



# **IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons**

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# What is a durable solution for IDPs?

A durable solution is achieved when internally displaced persons no longer have any specific assistance and protection needs that are linked to their displacement and can enjoy their human rights without discrimination on account of their displacement.

It can be achieved through:

- **Sustainable reintegration at the place of origin**
- **Sustainable local integration in areas where internally displaced persons take refuge**
- **Sustainable integration in another part of the country**



# Key principles for durable solutions

- ❖ **Primary responsibility of national authorities**
- ❖ **Unimpeded access to humanitarian and development actors**
- ❖ **The needs, rights and legitimate interests of IDPs are the primary considerations**
- ❖ **Informed and voluntary choice of IDPs on what durable solutions to pursue**
- ❖ **Local integration or resettlement elsewhere do not constitute renunciation of future right of return**
- ❖ **IDPs should not be encouraged or compelled to return or relocate where their safety, liberty or health would be at risk**
- ❖ **IDPs seeking durable solutions must not be subject to discrimination**

# Ensuring a rights-based process for durable solutions

- ❖ IDPs are in a position to make a voluntary and informed choice on what durable solution they would like to pursue;
- ❖ IDPs participate in the planning and management of durable solutions, so that recovery and development strategies address their rights and needs;
- ❖ IDPs have access to humanitarian and development actors;
- ❖ IDPs have access to effective monitoring mechanisms; and
- ❖ In cases of displacement caused by conflict or violence, peace processes and peacebuilding involve IDPs and reinforce durable solutions.

# When has a durable solution been achieved?

The following eight criteria may be used to determine to what extent a durable solution has been achieved:

- ❖ Long-term safety, security and freedom of movement;
- ❖ adequate standard of living;
- ❖ access to employment and livelihoods;
- ❖ restoration of housing, land and property;
- ❖ access to documentation;
- ❖ family reunification;
- ❖ participation in public affairs; and
- ❖ access to effective remedies and justice.