



GENERAL CONTEXTUAL QUESTIONS FOR SECTOR-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS

Gathering information against the questions below will provide assessment teams with a strong understanding of the environment, and the extent to which it is conducive to solutions. Such information will help to inform sector-specific interventions. The analysis team should try to gather as much information as possible through a secondary data review, although it is unlikely that there will be answers available to all of the questions in the table.

<p>LEGAL AND POLICY ENVIRONMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the host country ratified the Refugee Convention, and/or regional conventions on displacement? • Which national laws, policies and regulations pertain to IDPs/refugees/returnees and durable solutions? What do they say about durable solutions? • Which local laws, policies and regulations pertain to IDPs/refugees/returnees and durable solutions? What do they say about durable solutions? • To what extent have forced displacement and solutions been incorporated into national and local development policies and plans? • To what extent have forced displacement and solutions been incorporated into any peace negotiations/processes/agreements? • What are the government's incentives for, and commitment to, implementation of all of the above? • What is the government's capacity to implement the above?
<p>PROFILE OF DISPLACEMENT AFFECTED COMMUNITY¹</p>	<p>General information on displacement-affected community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the development status of the displacement-affected area (i.e. subnational region, district etc)? How does the displacement-affected area score in development indices such as the Human Development Index and the Multi-dimensional Poverty Index? • What are the key local government structures? What is their capacity and willingness to address forced displacement? <p>Information on the host community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population numbers within displacement-affected communities (with any available disaggregation). Ratio of host population to displaced population in these areas. • Where does the host population live? (rural/urban, mixed or separated from the displaced population etc.) • What is their socio-economic profile? (including professional or vocational backgrounds as well as resources, capacities and assets)

¹.Much of this section was adapted from 1) UNHCR (2008). Protection Gaps Framework for Analysis: Enhancing Refugee Protection. Strengthening Protection Capacity Project.; and 2) Protection Cluster and Early Recovery Cluster (2008). Protection of Conflict-induced IDPs: Assessment for Action.

	<p>Background on displaced population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of origin • Population numbers (with any available disaggregation) • What is the nature of their displacement? (i.e. its length, whether it is still ongoing; whether it was sudden or not) • Where are displaced populations located? (i.e. rural/urban, in camps/dispersed etc.) • What are their reasons for/root causes of displacement (or return in the case of returnees)? What is the current situation in their place of origin? Do the factors that led to displacement still persist? • What is their socio-economic profile? (including professional or vocational backgrounds as well as resources, capacities and assets) <p>Intentions/preferences of displaced population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the stated intentions and preferences of IDPs/refugees/returnees vis-à-vis durable solutions, including short, medium and long-term plans? • What are the factors that influence the above-mentioned intentions? • What are the barriers to achieving these solutions?
<p>THE RESPONSE TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT</p>	<p>Actors/institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key governmental institutions at regional, national and local-level with responsibility in relation to IDPs/refugees/returnees? • What is the capacity and willingness of the above-mentioned institutions vis-à-vis IDPs/refugees/returnees, and incentives vis-à-vis durable solutions? • Which actors are involved/not involved in addressing displacement, including non-humanitarian actors? (State, local government, national civil society, development actors, private sector). <p>Planning and strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What mechanisms for coordination and planning exist, and which actors participate in these? • What response-level strategies and plans are in place- humanitarian, development, resilience etc- including any existing durable solutions strategies? • To what extent is the response focused on building self-reliance and resilience of displaced, host communities and local institutions (an area-based approach) versus a “care and maintenance” approach? • What other development plans and strategies are in place for the displacement-affected community (including those which do not directly target the displaced population as beneficiaries)? <p>Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the response funded? • Who are the key humanitarian and development donors and what are their priorities? • How well is it funded?