

**Statement for the 18 July Hearings in Preparation for the 19th
September High Level Meeting to Address Large Movements of
Refugees and Migrants**

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Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network welcomes the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on addressing large movements of Refugees and migrants. Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network works towards the fulfilment of gender equality focusing on Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights which are of critical importance for women and children to live healthy lives in refugee camps

The inability of women and girls to fully exercise their reproductive rights without stigma or discrimination is due to lack of implementation of gender equality. As a result, there is limited provision of these services by local providers and non-governmental organizations which is impacting negatively in the lives of women and children including refugees in Nigeria

Drawing on these concerns, Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network and its national allies call on the international community to strengthen their support in making reproductive health services available and affordable such as, increased access to :

- contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion
- essential medicines to prevent excess bleeding after birth and also to enable any woman who wants to end a pregnancy to access safe and affordable abortion service and post abortion care in refugee camps
- enabling platform for women and girls to embrace new technology by accessing information concerning their health and wellbeing through hotlines.

These services can help women make their right choices and have their dignity maintained to end discrimination, forced marriage and abduction that are rampant in refugee camps.