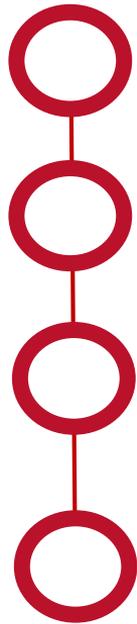


# ReDSS 2020 Annual review

*Achievements, challenges and priorities for 2021*





**About ReDSS**

**Context analysis:** what has changed to inform our planning?

**Key achievements and lessons learnt:** what do we need to focus on in 2021?

**2021 priorities and members' commitments**

**Goal:** To improve programming and policy in support of durable solutions processes so that **displacement-affected communities** live in safety and dignity in East and Horn of Africa

Consortium of 14 organisations hosted by DRC and steering committee NRC, IRC, DRC

**Coordination and information hub** – not an implementing agency



## Collaborative

Ensure our work is generated and grounded in a collaborative and collective process involving all relevant members and external actors

## Adaptive

Embed adaptive working approaches where durable solutions strategies and activities are designed assuming change is inevitable

## Iterative

Promote the use of iterative decision-making to adapt durable solutions approaches continuously

## Locally-led

Enable a context-specific and problem-oriented approach to strategies and activities for improved programming and policies for durable solutions

- ❑ Creating durable solutions requires a **multi- stakeholder rights and needs based programming approach**
- ❑ The process must be viewed as a **collective action rather than mandate driven** based on an inclusive, participatory and consensus building approach
- ❑ **National, regional and local authorities have the primary responsibility** and need to be supported to play their leadership and coordinating role
- ❑ Developing **area based solutions approaches** is paramount to ensure integrated and comprehensive programming for host and displaced populations
- ❑ **Community engagement** is critical to inform (re)integration analysis and programming to make solutions lasting, locally relevant and supportive of **social cohesion** and to **adopt a 'displacement affected communities' approach**- inclusive of refugees, returnees, IDPs and host communities
- ❑ **Gender/age/diversity:** Interventions should take into account the gender, age and diversity at play and give special attention to women and youth
- ❑ **Displacement is a development issue with humanitarian components** so it is essential to ensure complementarities and synergies between humanitarian, development, peace and state building programming to inform **collective outcomes**

# Context analysis

*What does that mean for ReDSS and where to focus?*

## Regional dynamics and trends

- The **deteriorating situation in Ethiopia** will have significant regional repercussions – potential for internationalisation of the conflict and increased displacement across borders (i.e. Sudan)
- **Rapidly-changing and unpredictable political context** - national governments are in emergency response mode, delay in elections, a “citizen first” approach increasingly being adopted
- **Triple impact** of COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and locust invasion is putting food security under threat in the region

## COVID-19 pandemic and implications on durable solutions agenda

- Prolonged **socio-economic crisis** hitting before health crisis in the region
- Shrinking of the asylum space and **restrictive policies** in Ethiopia and Kenya in the midst of COVID-19
- Increasing challenge, with potential long-term consequences, of ensuring a dual focus that addresses COVID-19 response through an **early solutions approach** within longer-term response to protracted displacement issues

## Displacement financing and accountability

- Despite commitments and pledges made at the GRF, **funding has not yet increased proportionally** and reprioritisation of funding to COVID-19 response threatens existing multi-year development funding
- No more international focus and **how to hold each other accountable**
- Nature and quality of current **financing structure cannot adequately support both early and long-term durable solutions** processes with reduction in overall ODA funding expected

## ❑ Little progress made on post GRF agenda and IGAD Regional Support Platform

- IGAD **focused on COVID-19** / GCR Regional Support Platform yet to be operationalised. Planned meeting at the end of November “delayed indefinitely”.
- Humanitarian and development **partners are also focussed on COVID-19 and current emergencies** and not linking their GRF pledges to opportunities that could be leveraged to address structural displacement issues and DAC vulnerability

## ❑ Finding the space and place for an internal displacement agenda

- Globally, **increasing number of organisations** (IDMC, JIPS, DTM etc), but **less clear on status and success of policy processes** (High Level Panel, GP20).
- Regionally, mixed progress on domestication of Kampala Convention, combined with **lack of clear regional process or dialogue** on internal displacement, results in lack of agreement about best approach for coordinating IDP solutions (e.g. role of Govt, UN position etc).
- At a country level, need to look at how to ensure **cross-country learning whilst being contextual**. How to **navigate sensitivities of conflict-induced internal displacement** and ReDSS’ role here.
- How to ensure appropriate **distinction with refugee agenda without silo-ing** relevant work.

# Achievements, challenges and opportunities to inform 2021 planning and programming

*How to adapt and what to prioritise this year?*



**704** PARTICIPANTS FROM **218**  
ORGANISATIONS ATTENDED **13** LEARNING  
EVENTS (compared to 140 organisations in  
2019)



**169** PRACTITIONERS & POLICY MAKERS  
TRAINED IN **6** SESSIONS (*2 regional, 2  
Somalia, 1 Ethiopia, 1 Kenya*)



**3** OPERATIONAL RESEARCH STUDIES; **7**  
POLICY BRIEFS (4 on COVID-19 adaptation) **8**  
THEMATIC ANALYSES; **5** POLICY STRATEGIES



OVER **22,223** VIEWS ON WEBSITE  
WITH **7869** USERS (more than 5,000 new  
users, and more than 2000 more views from  
2019)



**1,526** FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER (so  
increase by about 100)



**1** ONLINE TUTORIAL ON UNDERSTANDING  
HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY IN  
SOMALIA (with more than 1000 users)

- ❑ **Finalised country level research agenda** and ways of working peering national and international researchers - locally led processes
- ❑ **Developed political economy analyses** to inform common context understanding and better targeting
- ❑ **Finalised ReDSS influencing plan template:** focus on the 'how' of influencing and communications
- ❑ **Increased number of external requests for ReDSS to join** research committees or to peer review articles, research and analyses

## Takeaway for 2021 and beyond

- Focus on use and uptake of evidence, not in publishing more
- Translate evidence into HOW - how to inform better targeting and programming and policy processes
- Support joint analysis on key issues based on evidence and share perspective and learning from the field

- ❑ **Developed an IDP DS strategy in Ethiopia and common learning programme/ cross country learning initiative (ETH/SOM/SS)**
- ❑ **Focused on measuring programming impact and collective outcomes:** Use of common tools and approaches e.g. LORI/LORA, Self reliance index, Graduation approaches etc.
- ❑ **Supported linkages between durable solutions and other processes** e.g protection, resilience, self reliance
- ❑ **Facilitated technical support on government led solutions strategies** – Somalia MoPIED/BRA DS strategies
- ❑ **Supported a common agenda on urbanisation, land and displacement in Somalia**

## Takeaway for 2021 and beyond

- Move from 'WHAT' to 'HOW' - Solutions mainstreaming toolbox to support better use of research and analysis to inform integrated programming and targeting
- Leverage ReDSS members expertise: member commitments and identify thematic leads with clear roles
- Focus on measuring and monitoring durable solutions processes

- ❑ **Developed advanced training packages:** DS ToT curriculum for Somali authorities (ongoing) and Area-based approaches training curriculum (piloted in Jigjiga) - locally led processes
- ❑ **Facilitated regional thematic trainings:** Social cohesion and conflict sensitivity training in partnership with DDG and Self-reliance Index training in partnership with the Refugee Self Reliance Initiative and NRC
- ❑ **Facilitated government authorities trainings:** for Jubaland and Galmudug Authorities
- ❑ **Facilitated ReDSS member induction sessions:** DRC Kakuma durable solutions induction training

## Takeaway for 2021 and beyond

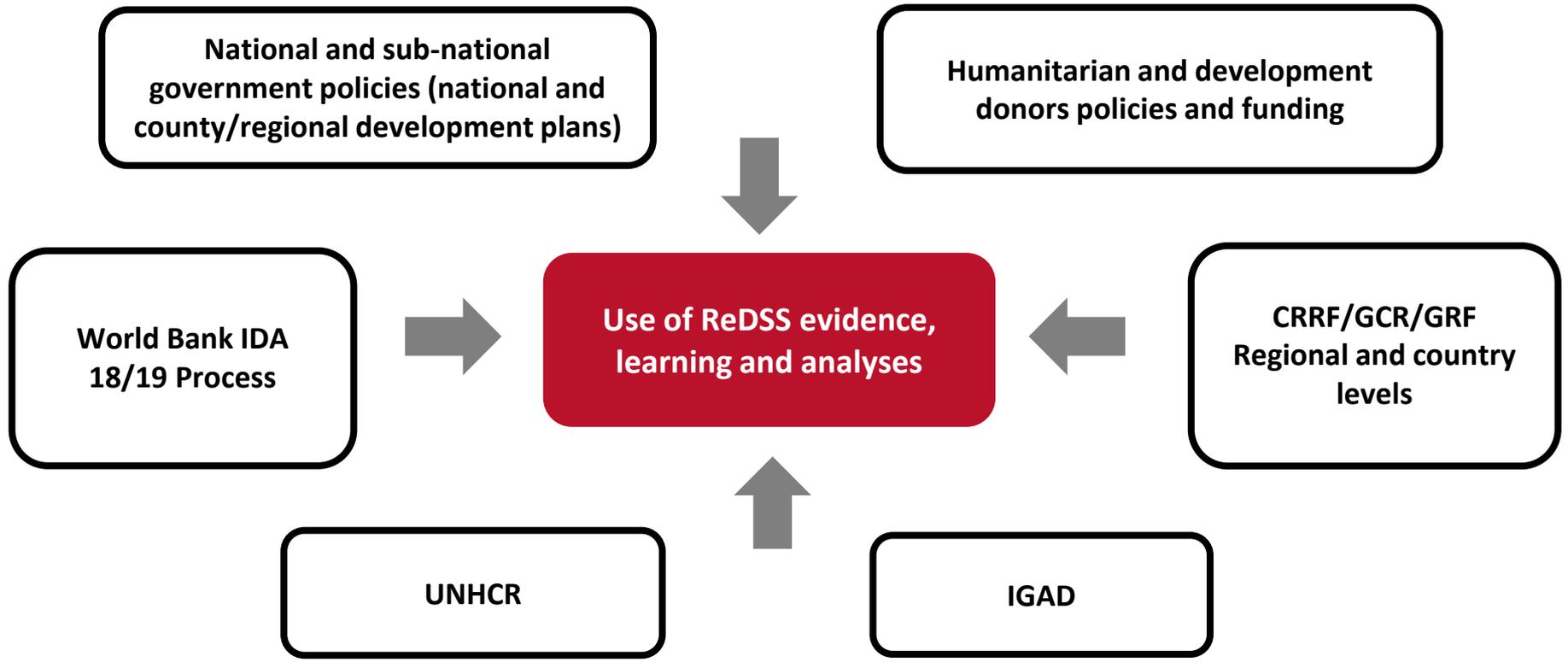
- Go back to basics: quarterly induction trainings focused on 'WHAT' - key definitions/ principles
- Strengthen linkages between trainings and other pillars - focused on localisation
- Strengthen training monitoring and impacts and document use of learnings
- Leverage members expertise - cross learning and exchanges

- ❑ **Finalised ReDSS Regional Policy Strategy 2021-2023** as a comprehensive resource to guide ReDSS and members around our core commitments to find and sustain solutions and potential to create stronger mutual accountability for ReDSS GRF pledge
- ❑ **Country level policy engagement strategies in place** in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya to guide strategic engagement by ReDSS and with members/partners in priority policy processes
- ❑ **Continued engagement with key actors** (IGAD, UNHCR, WBG, DS donors, ReDSS members, research partners) to try to preserve the space for durable solutions linked to specific opportunities/events (e.g. COVID-19, situation in Ethiopia, Somalia donor stocktaking) and through the use of as ReDSS research processes
- ❑ **COVID-19 policy briefs at regional and country level** disseminated widely and used in key engagement opportunities with external stakeholders and influencing their responses.

## Takeaway for 2021 and beyond

- Focus on influencing and tailored communication products - draft influencing plan template, policy brief template
- ReDSS strategic use of ongoing research processes/common research agendas to continue to create space to bring stakeholders together and discuss longer-term DS issues/ Aligning research questions to policy priorities
- More actors engaged on IDP agenda and opportunity for ReDSS to build on strategic relationships and support regional IDP discussions which can help members navigate the space and support cross-learning

# ReDSS priority policy process and key stakeholders



- ❑ **Strengthened internal coordination amongst core group at regional level despite COVID-19** – core group meeting; internal updates members
- ❑ **Fostered inclusive, trustful and collaborative working approaches** – continued demand for ReDSS support to provide technical expertise on displacement and solutions
- ❑ **Continued to pursue strategic partnerships, collaboration and relationships despite COVID-19** – UNHCR, governments/ municipalities, ReDSS + Structures
- ❑ **Strengthening performance and collective accountability within ReDSS** - Developed internal monitoring systems with outcome indicators to ensure that ReDSS can measure uptake and impact

## Takeaway for 2021 and beyond

- Amplifying voices from the field in a coherent, collective way - more space to national actors
- Define members commitments and role at the beginning of the year
- Space for 1 to 1 engagement and coordination with members
- Members expect ReDSS to continue to “speak on behalf of a coalition” to promote policy and programming changes

# 2021 planning and ReDSS members engagement

## *What should we prioritise based on 2020 learning?*

1

Research and Analysis

To support a collective research agenda and increase use of research and analysis to inform durable solutions policy and programming

2

Capacity Development

To strengthen capacity, collective monitoring and learning on durable solutions and leverage members' expertise

3

Policy Dialogue

To facilitate and undertake constructive and influential policy dialogues with key local, national and regional policy actors and processes

4

Coordination

To bring members and partners together to learn and coordinate on research, policy and practice on durable solutions

## Research and Analysis

- Use of research processes** as an entry point to engage with key actors
- Prioritise curation and utilisation** of the existing body of research, rather than continuing to expand it
- Focus on the 'How'** to support programme guidance based on evidence
- Strive to ensure that research explicitly informs training** and coordination efforts

## Capacity Development

- Work on common standards to measure and monitor** progress towards (re)integration and self-reliance
- Support **cross learning between countries and integrated programing** - develop solutions mainstreaming toolbox
- Continue to **develop different levels of training on durable solutions** to address the various learning gaps that exist

## Policy Dialogue

- Align research questions to policy priorities** to ensure relevance and support more granular understanding/ use PEA
- Need to focus on the 'how' of influencing** - targeted planning for what, who and how of ReDSS use of evidence
- Amplifying **voices from the field** in a coherent, collective way
- Preserve the space and maintain momentum** to address long-term displacement issues

## Coordination

- Engage** at the interface between humanitarian, development and government actors
- Support engagement in complex IDP issues** at the country level while adding value to regional and synergies with global level IDP discussions
- Define members commitments** and role at the beginning of the year
- Space for 1 to 1 engagement** and coordination with members

## Regional

## Somalia

## Ethiopia

## Kenya

### 2021 overall theme: social and economic inclusion

- Local (re)integration
- Self reliance and graduation
- Protection and politicisation of population movement

- Measuring local (re)integration processes and collective outcomes
- Self reliance, graduation and safety nets
- Protection, rights and inclusion

- Integrated response
- Self-reliance and right to work
- Protection oriented and principled responses to displacement

- Integrated access to services/ education
- Self reliance, safety nets and graduation
- Protection, rights and inclusion

#### Cross cutting issues:

- Climate Change
- Early Solutions and preparedness
- Cross border
- Measuring progress and impacts

- ❑ **Expected outcome:** Define a collective plan for each regional theme informed by ReDSS 4 pillars and with clear roles and responsibilities between secretariat staff and members
- ❑ **Cross cutting issues to address under each theme:** Climate Change/ Early Solutions and preparedness/ Regional dimension and cross border dynamics
- ❑ **Approaches to reflect under each theme** (*based on the ReDSS core programing principles*): Measuring progress and impacts/ integrated programing/ cross country learning/ DAC engagement and locally led/ value add of the collective engagement to prioritize activities
- ❑ **Role of member regional thematic leads:** provide technical support and expertise to the membership and partners, lead the development of a joint paper with key messages, represent and speak on behalf of the membership in coordination fora and conferences to inform and influence programing and policy processes.
- ❑ **Role of ReDSS Secretariat:** to support and facilitate the work of the thematic lead.

- ❑ **Specific objective to achieve:** Supporting principled relocation and local planning processes that collectively support sustainable (re)integration of displacement affected communities.
- ❑ **Thematic lead(s):** ACTED/Agora\*/REACH - co lead LWF / OXFAM(TBC)
- ❑ **Members interested to support and engage:** Oxfam, DRC, Concern, NRC, LWF, SCI, IRC, RCK, WV
- ❑ **Upcoming opportunities to engage collectively/ represent ReDSS and key stakeholders/ coordination structure to engage with:**
  - ToT curriculum development in Somalia
  - Area-based trainings and capacity building for local actors in SRS (ETH)
  - Area-based training tools being developed by ACTED/Agora in Hargeisa
  - Translation of ReDSS area-based training tools into Somali
  - Existing coordination structures which support locally-led area-based planning/coordination
- ❑ **Next steps/ timeframe:** Follow up discussion with interested members and thematic leads to develop one-pager with objective and plans by March 2021, and focus of quarterly core group meeting in June 2021.

## Research & Analysis

**Dissemination/lessons learned from existing research** to inform integrated programming

- Thematic synthesis products and learning events linking research to inform programming

**Sharing best practices** on measuring local integration (i.e. LORA) with actors in other contexts

**Intentions/aspirations surveys** on local (re)integration to inform programming and policy decision-making

## Capacity development

**Contextualize and roll-out trainings on area-based planning** in different contexts (including cross-learning)

**Capture existing resources** from ReDSS members/partners

**Developing solutions mainstreaming toolbox** to include best practices on local (re)integration programming

Engagement with local actors:

- **Tailored trainings** leveraging presence of ReDSS members
- Identify capacity gaps
- **Translate tools/resources**

## Policy Dialogue

**Engaging with displacement affected communities** to promote rights-based local (re)integration

**Facilitating discussions** on implementation and dissemination of local (re)integration policies (focusing on the 'HOW' of policy operationalisation)

Engage in **local development planning processes**

## Coordination

Focus our regional core group meeting in June

Work with local authorities to inform their ability to **support principled relocations and inclusion of DACs in local planning processes**

**Engage with existing structures** on advancing local (re)integration and area-based processes (i.e. local authorities, CRRF coordination structures, DS fora/WGs)

- ❑ **Specific objective to achieve:** Advance a common self-reliance and graduation agenda and measure progress in the Horn of Africa to improve programming and policy dialogue
  - Self-reliance, resilience and protection
  - Measuring progress and impacts on graduation and self reliance/ mapping out indicators - LORA, SRI, graduation, Save DS toolkiT
  - Link poverty reduction/ graduation models and safety nets to: protection and HLP/ urban displacement programs, education, Mental health MHPSS
  - Climate change - mitigate impacts/ livelihoods and climate financing
  - Collective advocacy and collective fundraising
  
- ❑ **Thematic lead(s):** Lead: NRC; Co-leads: IRC and World Vision
  
- ❑ **Members interested to support and engage:** NRC, WV, Concern, IRC, Save, LWF, RCK, DRC, Mercy Corps, OXFAM
  
- ❑ **Upcoming opportunities to engage collectively/ represent ReDSS and key stakeholders/ coordination structure to engage with:** Regional economic inclusion co chaired UNHCR/ NRC, PAC working groups at country& regional levels led by UNHCR, strategic engagement with Donor working groups
  
- ❑ **Next steps/ timeframe:** 1 pager (March) to define focus & priorities / Discussion with thematic members & experts in March/ Regional Core Group in September to focus on theme/ Maintain a contact lists for this theme

## Research & Analysis

**Develop a regional paper** to clarify collective approach and key messages - ready by March

**Support joint analysis/dissemination/uptake** based on upcoming member publications + ReDSS PEA and Displacement financing studies

**Cross cutting:** Climate change/ early solutions, cross-border

## Capacity Development

**Follow up Self Reliance Index training** in partnership with RSRI, REIWG

**Leverage member/partner expertise** on graduation - WV/ Concern resources, Trickle Up for refugees and urban

**Facilitate regional graduation training** led by technical partners

## Policy Dialogue

**Engage with IGAD** stocktaking - focus on self reliance and measuring progress

**Engage with Development and poverty** reduction platforms

**Strategic donors consultation:** EU, USAID, Netherland, SDC, Danida, FCDO

**Engagement with donors working groups** as collective

## Coordination

**Facilitate thematic Core Group meeting** in March - finalise/uptake of one pager

**Focus on self-reliance and graduation learning** for ReDSS Regional Core Group in September

**Engage existing coordination platforms:** Regional economic inclusion WG, Coordination with PAC, UNHCR and IOM, Regional environment and migration group

**Engagement with Technical partners:** Trickle Up, Village Enterprise, BRAC, BOMA

- ❑ **Specific objective to achieve:**
  - Working proactively to create space and enhance capacity on joint solutions and protection oriented response to displacement
- ❑ **Thematic lead(s):** DRC and NRC
- ❑ **Members interested to support and engage:** ACF, IRC, RCK, Acted, Oxfam, LWF, Save
- ❑ **Upcoming opportunities to engage collectively/ represent ReDSS and key stakeholders/ coordination structure to engage with:**
  - 2021 increased attention to these issues: building on interest and ‘hotspot’ moments
  - March ReDSS core group meeting thematic focus
  - Global / regional initiatives e.g. Kenya in Security Council / HLP / GP2020
  - Building training calendar for ReDSS which includes relevant member trainings
- ❑ **Next steps/ timeframe:** Initial planning meeting with DRC, NRC and ReDSS to streamline and prioritise opportunities and plans. Agree with wider group. Maintain a contact list for theme. 1 pager to define focus & priorities developed by March. Regional Core Group end March to focus on this theme.

# Regional Theme 3: Protection and politicisation of population movement

## Research & Analysis

**Creating space** for discussions that might be too sensitive for individual members at a regional level

**Drawing from political analysis** that already exist

**Enhancing the 'behind the scenes'** work of ReDSS on this theme

**Strengthening regional level focus** on internal displacement research / learning

**Connecting to research on climate change** induced movement and early warning systems

## Capacity Development

**Prioritising training** by connecting to existing ReDSS member and ReDSS trainings and resources (e.g. conflict analysis and peacebuilding training, protection mainstreaming)

**Strengthening cross-country learning** on experience of politicisation of population movement

**Looking beyond ReDSS membership** and using research and policy to support / train local authorities

**Developing a solutions mainstreaming toolbox** (including protection mainstreaming and AAP tools etc)

## Policy Dialogue

**Proactively engaging** with position papers, key messages etc especially around 2021 hotspots and enhancing access to these

**Advocating for accountability** of policy processes

**Acting as a connector** between ReDSS members and key global / regional initiatives

**Advocating for protection mainstreaming**, integration, streamlining in policy processes

**Building synergies** across relevant sectors/technical areas and connecting to issues of access (physical and rights based)

## Coordination

**Acting as a bridge/connector** on these sensitive issues

**Focusing March ReDSS Core Group** meeting on this theme, based on 1 pager summary

**Establishing relationships** at regional level with IDMC, JIPS, MMC, IOM DTM. Continuing engagement with key actors (e.g. UNHCR, IOM)

**Enhancing engagement with civil society** to ensure voices of population are heard (ReDSS+)

**Understanding relevant humanitarian v development v peacebuilding structures.** Enhancing coordination across sectors