

IOM NIGERIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN SG ACTION AGENDA ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



IOM teams visit a prototype house build by IOM as part of durable solutions programming. Photo: IOM 2024.

In 2019, the United Nations Secretary General appointed the first ever High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement. The Panel conducted extensive consultations and explored new ways to bring change and lasting solutions for people living in protracted displacement solutions. The Panel delivered its final report on 29 September 2021, with 10 overarching recommendations for better action. The Report, known as the Action Agenda on Internal Displacement has three overarching and interlinked goals:

- 1. Help IDPs find a durable solution to their displacement.**
- 2. Better prevent new displacement crises from emerging.**
- 3. Ensure those facing displacement receive effective protection and assistance.**

THREE INTERLINKED GOALS



THE FIVE PILLARS OF SOLUTIONS AND IOM NIGERIA'S PROGRESSES

GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AT FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVELS



The Federal Government of Nigeria (GoN) has taken several steps to address the situation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country. At the national level, it has adopted a **National IDP Policy in 2022** and **ratified the African Union Kampala Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa**. It is also finalizing a bill to domesticate and implement the Kampala Convention in Nigeria. IOM and Partners have supported the GoN in developing a National Implementation Plan for the IDP policy, which covers prevention, protection/assistance, and durable solutions. At the state level, **IOM and UNHCR have collaborated with the Adamawa State government to establish a Durable Solutions Coordination Mechanism since 2022 and to develop a State Solutions Action Plan that requires \$ 1.2 billion in funding, in line with the UNSG Action Agenda.**

FINANCING FOR SOLUTIONS



IOM, UNHCR, and UN-Habitat are currently developing a three-year Joint Programme (JP) that will focus on enabling States to support durable solutions through local integration in urban and urbanizing areas by adopting an integrated, multi-scale territorial and gender-sensitive approach for displaced communities in Adamawa State, Yobe State, Kano metropolitan area (including Kano and Katsina States). This Joint Programme will serve as a catalytic pilot that can be scaled up and replicated in various States grappling with massive internal displacement caseloads. There is also an ongoing discussion to explore better mechanisms for financing solutions and linkage of the State Solutions Action Plans.

DATA FOR SOLUTIONS



The IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) programme in Nigeria is increasing its activities to better inform and support the UNSG Action Agenda by improving and enhancing its institutional tools to collect, measure, and monitor how well IDPs achieved durable solutions. IOM is working on strengthening the Data for Solutions to Internal Displacement (DSID) Taskforce establishment in Nigeria in response to the UNSG Action Agenda commitment on data (Commitment 2) under the co-chairship of IOM and UNDP. IOM has been also producing reports through Intentions Surveys and Perception Surveys on data for solutions to encourage the participation of IDP and inclusion of their voices in solutions planning and decision-making.

UN ENGAGEMENT ON SOLUTIONS AT GLOBAL AND COUNTRY LEVEL



One of the key achievements of the IOM in Nigeria as part of UN support to the Government on UNSG AA was the development of partnerships for Solutions Roadmap with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to collaborate on food security, water and sanitation, peacebuilding, and climate change. This partnership aimed to address the root causes of the humanitarian crisis in the northeast of the country and support the recovery and resilience of the affected communities. Another important collaboration was with the UN-Habitat to develop a settlement approach and geospatial analysis for the urban areas in Nigeria, especially those impacted by displacement and conflict. IOM also contributes to the National Solutions Steering Committee led by the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and the Solutions Technical Committee led by the Durable Solutions Advisor at the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO). In Addition, IOM plays crucial roles in supporting the Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) by complementing the capacity building, coordination, and Data for Solutions at the state level.

PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT FOR SOLUTIONS



IOM has been mobilizing efforts to engage the private sector to support durable solutions and promote the Corporate Social Responsibilities of various private sector partners. One of these efforts is the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CISCO International to promote the Digital Inclusion of IDP youth through ICT technical, institutional, and material support to improve the employability and entrepreneurial skills of the youth. Similar partnership opportunities are also being explored with MTN and Dangote Foundation. Similarly, to promote innovation for local challenges and needs, IOM has recently launched a housing design and architect competition that addresses environmental, climatic, and cultural contexts by engaging local and international architects and designers to better inform housing programmes in the Northeast. A parallel effort is underway to engage diaspora youth to mobilize more resources to replicate such initiatives to address the massive housing gaps of IDPs in the Northeast.

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