

SOS Children's Villages, wants to share these general comments on the Draft of the outcome document for the 19th of September 2016's high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants (12th of July 2016) and on the redrafted Global Compact on Refugees (15th of July 2016):

We salute that in both documents child rights was highlighted, and as a general approach, it was well integrated.

We are glad that the Global Compact on Refugees included a holistic approach, which placed families and communities first, and in the Draft of the outcome document, are well integrated principles and goals on the 2030 agenda and sustainable solutions.

In order to increase this amazing and historic opportunity, we recommend, for inclusion, the following:

- On the Draft of the outcome document for the 19th of September 2016's high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

Original version	Suggested version	Explanation
<p>Commitments for migrants and refugees jointly</p> <p>2.10</p> <p>"Reaffirming that all individuals seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay, we will consider alternatives to detention while these assessments are underway. Furthermore, we commit never to detain children for this purpose.</p>	<p>Reaffirming that all individuals seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay, we will consider alternatives to detention while these assessments are underway. Furthermore, we commit never to detain children; instead, we will provide them appropriate care.</p>	<p>It is very important to establish how countries can end the detention of children with appropriate care such as family strength, alternative care, family and community-based quality care. For more information, you can find an extended framework on paragraphs 137 to 152 of the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children A/RES/64/142.</p>

- On the Global compact on refugees:

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<p>Reception and Admission Paragraph 5 [...]</p> <p>-provide for adequate, safe and dignified reception conditions, with particular emphasis on child protection and prevention of, and response to, sexual and gender-based violence; support the critical contribution of receiving communities and societies in this regard;</p>	<p>- provide for adequate, safe and dignified reception conditions, with particular emphasis on child protection, care programs for children and prevention of, and response to, sexual and gender-based violence; support the critical contribution of receiving communities and societies in this regard</p>	<p>- It is very important to include care programs for children in order to provide them appropriate care in all sense, especially when children are unaccompanied or separated from their families.</p>
<p>Reception and Admission Paragraph 5 [...]</p> <p>Meet essential needs of refugees, including providing access to adequate water, sanitation, food, nutrition, shelter, healthcare and psycho-social support.</p>	<p>Meet essential needs of refugees, including providing access to adequate water, education, sanitation, food, nutrition, shelter, healthcare and psycho-social support.</p>	<p>Education is a strategic method to tackle reducing inequalities, as well as a fundamental human right that all human beings possess, especially children, who are in stressful situations, education allows them to restitute their emotions and protect them from other risks.</p>
<p>Local solutions</p> <p>12. Host states, in cooperation with UNHCR and relevant partners, where appropriate, would [...]</p>		

<p>- Foster self-reliance in countries of asylum by pledging to expand opportunities for refugees to access education, health care and services, livelihood opportunities and labor markets, without discrimination among refugees and in a manner which also supports host communities;</p>	<p>Foster self-reliance in countries of asylum by pledging to expand opportunities for refugees to access education, child protection systems, health care and services, livelihood opportunities and labor markets, without discrimination among refugees and in a manner which also supports host communities;</p>	<p>From our experience, children are rejected for being part of the national population of child protection systems, despite the fact that they are children.</p>
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