***IASC REFERENCE GROUP ON PROTRACTED INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT***

**DRAFT Work Plan**

**August 2016-December 2017**

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*NB: This Work Plan should be read in conjunction with the 2016-2017 IASC Working Group priorities and the Group’s Terms of Reference.*

*\* Please highlight any activities that have potential crossover with other IASC priorities, Task Teams (TTs), or Reference Groups (RGs), indicating the particular priority/TT/RG.*

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| **Output 1: Operational Policy on Internal Displacement in Protracted Situations** | | |
| **Activities** | **Focal Points\*** | **Timeframe** |
| 1. (Desk review)  * Understand why IDPs in protracted situations become invisible; identify ways to make them visible; identify the specific needs of IDPs in protracted situations, noting in particular the invisibility of long-time IDP communities and their marginalisation from many processes; * Identify key lessons from reports and studies on protracted displacement issued by relevant processes; * Identify existing guidance and policy already in place in member and other institutions and in the public domain; * Identify and assess parallels in adjacent areas (e.g. disaster risk reduction, favouring national development systems over international action, etc.) so the operational policy can be enriched by lessons from the work to support governments and local civil society | Graduate Institute, supported by IDMC and members | September – December 2016 |
| 1. Review country-specific recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs for their applicability to wider guidance and direction. Brief new SR IDPs on the RG findings of IDPs in protracted situations (e.g. specific needs, key lessons learnt). Identify potential countries with protracted displacement for SR field missions. | Graduate Institute, supported by UNHCR-based secondment on SR on IDPs | September-November 2016 |
| 1. Study on the Impact of Long-Term Internal Displacement and Way Forward; Contribute to the Study, review findings and recommendations, translate them into guidance. | OCHA, Consultants, Graduate Institute, RG members | September-December 2016 |
| 1. (Through meetings and a possible workshop in January 2017) Identify recommendations/guidance that focus on (a) how to monitor the search for comprehensive solutions by IDPs in protracted situations; (b) how to set up a response so as to avoid protracted displacement; c) how to frame interventions on pathways to solutions; d) how to capitalize on the engagement with development actors. | UNDP / UNHCR (Supported by Graduate Institute and IDMC) | January-April 2017 |
| 1. Produce text for circulation and adoption by group before submission to IASC | UNDP / UNHCR (Supported by Graduate Institute and IDMC) | May 2017 |
| 1. Submit drafts for expert’s peer review /internal organizational reviews | Co-chairs: UNHCR and UNDP | June-July-August 2017 |
| 1. Integrate comments and share a revised version for endorsement to the Reference Group members. | Co-chairs: UNHCR and UNDP | September 2017 |
| 1. Final endorsed documents distributed to IASC members. | IASC Secretariat | October 2017 |

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