

GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES THIRD FORMAL CONSULTATION MEETING

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Agenda item 2: Meeting needs and supporting communities (Part III.B.2)

- We welcome the reference to World Bank's study on the benefits of refugees in terms of shared and inclusive economic growth. We believe that this should be read as a sign of motivation for countries to share responsibility and more actively contribute to addressing forced displacement.
- We also share the idea concerning the importance of ensuring complementarity between humanitarian and development actors.
- Therefore, in paragraph 57, it would be convenient and relevant to add "in line with the New Way of Working" in order to highlight the complementarity between humanitarian and development assistance.
- Among the particular areas listed in the text, such as education, health and livelihoods, significant support from the international community is needed to strengthen the resilience of refugees and host communities.
- Education is an area where the international community cannot shy away from its commitments to prevent "lost generations". We welcome the specific reference to girls in this section.
- We support the specific areas where resources and expertise will be concentrated in paragraph 60.
- We are glad to see in the text that "in line with national education policies and in support of host countries, other States and stakeholders will contribute to resources and expertise to expand national education systems to facilitate access by refugees and host communities".
- Improving the quality of national education systems and educational facilities and capacities should additionally be targeted while extending this support.
- Moreover, in order to meet the time limit of maximum 3 months out of school, more direct financial support should be mobilized, especially through assistance for the establishment of new schools, additional classrooms and employment of new teachers.

- Jobs and livelihoods are main keys for successful integration or social cohesion policies, therefore we propose 4 concrete additions to this part.
- Firstly, job creation and entrepreneurship programs are another areas of interest both for refugees and host communities. So these objectives should be added in this section.
- Secondly, we attach great importance to promotion of preferential trade arrangements, especially for goods and sectors in which labour force of refugees are intensive.
- Thirdly, it is better to add the aim of facilitating and establishing mechanisms for the recognition of skills and qualifications of refugees.
- Fourthly, enhancing skills and qualifications of host communities and refugees through specifically training programs might be added to this section.
- On the other hand, we welcome that the area of gender is elaborated in the first draft. Women and girls indeed require specific attention especially in terms of preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence as well as sexual exploitation.
- For the actions foreseen in the gender section, a kind of reference to such as “attention should be given to ongoing policies and coordination with relevant national institutions” should be reflected in the text.
- Lastly, ensuring food security has indeed become a challenge in many refugee hosting countries and requires the support of states and relevant stakeholders. We therefore appreciate the inclusion of food security and nutrition within this text.
- Thank you.