



discrimination on account of their displacement. It can be achieved through sustainable reintegration at the place of origin (voluntary return), local integration in areas where displaced persons take refuge or in another part of the country based on their choice.

### What is a durable solutions process?

Finding durable solutions entails gradually reducing the short and long-term needs and vulnerabilities of displacement affected communities and enabling displaced persons to rebuild their lives and to become self-reliant through sustainable economic and social re-integration into society either at the location of displacement, the place of origin or elsewhere in the country. Achieving durable solutions is a complex process requiring political leadership and the combination of human rights-, humanitarian-, development-, peace- and state-building approaches of all actors involved.

The DSRSG/RC/HC's Special Advisor on Internal Displacement, and former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs, Professor Walter Kaelin, has supported the DSI with his expertise and guidance since its launch. Prof. Kaelin has travelled to Somalia six times between 2015 and 2018 to meet with government, partners and displacement-affected communities tacking stock of progress and providing recommendations on the way forward.

## PROGRESS TO DATE

Since launch of the DSI, a shift in mindset has taken place among government and partners towards a more long-term approach to find sustainable solutions leading to progress at different levels:

### Normative Frameworks

*National Development Plan (NDP8):* Durable solutions are considered a development priority in the resilience chapter and displacement is mainstreamed into several other pillars.

*Recovery and Resilience Framework:* Internal displacement and durable solutions are highlighted as a key priority in regards to strengthening urban resilience.

*HCT Centrality of Protection Strategy and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP):* The humanitarian community seeks to create linkages to longer-term efforts on durable solutions.

*UN Strategic Framework 2017-2020:* The UN in Somalia emphasises its commitment to support durable solutions as part of its efforts to build resilience.

*Federal and Sub-Federal Policies on displacement:* Several policies are developed at the sub-federal level. The federal government has initiated the development of a federal policy.

## Collective Understanding and Methodological Tools

*Durable Solutions Programming Principles:* A set of agreed-upon principles among partners supports a shared understanding on durable solutions approaches, guide programming and create greater coherence between interventions.

*Durable Solutions Marker:* The national aid flow mapping identifies development interventions across sectors with potential to contribute to durable solutions providing a better understanding on interventions on the ground.

*Linking Humanitarian and Longer-term Efforts:* Humanitarian partners declare whether and how interventions under the HRP are linked to longer-term efforts on durable solutions.

## Programming, Evidence and Learning

*Durable Solutions-Specific Programmes:* Comprehensive, government-led and community-driven programmes generate lessons-learned and inform the design of a growing number of durable solutions-focused programmes in support of the NDP as well as innovative approaches to housing and land, livelihoods, Somali-led solutions and involvement of the private sector.

*Research and Learning:* A growing body of research on displacement-affected populations, their aspirations, on urban displacement challenges, possible solutions and gaps inform durable solutions approaches and the collective work in Somalia.

## Coordination & Advocacy

*Migration, Displacement and Durable Solutions Sub-Working Group:* A specific working group under the national aid architecture (SDRF) enables coordination and yearly work planning in accordance with the NDP by the government, implementing partners and donors.

*Durable Solutions Working Group:* The UN and NGOs regularly meet to share information, seek complementarity, and develop collective approaches and advocacy positions.



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