaced and stateless persons not only improves protection of people where they find themselves but also equips and prepares them to take advantage of whatever durable solution will ultimately become available.

However, the complex and often protracted nature of forced displacement today requires greater efforts to ensure that responses to new emergencies are designed with sustainability in mind, and to foster self-reliance from the outset. Depending on the context, developing a comprehensive response to forced displacement may require investment in national institutions in the areas of justice, security, social services and economic development, as well as support for civil society actors and communities.

The ability to foster self-reliance in the context of forced displacement and to enhance protection and solutions is ultimately contingent upon the collaboration of all actors. The CRRF aims to operationalize the “whole-of-society” approach through operational partnerships and frameworks among State entities, international organizations, and national and international non-governmental actors, including civil society organizations, faith-based groups, academics and media.

Highlighting good practices and key challenges, this session aims to explore how NGOs and UNHCR can better work together, in collaboration with State entities, communities and other actors, to foster increased self-reliance of refugees. Each discussion in this session

will be focused on approaches that can drive different aspects of refugee self-reliance, and field examples will be used to open and stimulate the debate. Discussions will explore how a context for self-reliance may be achieved through a whole-of-society approach that emphasizes:

- Facilitating economic well-being and resilience for refugees through positive market linkages
- Strengthening other aspects of self-reliance, incl. protection systems, education, health, psycho-social activities
- Better collaboration between “old partners” and engagement with “new partners” in refugee response, including the private sector and development actors as part of the comprehensive market system that supports resiliency.

Objectives of the session:

In the context of developing a comprehensive refugee response framework, the session will aim to explore the key challenges in fostering increased self-reliance of refugees; highlight good practices that have potential to be scaled up; and develop concrete recommendations to improve current approaches to refugee self-reliance. The focus will be on market systems and new types of partnerships, and multi-sector approaches to foster self-reliance. Finally, we will explore what it means to try and measure “success” in self-reliance.

Desired outcome of the session:

The session will result in concrete actions on how to further a comprehensive, multi-partner and market-based approach to strengthen all aspects of refugee self-reliance under the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. These proposed actions will serve as inputs in the development of the Global Compact on Refugees. Participants will leave with inspiration from multi-sector approaches to foster and measure self-reliance and an understanding of _the Minimum Economic Recovery Standards, the Humanitarian Private Partnership Platform. There will also be a shared exploration of positive field examples and practical challenges related to this complex system work.

Methodology:

Time	Description	Speaker/Facilitator
9:00-9:15	Welcome and opening by moderator and UNHCR	Moderator: Zehra Rizvi Opening remarks: Ziad Ayoubi, Head of Livelihoods Unit, UNHCR

9:15-10:00	<p>Setting the Scene Panellist presentations (four of 10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-reliance, protection and solutions. How self-reliance may contribute to protection and solutions outcomes. Christian Boehm, Global Livelihoods Specialist, Danish Refugee Council • Presentation of Minimum Economic Recovery Standards (MERS). How engagement with market systems support self-reliance objectives within a Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. Sarah Ward, Senior Advisor, Minimum Economic Recovery Standards • Multi-partner engagement towards self-reliance: What drives different actors/sectors to engage and how can effective partnerships be built to the benefit of refugees Kathryn Taetzsch, Director, Humanitarian Response & Private Sector Partnerships, World Vision • Defining and Measuring self-reliance: Defining self-reliance and how to measure it Jacob Bonyo, Country Director, RefugePoint Kenya 	
10:00-10:15	Q&A with panellists using Pigeonhole Live Q&A	Moderator
10:15-10:30	Moderator round-up, pitches for working groups and instructions for thematic working groups	Moderator
10:30-11:30	<p>Thematic working groups. Start-off by 2 NNGO presentation of an example that is illustrative of the good practices and challenges related to the subject; followed by discussions, and concluding with a summary of key points and recommendations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, Cash-Transfers Help, But We Also Want to Work. Expanding income earning opportunities in restrictive environments, using market-based approaches (including MERS). Good examples that have worked in practice. Risks to consider. 2. It's Not All About the Economy. Other dimensions of self-reliance, e.g. education, legal aid, health, social support structures, energy, etc. How do we pursue these in a 	<p>Group moderator: Sarah Ward (SEEP) NNGO example from different refugee contexts, e.g. Ilia (Iran); Al Majmoua (Lebanon)</p> <p>Group moderator: Christian Boem (DRC) NNGO example from different refugee/IDP contexts, e.g. Somalia Ngo</p>

	<p>complementary and mutually reinforcing manner?</p> <p>3. The Best Version of Ourselves. Multi-partner collaboration on self-reliance (UN, NGO, State, private sector, community) – When does it work well? What do we need to do differently? What does the CRRF need to consider?</p>	<p>consortium, Syria Relief Network</p> <p><u>Group moderator:</u> Laura Bennison (World Vision)</p> <p>NNGO example from different refugee contexts, e.g. Orange Capacity Building (Turkey), AAHI Kenya</p>
11:30-11:45	Gallery Walk – reviewing the proposed actions from each group	Each group will write 4 proposed actions – one per flip chart paper. The room will all then get up and do a galley walk to reach each section posted presentation. Each group will leave an elected team of two at their posters to field questions or translate as necessary.
11:45-12:00	Moderator conclusion and wrap-up (compiling of recommendations)	