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Global Facility for Repatriation & Durable Solutions

Background

UNHCR has identified nine African nations where repatriation is already under way, about to start, or where there are good prospects for return in the near future. These nine countries account for at least 2 million refugees and millions more internally displaced. Repatriation is also taking place outside Africa – in Afghanistan more than 3 million have returned since 2001. Many instruments have been developed to facilitate this repatriation process, i.a. UNHCR's Convention+ and UNDP's Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration. It has also been acknowledged that international burden sharing is needed to cover the costs of proper repatriation. However, there seems to be a need for a mechanism that can both attract funding and ensure cooperation amongst the international operational actors. The Facility for Repatriation & Durable Solutions is intended to provide a framework for programmatic cohesiveness, integration and funding. Consequently, it is the hope that this Facility will emerge both as a funding mechanism and as a facilitator for integrating repatriation concerns and durable solutions into the development process.

Mandate

The Global Facility for Repatriation & Durable Solutions is a mechanism for international cooperation for the purpose of providing new and additional funding to facilitate repatriation and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced. Activities funded under the Facility will relate to four areas of focus: Repatriation, Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Reconstruction (also known as 4R). In order to retrieve funds from the Facility at least two international organisations must apply jointly and present activities within the four areas of focus.

Set-up

The Facility is set up as a trust fund where partners (donor countries, international organisations, private donors etc.) can contribute. To be eligible as partner, each partner must commit to the mandate and pay initial contribution of at least X mio. USD to the trust fund. Replenishment of the trust fund will take place every second year.

The administration of the trust fund (Denmark will second a trust fund manager) will be entrusted to one of the funding organisations. There should be a slim governance and administrative structure.