



GP20 Plan of Action

FOR ADVANCING PREVENTION, PROTECTION
AND SOLUTIONS FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

2018–2020

WHY A PLAN OF ACTION?

Since the 1990`s there has been important progress on responding to internal displacement. However, for the vast majority of internally displaced people (IDPs), durable solutions remain elusive and the persistent annual trend of significant new displacements shows no sign of abating.

The year 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20), an important and unique opportunity for all stakeholders working on internal displacement to step up their work with and for IDPs and, at the same time, galvanize others to do the same.

WHAT IS THE GP20 PLAN OF ACTION?

The three-year multi-stakeholder Plan of Action to Advance Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs from 2018 – 2020 was launched in April 2018 in Geneva and endorsed by the IASC principals in May 2018.

Spearheaded by UNHCR, UN OCHA and the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs and engaging a broad range of stakeholders, it is operational in focus and brings us around the common goal of reducing and resolving internal displacement through prevention, protection and solutions for IDPs in line with the Guiding Principles.

WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE GP20 PLAN OF ACTION?

The Plan of Action calls on the wider community working on internal displacement to join forces and work more closely – largely but not exclusively at the national level – around four priorities:

- **engage** IDPs in decision-making processes that affect them;
- **promote, develop and implement** national frameworks to prevent and address internal displacement;
- **enhance the quality** of data and analysis on internal displacement; and,
- **address** protracted displacement while driving solutions for IDPs.

WHAT IS THE VISION OF THE GP20 PLAN OF ACTION?

The vision of this first-ever such effort on internal displacement is twofold:

- 1 Prevention of the conditions that cause displacement and improved lives of people already displaced; and,
- 2 More inclusive, coherent and strategic action among stakeholders engaged on and affected by internal displacement no matter the cause.

The Plan of Action goes beyond international humanitarian organisations to include development organisations, local civil society and governments of countries affected by all types of internal displacement. It also engages IDPs in decision-making.

HOW IS THE GP20 PLAN OF ACTION BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The Plan of Action is being rolled out in three ways:

- operational partners and their field offices,
- UN Resident Coordinators and Humanitarian Coordinators at the national level, and
- the Geneva-based Steering Group and its work on the priorities.

The Steering Group in Geneva is comprised of UN member states, NGOs and their consortia, UN entities, the World Bank, IFRC and ICRC.¹ The bulk of the work is envisioned to take place at the national level.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We call on you to rally around the goal and objectives in the Plan of Action and take individual or collective action in support of it, including:

- **Convene** an agency and/or an inter-agency discussion on the GP20 Plan of Action and agree on joint initiatives and activities in support of the Plan of Action;
- **Promote** the development and implementation of national laws and policies that align with the Guiding Principles through outreach, seminars and technical support;
- **Facilitate** IDPs' access to engage meaningfully in key decision-making processes through, for example, national and local consultations and establishment of IDP committees;
- **Evaluate** the quality of data on internal displacement in your context and advocate for improved quality as required; and,
- **Engage** in a dialogue with national governments to ensure that they prioritize durable solutions to internal displacement in their national and regional development planning.

¹ Members of the Steering Group include UNHCR, UN OCHA, IOM, UNDP, Christian Aid, DRC, IDMC, NRC and JIPS.



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WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?



The GP20 Plan of Action is available at www.globalprotectioncluster.org and you can download it here: <https://bit.ly/2GKMctB>

The GP20 Steering Group and the GP20 Coordinator based in Geneva are available to enhance visibility for your activities and to advocate support for national-level action for IDPs.

We invite you to share your planned and anticipated activities, in line with the GP20 Plan of Action, as well as any questions and feedback, by email to GP20@unhcr.org.