

# APPLYING COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSES (CRRF) IN AFRICA

South Sudanese mother, Ariat Odulla, holds the birth certificate of her three-week-old son who became one of the first refugee children to receive a birth certificate in Ethiopia (November 2017).



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## I. NEW YORK DECLARATION COMMITMENTS (19 SEPTEMBER 2016)



### Shared global responsibility

Specific acknowledgement that the protection of refugees and assistance to host States are a shared international responsibility.



### Whole of society approach

Even stronger partnerships between host governments including line ministries, UN Agencies, development actors, the private sector, NGOs, financial institutions, and civil society.



### Supporting host countries

Providing them with additional and predictable humanitarian funding and development support.



### Well-funded emergency responses

Pledge to meet the needs of refugees and host communities at the start of emergencies.



### Self-reliance

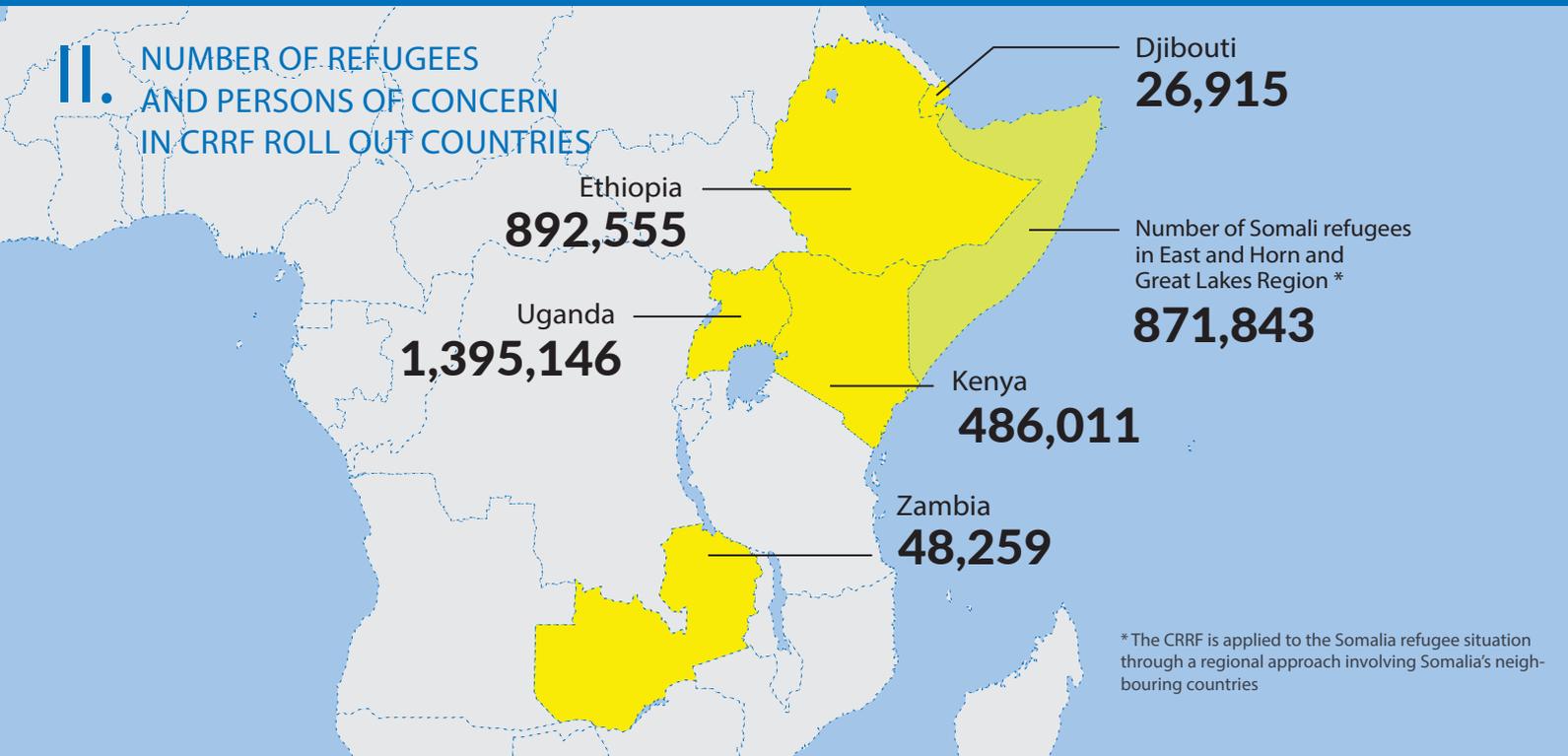
Commitment to include refugees in national development plans and invest in the future of refugees and local communities alike.



### Enhancing durable solutions

Commit to wider avenues for refugees through resettlement and complementary pathways.

## II. NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND PERSONS OF CONCERN IN CRRF ROLL OUT COUNTRIES



\*The CRRF is applied to the Somalia refugee situation through a regional approach involving Somalia's neighbouring countries

# III. KEY AREAS OF CRRF APPLICATION

Djibouti	Ethiopia	Kenya	Uganda	Zambia	Regional approach for Somali refugees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builds on two pledges made at the Leaders' Summit on Refugees (20 September 2016):</li> <li>1. Adopt a <b>new refugee law</b> giving more rights to refugees</li> <li>2. Provide <b>quality education</b> to all refugee children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CRRF is the vehicle for the implementation of the <b>9 pledges</b> made at the Leaders' Summit.</li> <li>Pledges are divided in <b>thematic areas</b>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of camp policy</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Work and livelihoods</li> <li>Documentation</li> <li>Other social / basic services</li> <li>Local integration</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRRF was announced in October 2017, building on <b>commitments made at Leaders' Summit</b> and the Nairobi Declaration of March 2017.</li> <li>It addresses the key areas of (i) admission and rights, (ii) inclusion and self-reliance, and (iii) solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses <b>5 key areas</b>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission and rights</li> <li>Emergency response and ongoing needs</li> <li>Self-reliance</li> <li>Expansion of solutions</li> <li>Alternative pathways and voluntary repatriation.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joined the CRRF in November 2017 as the first country in the Southern African region.</li> <li>Routed in the process of <b>local integration</b> of former refugees from Angola and Rwanda, with lessons learned from the response to the recent influx from the DRC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses <b>2 key strategic aims</b>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stabilize Somalia through State- and peace-building and creating conditions for voluntary return.</li> <li>Foster burden-sharing among countries in the region hosting Somali refugees.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

# IV. PROGRESS / ACHIEVEMENTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>new refugee law</b> was adopted in January 2017. It was applied through two decrees:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decree on <b>eligibility procedures</b></li> <li>Decree on <b>rights of refugees</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>Since August 2017, the Ministry of Education has included refugees in its <b>National Action Plan on Education</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since November 2017, refugees can register their vital life events, such as births, thanks to <b>civil documentation</b> for all refugees.</li> <li>Some 20,000 <b>additional</b> refugee children have enrolled in primary schools in 2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparations to <b>include refugees in the County Integrated Development Plans</b> of Turkana and Garissa are ongoing.</li> <li>Advanced planning is underway with the World Bank on the \$100 million <b>DRDIP loan</b> for host communities, and the <b>IDA18 refugee sub-window</b>.</li> <li>Inclusion of refugees across key pillars of the upcoming <b>UNDAF</b>, which is aligned with national development priorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugees are included in national development plans through the Refugee and Host Community Empowerment strategy (<b>ReHoPE</b>). The CRRF supports the government's <b>Settlement Transformation Agenda (STA)</b>.</li> <li>Annual CRRF <b>work plan and roadmap</b> endorsed by the CRRF Steering Group</li> <li>The Uganda <b>Solidarity Summit</b> (June 2017) led to pledges of financial support (USD357.2 M).</li> <li>The World Bank's <b>IDA-18</b> refugee sub-window represents additional funding <b>benefitting refugee-hosting areas</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b>settlement approach</b> is applied for new arrivals from DRC, enabling the <b>inclusion of refugees into service delivery and access to livelihoods</b>, while strengthening support to host communities.</li> <li>A <b>"whole-of-government approach"</b> is applied to the refugee response, through linkages with national and provincial development priorities and plans.</li> <li>Support to <b>local integration</b> of former refugees is handed over to government and development actors.</li> </ul>	<p>Regional level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IGAD Member States adopted the <b>Nairobi Declaration and its Plan of Action</b> (25 March 2017) and agreed to "collectively pursue" a regional response</li> <li>To <b>improve education standards</b> for refugees, IGAD Member States adopted the Djibouti Declaration on Regional Refugee Education and its Programme of Action in December 2017.</li> </ul> <p>Inside Somalia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CRRF supports the <b>Durable Solutions Initiative</b>, the <b>Comprehensive Approach to Security</b>, and the <b>Fiscal Reform Agenda</b>.</li> <li>A National Forum on Durable Solutions for Refugees, Returnees and IDPs (Sep. 2017) brought together central and regional government officials, resulted in a draft National Policy to support the Nairobi Declaration.</li> </ul>
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# V. NEXT STEPS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government and UNHCR are conducting an awareness-raising campaign on the new refugee law.</li> <li>Discussions and agreement to include refugees in national <b>health systems</b> will be finalized in early 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b>new Refugee Proclamation</b> will be finalized in early 2018. It will grant refugees the <b>right to work, access to education, and freedom of movement</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Government planning for the CRRF roll-out, including initial <b>consultations with national and county authorities</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugees will be integrated in <b>district development plans</b>.</li> <li>Work is underway to follow up on the financial pledges made during the Solidarity Summit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch of the DRC Regional Refugee Response Plan, which will include a Zambia chapter.</li> <li>Continued support to the Government on CRRF planning, including identifying sustainable response strategies and involving development actors from the outset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somalia's <b>National Action Plan for Refugee Returnees and IDPs</b> is in the final stage of its development.</li> <li>A <b>regional roadmap</b> will complement the country action plans of each IGAD participating country.</li> <li>An IGAD inter-ministerial meeting will take place in March 2018;</li> <li>A regional thematic conference on the theme of Livelihoods will be held in June 2018.</li> </ul>
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