

TRAINING PACKAGE

Durable solutions for IDPs: challenges and way forward

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Background

The IDMC training workshop on Durable Solutions (DS) aims to provide capacity building for international, national and local authorities and other actors in the promotion of and search for durable solutions based on international standards.

These modules on Durable Solutions have been field-tested in Georgia and Uganda in 2011 and rolled out in Mali (February 2014), Côte d'Ivoire (July 2014) and the Philippines (October 2014). The materials can be used for a 2½ day participative workshop largely based on the relevant Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the Framework on Durable Solutions.

Training Outline and Contents

1. Introduction
2. Context: who are IDPs and what are durable solutions?
3. Basic concepts: process and principles
4. Criteria for durable solutions
5. Collaboration in durable solutions processes
6. IDP Profiling for durable solutions
7. Housing Land and Property (HLP) issues
8. Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) issues
9. Planning for durable solutions

After an introduction to the global IDP crisis and illustrating the main international standards relating to internal displacement, the modules concentrate in separate sessions on two key aspects in the search for durable solutions:

1. the general principles that should rule the process, in particular voluntariness, safety and dignity, and
2. the criteria to determine the achievement of a solution, also defined by the IASC Framework as “benchmarks for durable solutions”.

The training package, then, attempts to operationalise such concepts and moves into addressing concrete matters arising from the search for durable solutions.

Development of the Training

The Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) contributed to developing the materials with an additional session on IDP Profiling and Durable Solutions focusing on indicators to operationalise the DS criteria set out by the Framework.

During the three years since the piloting of the training modules, the package was enriched with lessons learned from countries monitored by IDMC, in particular in relation to processes that resulted or were geared towards the development of durable solutions strategies. Further reference was also added to the UN Secretary-General's *Policy Committee's Decision on Ending Displacement in the Aftermath of Conflict*

and appended Framework encouraging Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators to develop durable solutions strategies at national level. It is thus hoped that the training materials will provide further assistance in such processes in the future.

The modules are flexible and can be adapted to different countries/situations. The length of the workshop can also be adapted to accommodate availability constraints, for instance:

- Philippines: a ½ event targeting high profile attendance was followed by a two-day training workshop for key stakeholders involved in the development of a local DS strategy.
- Côte d'Ivoire: a 2½ day workshop was followed by a high profile stakeholder meeting where the outcomes of the workshop were shared with a wider audience.
- A two-hour session “introduction to durable solutions” is also available.

Participants:

Priority is given to national and local actors to reinforce the quality of the response by national authorities to the needs of IDPs, but some spots are booked for UN agencies and INGOs, with a preference for relevant cluster members. It is very important to also ensure the involvement of national and international development actors. Similarly, it is also recommended to have at least two representatives of internally displaced communities.

Methodology:

The methodology is participatory, allows participants to share their experience, and encourages debates and discussions to improve the response and its coordination in the field. A large part of the workshop is dedicated to activities based on the situation in the country to ensure that the tools introduced can be put into practice and easily used afterwards.

Partners:

The Durable Solutions workshops have been organised with a range of partners, such as UNDP (Global Early Recovery Cluster – Technical Working Group on Durable Solutions); JIPS; UNHCR; and UNOCHA.

Impact so far:

In both Mali and Côte d'Ivoire, the workshop's recommendations were used to kick-start the development of a durable solutions strategy.

See IDMC Website on the training page for the full workshops reports: <http://www.internal-displacement.org/about-us/training>

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