

Exploring strategic opportunities for livelihood interventions for Forcibly Displaced Persons (FDPs)

Terms of reference – August 2023

Project background

Through evidence, analysis and strategic advice, this project aims to assist funding agencies in understanding how they can better support and improve the livelihoods of forcibly displaced persons (FDPs). While data remains patchy, it is estimated that over 100 million people are displaced, over half within their own countries (UNHCR, 2023). Estimates also suggest that climate pressures and other shocks could lead to significant further displacements (Clement et al., 2021). Yet there are signs that the policy environment and practice on FDPs are shifting. While progress is slow, the Global Compact on Refugees reflects the increasing rejection of inadequate refugee management practices (by humanitarian and development actors, as well as by donor and hosting governments) towards multi-stakeholder efforts to advance refugee self-reliance and durable solutions. Support to internally displaced persons (IDPs) is not as advanced, but the Report of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and the United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agency on Internal Displacement set out a new direction focussed on durable solutions and whole-of-society approaches (UN, 2022). The scale of the challenge requires donors and other organisations to rethink their ambition and to carefully consider their added value in relation to what works and what does not work to support FDPs' livelihoods.

The project will address three research questions:

1. What is the current state of FDP livelihoods support?

- What is the current situation of forced displacement at a global level?

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- What do global data and trends on forced displacement tell us about FDP livelihoods?
- What is the state of livelihood programme investment by donors in countries most affected by the increasing number of FDPs?
- What key gaps exist in support to FDPs' livelihoods?

2. What are the key challenges and opportunities in providing support to FDPs' livelihoods?

- What are the most significant barriers to, and enablers of, progress in livelihoods programmes for FDPs?
- What are the key differences and similarities between facilitating livelihoods interventions for refugees and for the other FDPs?
- What works and does not work in supporting the livelihoods of FDPs? What can be learnt from livelihoods programmes for vulnerable communities?

3. What are the implications for funders and other actors working in displacement and livelihoods?

- What are the key considerations that funders should consider when deciding what to do and what not to do in terms of its expansion to other FDPs, other geographies and other thematic areas?
- What wider thematic and practical recommendations can be made for other donors and actors working in this space (e.g., governments, the humanitarian and development communities, and private sector)?

The case study on Somalia will specifically focus on the second question around challenges and opportunities in supporting livelihoods of FGDs in and around Mogadishu. In conjunction with the Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG), the selected research partner in Somalia will develop individual interview questions and focus group discussion questions to explore opportunities and constraints faced by FDPs in achieving sustainable livelihoods.

Findings from the Somalia-based research will feed into the overall project outputs, which include i) a global overview on forced displacement; ii) a policy brief/discussion paper on targeting and programming challenges within diverse displacement communities – to which the Somalia in-country research will contribute, and iii) recommendation to funding agencies on where and how to support livelihoods for displaced people.

Data collection will be carried out in Somalia (Mogadishu/surrounding areas) during October 2023. All interviews and the analysis workshop should be completed by 15 November 2023, with an aim to have a final draft of the policy brief finished by the end of January 2024.

Proposed timeline and deliverables

Timeframe	Deliverables
September	Set up logistics Develop methodology
1–31 October	Identify interview targets Pilot interviews/finalise methodology Conduct and transcribe interviews Translate transcripts into English
1–15 November	Analysis workshop/outline of report
7 December	Comment on first draft of report
31 January	Approve final draft

Objectives

The undersigned will work in collaboration with HPG staff and be responsible for:

- Contributing to the logistics in preparation for the in-person research (helping identify interview targets, organising in-country research approvals with local authorities, in-country transportation, etc.);
- Providing feedback on and helping to shape the case-study methodology, including confirming the location of the research and finalising the interview questions and methods of targeting;
- Conducting up to 30 individual interviews and up to 10 focus groups with FDPs in/around Mogadishu;
- Taking detailed interview notes and transcribing all interviews in detail (not verbatim) in English, highlighting key points;
- Attending an online analysis workshop and helping draft the policy brief outline;
- Reading and commenting on a first draft and approving the final draft of the policy brief if named as co-author(s) of the brief.

Submission details

Please submit your Expression of Interest (Eoi) to Kerrie Holloway (k.holloway@odi.org.uk) by **3rd September 2023**. The Eoi should include:

- Profile of the researcher(s) (0.5 page)
- Your understanding of the task (0.5 page)
- Your suggested methodology and timeline (1 page)
- Budget including all fees and expenses in GBP or USD (0.5 page)

ODI will review expressions of interest and communicate a decision shortly after the deadline. Following conclusion of any required negotiations, a contract will be put in place with ODI.