

## Joining forces for integration

A Global Programme supporting UNHCR in facilitating the operationalisation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus.

### Context

By the end of 2020, 82.4 million people had fled their homes worldwide. While the numbers of forcibly displaced are at an all-time high, the number of complex, protracted crises is also increasing. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) represents the political will and ambition of the international community for strengthened cooperation and solidarity with refugees and affected host countries. It is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing between governments, international organisations and other stakeholders. It constitutes a unique opportunity to transform the way the world responds to refugee situations, benefiting both refugees and host communities.

### The SUN Global Programme

The GCR calls on UNHCR to facilitate “a coherent humanitarian and development response”. This can succeed when humanitarian and development actors make use of their capacities and complementary advantages to ensure the most effective and beneficial response. To contribute to this end, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) commissioned the Global Programme “Support to UNHCR in facilitating the operationalisation of the Global Compact on Refugees in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus” (SUN) in 2018. The programme is implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with UNHCR and aims to support the UN refugee agency in facilitating the operationalisation of the GCR in the HDP Nexus.

The programme is part of the German Special Initiative “Tackling the Root Causes of Displacement, (Re-) integrating Refugees”.

Since 2018, the programme has supported over 607,000 refugees and members of host communities, out of which: 593,600 people benefitted from construction of houses and electrification of social institutions, 10,000 people from income generation, 5,600 people from Technical Vocational Education and Training, 1,500 people from capacity development and 1,600 people were supported in enrolment to schools.<sup>1</sup>

The programme consists of four components that include implementing activities with UNHCR in eleven countries, accompanied by capacity development. The programme consolidates and analyses lessons learned from all four components for comprehensive and coherent approaches within the operationalisation of the GCR in the HDP Nexus.

### Programme Information

Programme name	Support to UNHCR in facilitating the operationalisation of the Global Compact on Refugees in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus
Commissioner	BMZ
Implementation Area	Ethiopia, Iran, Kenya, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
Partner	UNHCR
Duration	2018 -2025

<sup>1</sup> The total number of beneficiaries is not the sum of all fields of activity since some beneficiaries have been reached by more than one activity.

### Component 1

Under Component 1, UNHCR and GIZ implement projects in different displacement settings, strengthening the HDP Nexus. Joint projects in Mauritania and Mexico develop local solutions in line with the GCR that build capacities to strengthen the socio-economic integration of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people, other vulnerable persons in mobility contexts, and members of host communities.

In Iran, BMZ supports UNHCR financially to improve access to health services as well as education for Afghan refugees and vulnerable host communities. In addition, community-based safe spaces are provided to improve protection and social cohesion in refugee settlements.

Further, UNHCR implements an urbanisation project in Niger which targets Malian refugees and host communities by constructing social housing, one-stop-shops and providing income generation. GIZ supports UNHCR in terms of quality assurance of construction measures.



A refugee family in front of their new house in Ouallam, Niger.  
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### Component 2

Component 2 focuses on the renewable energy sector in refugee contexts. In Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, GIZ works together with UNHCR and national governments to develop strategic energy plans that include refugees and host

communities. Also, GIZ supports UNHCR to green humanitarian infrastructure in displacement settings. Further, GIZ improves households and social institutions' energy access via market-based and sustainable solutions, such as biomass fuels used with improved cookstoves. In Pakistan, BMZ supports UNHCR financially to improve access to basic energy services and technical trainings for Afghan refugees and vulnerable host communities.

### Component 3

With an increasing trend towards protracted crises and longer-term situations of forced displacement, solutions for persons of concern are not only a humanitarian endeavour. At UNHCR, the Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) focuses on supporting their country operations to better work and engage with key development partners within the context of the GCR and the HDP Nexus. DRS supports the socio-economic and legal inclusion of forcibly displaced and aims to achieve institutional change towards better responses for refugees also benefitting their hosts. GIZ strengthens these processes by financing staff, providing advice and supporting capacity development processes at DRS.

### Component 4

Component 4 provides support at a structural level by making advisory services available to national CRRF/GCR authorities or relevant line ministries. The Global Programme deploys ten advisors based at the national and/or district levels in the following countries: Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mexico, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda and Uganda. Broadly, the GCR advisors assist partner country governments along the principles of the GCR and contribute to establishing services for refugees, IDPs and host communities. In each country, the GCR advisors take on different roles, depending on the context, sectoral focus, structures in which they are placed and needs of the refugee-hosting government.

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