

Jointly creating perspectives for displaced and host populations

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

Context

120 million people have been forcibly displaced in 2024, according to UNHCR. 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 (HDP) 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 “Displaced Persons and Host Countries”.

Since 2018, the programme has supported 700,000 refugees and members of host communities, out of which: 535,000 people benefitted in the energy sector, 92,000 people in the health sector, 19,000 people in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector, 15,000 in the employment sector, 10,000 people in the education sector and 8,000 people from Technical Vocational Education and Training.¹

The programme consists of four components that include a range of activities in ten countries implemented by GIZ, by UNHCR or jointly by both actors. 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, Kenya, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda
Partner	UNHCR
Duration	2018 -2025

¹ 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 joint projects in Mexico and Mozambique to improve the environment for the socio-economic integration of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people, other vulnerable persons in mobility contexts, and members of host communities. In Mauritania, GIZ and UNHCR develop local solutions in line with the GCR that build capacities to strengthen the socio-economic inclusion of refugees, asylum-seekers and vulnerable members of host communities.

In Niger, UNHCR implements an urbanisation project which supports Malian refugees and host communities. GIZ supports UNHCR in terms of transfer of competence in the field of urban development and construction.

Component 2

Component 2 focuses on the renewable energy sector in refugee contexts. 90 percent of refugees living in rural settlements have very limited opportunities to use sustainable energy. That is why BMZ supports UNHCR in implementing its Global Strategy for Sustainable Energy. In Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, GIZ works together with UNHCR and national governments to develop strategic energy plans that include



A refugee family in front of their new house in Ouallam, Niger.
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refugees and host communities. Also, GIZ supports UNHCR to green critical infrastructure in displacement settings. Further, GIZ improves households and social institutions' energy access via market-based and sustainable solutions. In Pakistan, UNHCR enhances access to basic sustainable and clean energy and provides related technical trainings for Afghan refugees and vulnerable host communities.

Component 3

UNHCR's Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) focuses on supporting UNHCR country operations to strengthen engagement 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 longer-term responses for refugees also benefitting their hosts. BMZ strengthens these processes by financing staff, GIZ provides advice and supports 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 nine advisors based at the national and sub-national levels in the following countries: Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mexico, Somalia, Rwanda and Uganda. Broadly, the GCR advisors assist partner country governments along the principles of the GCR to strengthen coordination mechanisms and inclusive policies 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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