

ANNEX 2

UNHCR's roles in facilitating humanitarian pathways

1 UNHCR's primary role in humanitarian pathways is focused on **advocacy**.

In particular, UNHCR advocates for:

- Governments providing individuals with refugee status upon arrival and access to a durable solution;
- Governments and project partners putting proper safety nets in place for those arriving in third countries on humanitarian pathways including access to existing settlement support services;
- Visas to allow recipients to bring family, determined on the basis of dependency;
- Ensuring that humanitarian pathways programmes do not become a substitute for resettlement. To this end, UNHCR strongly advocates with States that eligibility criteria for humanitarian pathways are aligned as closely as possible with the realities of global resettlement needs.

Other UNHCR roles in facilitating humanitarian pathways include:

2 **Providing information about available programmes** to refugees through a community-based approach;

3 **Facilitating exit formalities** for persons registered with UNHCR;

4 **Supporting the establishment of structured monitoring mechanisms in destination countries** to monitor the protection outcomes of programmes and to ensure that settlement services meet the needs of refugees and are delivered consistently;

5 **Ensuring that operational data is reflective of humanitarian pathways** admissions, departures and outcomes;

6 **Exceptionally** and upon the request of project partners and in coordination between the Division of International Protection, concerned Bureaux and Country Operations, **supporting the implementation of programmes by:**

- identifying and screening cases in line with protection needs and referring cases to government or NGO partners; and/or
- confirming biodata and registration status with UNHCR and sharing data with project partners according to existing data-sharing agreements; and/or
- supporting partner processing of cases by assisting in screening for eligibility/protection criteria.

Decisions on UNHCR's involvement in case processing should follow a coordination between the Division of International Protection, concerned Bureaux and Country Operations.