

WHAT IS A DURABLE SOLUTION?

A durable solution (voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement) is achieved when displaced persons no longer have any specific assistance and protection needs that are linked to their displacement and they can enjoy their rights without discrimination on account of their displacement.

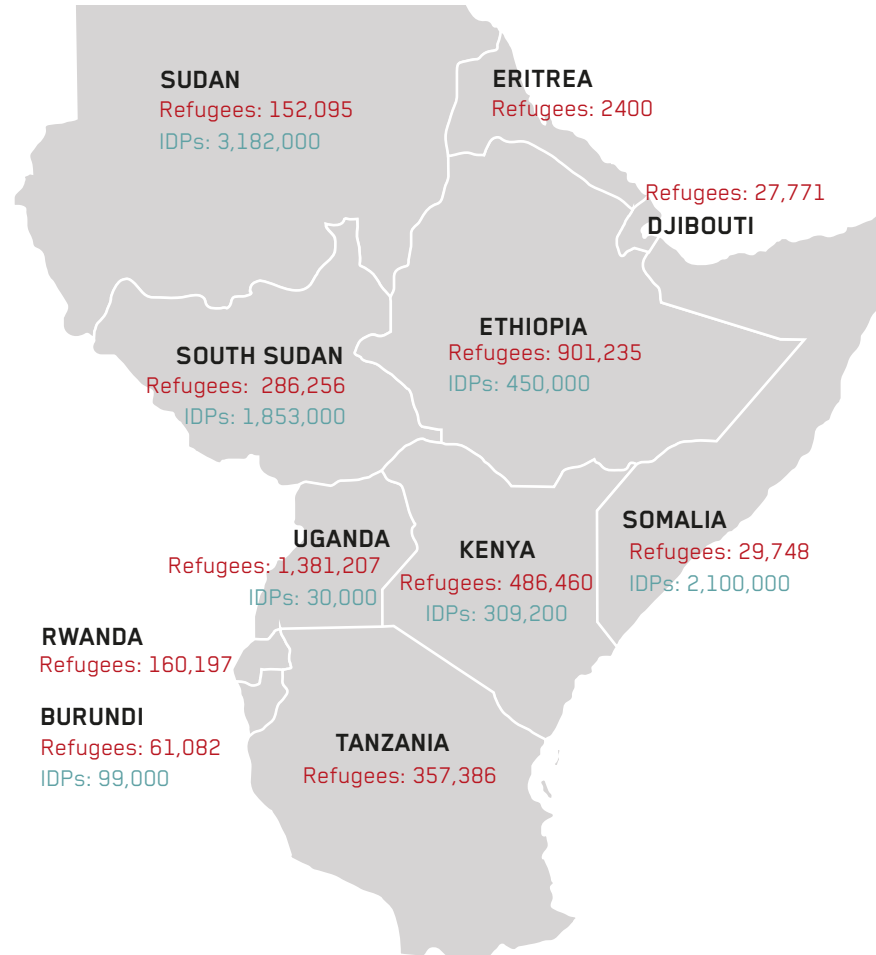
ABOUT ReDSS

A coalition of 12 NGOs committed to do more and better together in the search for durable solutions. It is not an implementing agency but a coordination and information hub.

ReDSS GOAL AND PILLARS

ReDSS' goal is to improve durable solutions programming and policies that increases the potential for displacement affected communities to integrate sustainably and to live safe, dignified and productive lives in East and Horn of Africa.

- **Research, analysis and knowledge management:** to increase the availability, accessibility and utilisation of relevant and timely analysis and information on durable solutions.
- **Programme support, capacity development and learning:** to provide high quality support on programme development and design; collective monitoring; and learning that adds value to collective programming on durable solutions by ReDSS members and partners.
- **Policy influence:** to facilitate and undertake constructive and influential policy dialogue with key national and regional policy actors and processes in the East and Horn of Africa.
- **Internal and external coordination:** to act as an inclusive, collaborative, coordinated hub for quality information, analysis and learning on durable solutions.



KEY FIGURES ON DISPLACEMENT IN THE REGION



13.1 million

Total number of estimated displaced people



4.4 million

Total number of estimated refugees



8.7 million

Total number of estimated internally displaced people

Source: OCHA January 2018, IDMC December 2017, UNHCR January 2018

SITUATION ANALYSIS

The search for durable solutions to the protracted displacement situation in the region is a key humanitarian and development concern. This is a regional/cross border issue, dynamic, with a strong political dimension, and which demands a multi-sectorial response that goes beyond the existing humanitarian agenda. Currently, more than 8 million people are internally displaced and a further 4.4million have sought refuge in neighboring countries. Although most have been displaced for several years or even decades, few have access to durable solutions' prospects.

KEY MESSAGES

- **The search for durable solutions requires a multi-sectoral, rights and needs based programming approach addressing physical, material and legal safety**
- **Political will and longer term investment from development actors are critical in the search of durable solutions for displacement affected communities.** The inclusion of displacement and durable solutions issues in regional and national development plans is key for this.
- **Direct engagement of displacement affected communities is paramount to make these solutions lasting, locally relevant and feasible.** A participatory process is key to support return and (re)integration and to ensure social inclusion.

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