

Talking points for the thematic session – reintegration of returnees:

Highlights

- Unprecedented return at exceptionally challenging times – security, political, social and economic-wise
- Political will and commitment translated into policy and action
- Returnees as opportunities rather than liabilities
- Incentivizing hosting cities/communities and whole-of-community approach
- Holistic and non-fragmented response
- Module of coordination and collaboration between humanitarian and development actors - DiREC
- Use of national priority programmes and budget for long term and sustainable reintegration
- Humanitarian – Development Nexus

Strategic framework

- Constitution of Afghanistan as the foundation
- ANPDF
 - Ensuring a better future for our refugee, returning migrants and internally displaced people
- Policy Framework
 - Key objectives
 - Ensure their safe and successful re-integration into the social and economic fabric of Afghanistan
 - Minimize time taken in transitional arrangement
 - Opportunity rather than liabilities
 - Key principles
 - Single policy for both humanitarian and development actor
 - Whole of community approach
 - Focus on medium and long term solutions; sustainable reintegration
- Management Framework
 - High Migration Commission
 - Sub-committee of Council of Ministers
 - DiREC (GoA formed DiREC to provide policy coordination and operational support)
 - Successful mechanism
 - Policy framework produced, action plan, key policy decisions i.e, documentation, land, etc...
- National Action Plan
 - Humanitarian assistance, documentation and registration
 - Land and Housing
 - Basic services
 - Livelihoods and jobs
 - Citizens' engagement and social cohesion

- Key issues:
 - Data collection and returnee tracking
 - Documentation (Education, land, other entitlements..)
 - Land distribution

Reintegration

- Social Reintegration
 - Citizens' Charter
- Economic reintegration (top 8 provinces with high return)
 - Policy reforms leading to job creation (prioritization); capitalizing on the high political support
 - Investment options (infrastructure, connectivity, enabling environment)
 - Innovative ideas (fiber-optics/solar electricity, etc...)
 - Focus is on creating jobs through private sector development
 - Use of existing mechanism/NPPs
 - Discussions with and support to Mayors