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REGIONAL REFUGEE & RESILIENCE PLAN

Session Advancing Nexus in MENA: Reflections on recommendations and on the way forward

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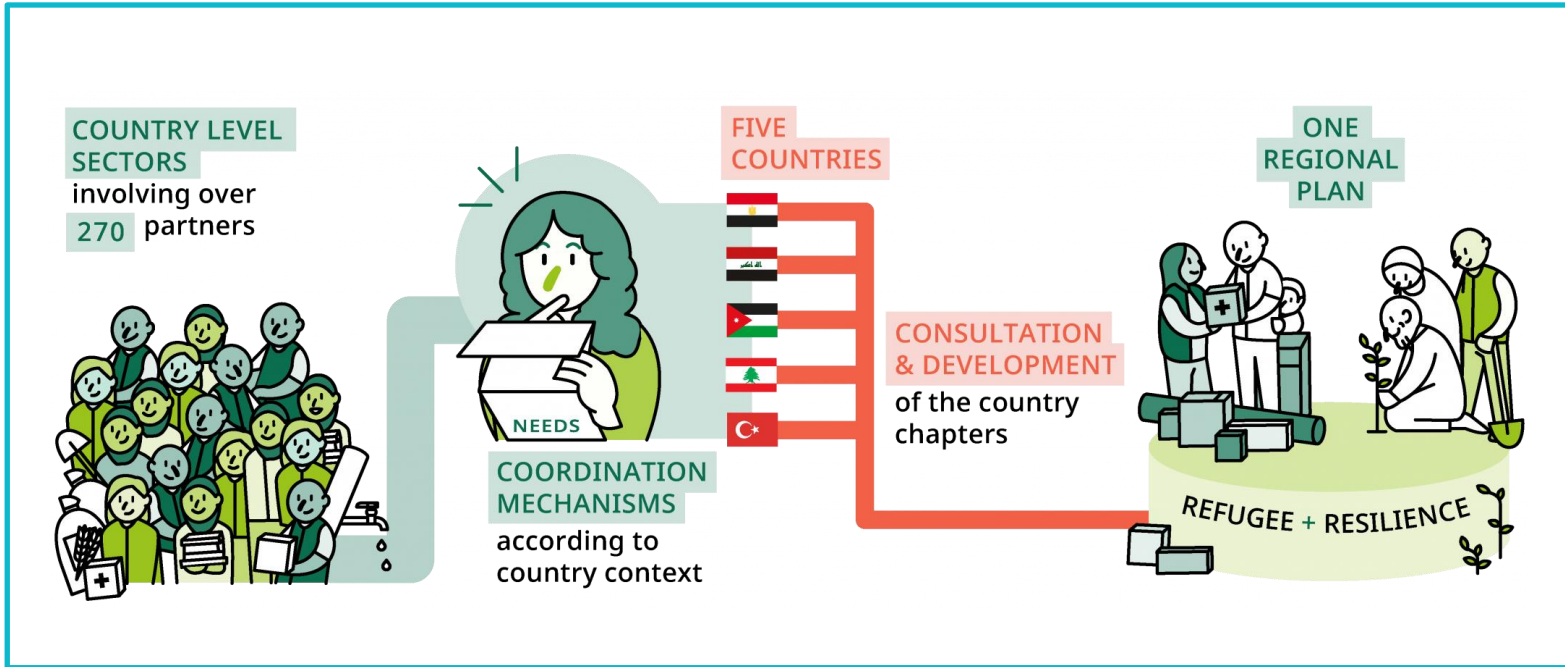


About the SRF

- The SRF connects **two sub-regions** (Europe and Arab States), **informs responses** to compounded crisis including through **program innovation, knowledge-generation and -sharing** across countries, and **strategic policy engagement**.
- Since its creation in 2014, the SRF has been instrumental in **supporting cross-learning** and **improved responses** across and between UNDP at country, Hub, and Headquarters levels and 3RP partners (UN, Donors, I/NGOs, Private sector).
- In a protracted displacement context, SRF continues to advance the resilience for all approach, social cohesion and stability, and operationalize the nexus where possible

The SRF is a unique UNDP programme that is the first of its kind to respond to large scale forced displacement by co-leading the Syria regional response with UNHCR and mainstreaming a resilience-based development approach.

About the Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan (3RP)



Reflections on recommendations of the ICVA Nexus paper & how to advance the HDP nexus in the context of the 3RP

- **All countries have a long way to go to implement the HDP nexus.** The 3RP is a unique coordination mechanism that is supporting this process, with opportunities for improvements too.
- **Clear lessons along the following 3 key recommendations of the ICVA report:**
 - Use of consistent definitions and concepts on HDP coherence, common objectives and clarity in roles and responsibilities
 - Working towards equitable and meaningful partnership and local leadership
 - Quality and flexible multi-year funding
- **Other key issues that are important to mention:**
 - More support on knowledge and tools on integrating HDP components
 - Challenges in implementing the “peace component”
 - Experience sharing on HDP nexus monitoring

How the 3RP is supporting common objectives and HDP coherence

- **Working towards collective outcomes:** Regional coherence through the Regional Strategic Overview (RSO), regional planning workshop, 4 Strategic Directions
- **The 3RP evaluation concluded reviewing the conceptual framework:** Presents a unique opportunity to shape how 3RP can better advance HDP nexus in the region

Evidence from 3RP M&E frameworks	Strategic Linkages to UNSDCFs	Mainstreaming SDGs in 3RP planning & monitoring processes
3RP partners adopted a core set of strategic directions, backed up by a dedicated monitoring framework (<i>regional level</i>)	<u>Jordan:</u> UNSDF 2018-2022 explicitly reflects on priorities set forth in the JRP	<u>Jordan:</u> JRP was the first to map its contribution to SDGs
M&E / Inter-Sector Frameworks are in place in Turkey & Lebanon, with multi-year objectives (<i>country level</i>)	<u>Iraq:</u> UNSDCF (2020-2024) foresees a better integration of humanitarian coordination mechanisms & the PWGs for the UNSDCF	<u>Turkey:</u> Piloted the UNDP-UNHCR SDG Appraisal Tool for Forced Displacement - deep-dive into critical areas of synergies between 3RP & SDGs
All sector working groups integrate outputs & activities under the humanitarian & resilience/development components	<u>Turkey:</u> UNSDCF mainstreams all 3RP activities across its different pillars	<u>Iraq:</u> 3RP actors have committed to further aligning the Iraq response plan with the SDGs

Working towards equitable and meaningful partnership and local leadership

	Fostering National Ownership & Leadership in 3RP Planning & Coordination	Joint Analysis	Joint Programming
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP & UNHCR lead coordination at regional & country level • Decentralization of regional coordination & planning processes around nationally driven response frameworks in 3RP countries • National actors as principal responders within the 3RP, supported by UN agencies, I/NGOs & other partners 	<p>Joint assessments by humanitarian and development actors at country and regional levels</p>	<p>3RP coordination framework created an enabling environment for joint programming to enhance synergies, complementarity & coherence between humanitarian & development action</p>
Good Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional feeds into the country level & vice versa • Simplified & unified coordination mechanisms amongst the UN, CSOs, donors & the government • Better alignment of the response with national development priorities in 3RP countries • Use of national institutional capacities & systems needs & challenges in Jordan (country level) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tension Monitoring System in Lebanon • Analyzing trends in Livelihoods & Employment outcomes for refugee & host communities in Turkey • Joint Vulnerability & Needs Assessments in Lebanon & Jordan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3RP planning workshop to align priorities across countries • RSO to outline joint strategy of 270 partners • Knowledge products & exchanges to disseminate best practices, including guidance notes

Quality and flexible multi-year funding

- Vital to support HDP nexus in the region, but challenging in practice
- **3RP positive examples of financing instruments** that helped to advance the nexus and in terms of collective advocacy and fundraising efforts
- With **ODA likely to remain the main source of financing** for the Syria response, it is important that collective advocacy towards donors takes place for a more conducive environment towards the HDP nexus
- UNDP aims to further explore opportunities for **engagement with IFIs and private sector** to expand the pool of financing

The “P” of the nexus: Social Cohesion and Conflict-Sensitivity

- Different ways of advancing peacebuilding in the 3RP:

Promoting Peace through Education/ youth/ sports etc.	Engaging Syrian refugee & host populations in joint economic & social ventures	Conflict-sensitive programming	Identifying drivers of & monitoring community tensions
<u>Jordan</u> : UNICEF “Makani centers”	<u>Jordan</u> : UNDP “Skills Exchange of Vulnerable Host Communities & Syrian Refugees for Enhancing Livelihoods & Social Cohesion”	<u>Lebanon</u> : Promotion of conflict-sensitivity across LCRP response as part of ‘social stability sector’	<u>Turkey</u> : UNHCR supported the Syrian Barometer initiative - analyzes social perceptions of Turkish citizens & Syrians
<u>Lebanon</u> : UNDP & UNHCR “Violence Free School Initiative”	<u>Lebanon</u> : UNDP “Lebanon Host Communities Support Project”		<u>Lebanon</u> : UNDP, UNHCR & other 3RP partners established a “Tensions Monitoring System”

Enhancing 3RP HDPN monitoring & reporting mechanisms

- Challenge to better monitor & document the contribution of the 3RP to the operationalization of the Nexus
- Working to enhance indicators to strengthen monitoring and reporting mechanisms on HDPN advancement at country and regional level, considering dimensions such as:
 - Engagement of local stakeholders in response planning processes
 - Alignment of programming behind collective outcomes linked to medium & long-term national priorities
 - Level of use of gender & age markers + gender & conflict-sensitive analysis across humanitarian & resilience/development interventions

What priorities for advancing the HDP nexus?



Ways Forward

- **Articulate a clear vision** for implementing the HDP nexus
- **Conduct regular analysis** to identify gaps & challenges to adapt programs that operationalize the HDPN at the country level
- **Collective advocacy** on a range of issues, including on financing instruments that enable the operationalization of the HDP nexus
- **Exchanges and good practices** on localization, and local and national actors' meaningful engagement, including among CSOs and authorities, and between countries (including learning from 3RP to other contexts and vice versa)
- **Strengthen M&E** for instance by building a common M&E framework outlining how sectors & partners contribute to common strategic objectives & outcomes

Thank you

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