

Global Refugee Forum 2019 Template for Good Practices

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Good practices can be shared on the Global Refugee Forum website and then included in the digital portal, which is currently under development.

Please complete a separate template for each good practice.

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Name of good practice

Priority Global Quota for Resettlement

Country/ Region:

Sweden / Worldwide

Year(s) of implementation and duration:

Continuous

Document related to the good practice model/approach:

Attached Available at:

General description of the good practice:

UNHCR has observed a greater need for more flexible and diverse resettlement quotas that can be used globally due to a general global trend of unequitable distribution of resettlement quotas across the different regions. In response to this need, Sweden has for many years devoted a part of its national refugee programme to UNHCR's Priority Global Quota with un-earmarked places.

The Priority Global Quota offers places for refugees most in need of resettlement worldwide – it has no geographical or time restriction and has as a result the ability to respond to any needs that may occur throughout the year. The Priority Global Quota focusses on emergency and urgent cases, but can also accommodate specific caseloads and individuals cases in need of resettlement which would not meet the emergency/urgent threshold, but for which needs may occur outside the regular planning cycle and focus of the programme. For 2019, Sweden has allocated 600 of its 5 000 national quota places to the Priority Global Quota.

Main activities of the good practice:

The Priority Global Quota is at its core resettlement processing on dossier basis of cases submitted by UNHCR from locations all around the world.

It is managed in close collaboration between UNHCR and the Swedish Migration Agency, with a continuous exchange on specific cases and caseloads.

Processing often takes place under urgent and at times emergency priority timeframes for individual cases. This means that if the need demands, cases can effectively be resettled within weeks or even days. For specific caseloads, longer timeframes may apply, but processing is still generally accelerated.

Results of the good practice:

Sweden's Priority Global Quota and continued commitment to providing timely solutions for those refugees who are at heightened risk worldwide is a truly lifesaving engagement. The Priority Global Quota continues to be a highly effective protection tool at UNHCR's disposal, allowing to provide urgent protection and solutions for refugees in particularly precarious situations, including refugees with urgent protection needs and women and children at risk.

Challenges in implementing the good practice and how they are being addressed:

While a number of resettlement countries offer quotas for urgent and emergency cases similar to the Priority Global Quota, this is not yet a tool that resettlement states provide more generally. In the absence of more states offering such quotas, there is as a result at times heightened pressure on States such as Sweden, that provide a Priority Global Quota. UNHCR is therefore continuously encouraging more countries to provide places that can be used as flexibly and where needs are greatest – without any geographical restrictions.