

PDES work 2013 programme Status as at April 2014

In 2013, the PDES work plan envisaged twenty- seven assignments in total. These included seven reviews of country programmes or part of the country programmes, of which three were initiated in 2012 and completed in 2013, the other four were initiated and completed in 2013. The work plan envisaged twelve global reviews of policy and/or practice, ranging from strategic use of resettlement to UNHCR's role in promoting livelihoods, of which five were initiated in 2012 and completed in 2013, two were initiated and completed in 2013, and five are ongoing and will be completed in 2014. PDES also undertook research on four topics.

In addition, 19 papers were published in the New Issues in Refugee Research series in 2013. Some of these were as a result of small grants (maximum USD 3,000), others were unsolicited.

Urban refugees

- Review of the implementation of UNHCR's urban refugee policy in Ecuador and India. <http://www.unhcr.org/5249729d9.html> and <http://www.unhcr.org/51f66e7d9.html> **(completed)**
- Establishment of an inter-agency website on good practices with refugees in urban areas. <http://urbangoodpractices.org/> **(completed)**

Durable solutions

- Review of the strategic use of resettlement. <http://www.unhcr.org/520a3e559.html> **(completed)**
- Historical review of UNHCR's role in voluntary repatriation programmes. <http://www.unhcr.org/5225d5de9.html> **(completed)**
- Review of UNHCR's role in promoting livelihoods and self-reliance. (Consultant completed scoping study, circulating for comments)
- Review of situations in which refugees in developing countries have successfully attained self-reliance. (Internal review to be completed in May 2014)
- Review of labour market outcomes for resettled refugees <http://www.unhcr.org/5273a9e89.html> **(completed)**

Protection

- Review of UNHCR's role in refugee status determination procedures. <http://www.unhcr.org/53314b7a9.html> (completed Phase I)
- Global Review of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services for UNHCR's Persons of Concern <http://www.unhcr.org/51bec3359.html> **(completed)**

UNHCR's response to emergencies

- Review of UNHCR's response to the refugee emergency in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia. Published <http://www.unhcr.org/51bec18a9.html> together with the management response <http://www.unhcr.org/51bec2829.html> **(completed)**
- Review of UNHCR's response to the refugee emergency in South Sudan. <http://www.unhcr.org/51e94e689.html> **(completed)**
- Real time review of UNHCR's response to the Syrian refugee emergency. <http://www.unhcr.org/51f7d9919.html> **(completed)**
- Evaluability assessment of UNHCR's response to the Syrian refugee emergency in preparation for the Independent Evaluation. (completed)
- Review of UNHCR's engagement with the Central Emergency Revolving Fund. (Draft report circulating for comments, consultant debriefed at HQs in April 2014)

Mixed migration

- Review of UNHCR's engagement with Assisted Voluntary Return programmes. <http://www.unhcr.org/51f924209.html> **(completed)**
- Study on the movement of unaccompanied minors from Afghanistan (in progress)

Other activities

- Review of the Confidence Building Measures implemented by UNHCR for Saharawi refugees. <http://www.unhcr.org/52861b9b9.html> **(completed)**
- Review of UNHCR policy and practice on incentive payments to persons of concern.(draft circulating for comments)
- Review of UNHCR activities in relation to displaced indigenous people in border areas of Colombia. <http://www.unhcr.org/52710bf39.html> **(completed)**
- Review of UNHCR's collection and analysis of key indicator data (in progress)
- Review of UNHCR's engagement of UN Volunteers and UNOPs Staff (Data collection in process. Draft report due by the end of May)
- Review of protection and assistance to refugees in Japan <http://www.unhcr.org/51f6680d9.html> **(completed)**
- Review of UNHCR's involvement in combating Xenophobia in South Africa: (Data collection in process. Draft report due by the end of May)
- Global Review of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services for UNHCR Staff. <http://www.unhcr.org/51f67bdc9.html> **(completed)**