



Action Agenda on Internal Displacement

Core Commitments

Office of the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement

ACTION AGENDA COMMITMENTS

The [UN SG’s Action Agenda on Internal Displacement](#) was launched in June 2022, in follow-up to the High-Level Panel’s report on internal displacement. It lays out the SG’s vision to step up our approach on prevention, response and solutions, including 31 UN commitments. The commitments are presented in 11 groups to streamline reporting on implementation. Specific agencies/entities or the Office of the Special Adviser (OSA) will convene the groups at least twice a year for planning and reporting.

Implementing these commitments will require Governments to own the process of finding solutions to internal displacement, but also to better reduce the risks of future displacement and respond to crises as they arise. It will also require UN actors and partners, including IFIs, NGOs and the private sector to step up their engagement and to ensure that IDPs and host communities are at the center of decision making.

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO SOLUTIONS STRATEGIES

1. Redouble efforts to ensure meaningful participation and systematic inclusion of IDPs and local community members of all ages, genders and diversities in decision-making on solutions, including by scaling up community-based planning, and advocate with States to put in place measures to ensure IDPs are heard and included in solutions planning.

DPPA, DPO, ILO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNICEF, UN HABITAT, UNHCR, UNMAS, UN Women, UNOPS

NGOs: Action for the Needy, Impact Initiatives

2. Support States to develop and implement whole-of-government solutions strategies with measurable progress indicators that are guided by the views and capacities of IDPs and local communities, and to embed solutions within national and local development plans.

FAO, IOM, UNHCR, UNDP, OCHA, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN HABITAT, ILO

NGOs: Action for the Needy, Impact Initiatives

3. Advocate with States and international actors for stepped-up attention to urban displacement and for support to local and city authorities in responding to the needs of urban IDPs and host communities.

IOM, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN HABITAT

NGOs: Action for the Needy, Impact Initiatives

Convener: OSA

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO RC LEADERSHIP

5. Designate UN Resident Coordinators to serve as the UN’s lead on solutions at the country level, including to: proactively engage Governments on this issue; ensure solutions are reflected in UNSDCFs and HRPs; ensure a dedicated and costed solutions strategy is developed as needed; and ensure relevant and inclusive coordination mechanisms are in place.

DCO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN HABITAT, UN Women

6. Provide additional support to UN Resident Coordinators through ensuring they can draw on advice and support from the global and regional levels and - where relevant - dedicated capacity at the country level.

DCO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN HABITAT

Convener: DCO

03

COMMITMENTS RELATED TO UN AGENCIES/ENTITIES STEPPING UP ON SOLUTIONS TO INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

4. Strengthen UN leadership and accountability on internal displacement by appointing a time-bound Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement to work in concert with an inter-agency Steering Group.

DCO, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF

7. Task UN development, peacebuilding, humanitarian, human rights, and DRR and climate change actors to develop global institutional plans, by the end of 2022, for how they will reinforce their internal capacities and engagement on solutions to internal displacement.

DCO, FAO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN HABITAT, WFP

10. Host a dedicated thematic window for solutions to internal displacement within the UN Joint SDG Fund that supports joint, solutions-focused programmes identified by UNCTs.

IOM, UNCDF, UNHCR, UNOPS, UN Women

Convener: OSA

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO SOLUTIONS FINANCING

8. Work with development financing partners to ensure solutions are pursued proactively and systematically as part of development financing, based on analytics including socioeconomic data, and incentivize the inclusion of action on internal displacement within national and local development plans and associated budgeting.

IFAD, UNCDF, UNDP, UNHCR, UNMAS, UN HABITAT

9. Convene an ad hoc forum of relevant development finance actors and affected States to explore how catalytic financing could be made more readily available for solutions and, by the end of September 2022, agree on the most appropriate model and expedite its establishment.

IFAD, UNCDF, UNHCR, UNMAS, UN HABITAT

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

11. The UN will work with relevant partners to identify three to four contexts where there are opportunities to pilot means of strengthening engagement with the private sector, working with UN Resident Coordinators.

ILO, UNCDF, UNDP, UNHCR

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO DATA

12. Support States to put in place relevant mechanisms to collect, manage and use internal displacement data in line with the International Recommendation on IDP Statistics and other relevant international standards.

IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNMAS, UNOPS, UN HABITAT

NGOs: IDMC, Impact Initiatives

13. Convene a time-bound task force of relevant data actors that will examine opportunities and barriers to more effective use of data for solutions and, by the end of September 2022, put forward a proposal for a fit-for-purpose process or coordination model to address data-specific issues and gaps.

FAO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN HABITAT

NGOs: Impact Initiatives, IDMC

Convener: IOM

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO PREVENTION OF DISPLACEMENT CRISES, FOCUSING ON CONFLICT/HR VIOLATIONS

- 14. Work with Governments, regional organizations, local communities and civil society to address the root causes of displacement and to promote peacebuilding, social cohesion and mediation that considers displacement risks (and, where present, includes IDPs).
DPPA, DPO, FAO, IOM, Office Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, OHCHR, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN Women
- 15. To reduce risks of displacement associated with human rights violations and conflict, drive forward implementation of the Call to Action for Human Rights and address displacement specifically in my forthcoming Agenda for Protection.
DPPA, DPO, IOM, Office Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, OHCHR, UNDP, UNHCR, UNMAS
- 16. When there are early signs of conflict, renewed violence or threats to civilians, mobilize rapid action to support de-escalation, political negotiation and conflict resolution, and systematically address internal displacement as part of these efforts.
DPPA, DPO, IOM, Office Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, UNDP, UNHCR, UNMAS
- 17. Advocate with Governments to put in place policies and measures to promote the protection of civilians in situations of conflict and violence and reduce displacement risks in line with IHL.
DPPA, DPO, OCHA, Office Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS

Convener: UNDP



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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO PREVENTION OF DISPLACEMENT CRISES, FOCUSING ON CLIMATE CHANGE & DISASTERS

- 18. Advocate strongly for States to deliver on the \$100 billion climate finance commitment to support developing countries and to dedicate at least half of these funds to climate change adaptation and resilience.
IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNOPS
- 19. Address displacement proactively and systematically as part of the UN's work on climate change, including by supporting the work on the Task Force on Displacement under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.
DPPA, DPO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UNFCCC, UNHCR, UNICEF

Convener: IOM



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COMMITMENTS ON UNDERSTANDING RISK INTERSECTION, PLANNING & FINANCING

- 20. Support Governments to ensure climate risks are integrated into policies and investment decision-making, and to ensure that displacement risks and associated protection needs are systematically considered within policies, strategies and plans relevant to DRR, climate change action, urban planning and development, including by assisting in drafting or revising the policies in line with the State's commitments under the SDGs, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai Framework and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
DPO, DPPA, IFAD, IOM, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNFCCC, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP
- 21. Advocate for donors and development finance actors to utilize data and analysis to dramatically scale up investments in forecast-based financing and anticipatory action while continuing to support broader early warning, DRR, humanitarian assistance and community resilience programmes, and to ensure countries can access this finance.
IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNDRR, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP
- 22. UN agencies and entities with expertise on DRR, climate change, human rights, humanitarian affairs, development and peacebuilding will work within their organizations and together to promote holistic understanding of displacement and risk intersections, including on the intersection of conflict and the impacts of climate change, and they will support UNCTs and HCTs to reflect this in their work.
DPO, DPPA, IOM, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP

Convener: UNDRR





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COMMITMENTS TO ADVOCACY FOR BETTER PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF IDPS

- 23. Call on States to protect the rights and respond to the needs of their displaced citizens and residents in line with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and relevant laws and policy frameworks, such as the Kampala Convention.
ILO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS
- 24. Advocate for States to work proactively to ensure IDPs of all ages, genders and diversities have access to public systems and services.
ILO, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN Women
- 25. Strongly advocate for unimpeded humanitarian access, and continue to provide neutral, impartial and independent protection and assistance to crisis-affected populations when Governments are unable or unwilling to respond.
IOM, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS
- 26. Work with donors and UN agencies on strengthening the effectiveness of financing modalities, including in implementing Grand Bargain commitments.
UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS

Convener: Jointly with Group 10 - OCHA, UNHCR

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COMMITMENTS RELATED TO INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING/ACCOUNTABILITY ON PROTECTION & ASSISTANCE OF IDPS

- 27. Complete in early 2023 the independent review of humanitarian response to internal displacement currently being commissioned by the IASC, and act on its findings and recommendations.
FAO, OCHA, OHCHR, UN HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS, WFP
NGOs : Save the Children, Impact Initiatives
- 28. Promote understanding of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement within the UN and among its partners and ensure that the Guiding Principles are the foundation upon which our protection and assistance activities are carried out.
OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMAS
- 29. Continue strengthening accountability to IDPs and host communities, including by redoubling efforts to deliver on the Participation Revolution promised in the Grand Bargain.
FAO, OHCHR, UN HABITAT, UNHCR, UNMAS, WFP
NGOs : Save the Children, Impact Initiatives
- 30. Work with and through local systems, local authorities and local civil-society actors as much as possible, supporting locally led responses and avoiding the creation of parallel structures.
UNDP, UN Women, UNHCR, UNOPS, WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN HABITAT, OHCHR, ILO
NGOs : Save the Children, Impact Initiatives
- 31. Take steps to lay the foundation for solutions earlier in responses by incorporating pathways to solutions into HRP and recognizing solutions-enabling programming as a priority, while simultaneously working to understand and mitigate future displacement risks.
FAO, UNDP, UNHCR, WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN HABITAT
NGOs : Save the Children, Impact Initiatives

Convener: Jointly with Group 10 - OCHA, UNHCR