

Regaining momentum on durable solutions – the role of financing for protracted displacement

ONLINE WEBINAR | WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2022
2:00 – 3:30 PM AMMAN TIME

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BACKGROUND

At the start of 2022 the durable solutions context across the Middle East remains complex and multi-faceted. It requires sustained commitment and collective action from diverse actors that links humanitarian and development responses and recognizes the need to respond to immediate needs whilst maintaining a focus on the medium to longer term approaches needed to create an enabling environment for durable solutions.

The Durable Solutions Platform (DSP) has recently finalized its new [four-year strategy \(2022 – 2025\)](#) with a focus across Applied Research, Policy Influence and Advocacy, and Capacity Development on building support to promote pathways to durable solutions.

In the lead up to the annual Brussels Conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region, the DSP is contributing to the discussions through new research exploring how financing can better support pathways to durable solutions. [Financing for Protracted Displacement](#) (DSP and Development Initiatives, January 2022) includes an [overall regional synthesis paper](#) and [Jordan](#), [Lebanon](#), and [Kurdistan Region of Iraq](#) specific reports.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES:

- How can we work together to regain momentum on the durable solutions agenda in the region and what concrete next steps are required?
- What role can humanitarian, development, and blended financing play in better supporting pathways to durable solutions and how can we build on key learning?

Target audience: Humanitarian and development partners including UN agencies, IFIs, civil society and host and donor governments

Geographical focus: Middle East Region with a focus on Lebanon and Jordan

Format and structure: Presentation of new DSP strategy (2022 – 2025) and key findings from research on financing for protracted displacement; followed by a main external panel on current challenges, key learning and how financing can better support pathways to durable solutions and moderated discussion.

2.00 – 2.15

Welcome and presentation of DSP Strategy

Lana Stade, DSP Manager with Catherine Osborn (Policy Expert)

- Setting the scene: objectives of the webinar, overall agenda and ways of working
- Short presentation of new DSP Strategy (2022 -2025)

2.15 – 3.00

Financing for protracted displacement

Lana Stade, DSP Manager

- Introduction and presentation of main findings and key recommendations from Financing for Protracted Displacement research
- **Main panel – current challenges, key learning and how financing can better support pathways to durable solutions (30-mins)**
 - How can financing be used to create a more enabling environment for medium and longer-term approaches and the role of donors in supporting nexus approaches, strengthening coordination and governance frameworks, *Thomas Thomsen, Head of Cooperation, DANIDA*
 - What has been the key challenges, learning and the types of investment required to strengthen access and quality of care for all in Lebanon? *Eduard Tschain, Country Director, International Medical Corps, Lebanon*
 - What role has international financing packages played in supporting the inclusion of Syrian refugees into primary healthcare and what types of partnership and financing modalities are needed in the medium-term? - *Ronald Suarez, Senior Economist, Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank Group, Lebanon*
 - What is the key learning of working with host governments to support the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and the different types of funding and financing instruments required? *Andrew Plitt, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Middle East, USAID*

3.00 – 3.30

Moderation discussion – a common agenda on durable solutions

Amy Rodgers, DSP Advocacy Specialist

- Opportunities for participants to ask panellists questions and share reflections on financing for protracted displacement
- Discussion of the next steps required to support a more common agenda on durable solutions and the role of different actors
- Wrap up by DSP on further opportunities for coordination and collaboration

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About DSP

Amid the world's largest present day displacement crisis, the DSP was established in 2016 to improve policy and programming approaches in support of durable solutions for displacement affected communities from Syria. In 2022 and beyond, DSP is focused both on displacement in and from Syria and other forcibly displaced populations in the Middle East including refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities.

DSP is not an implementing agency but a joint initiative of six non-governmental organization (NGO) members: Action Against Hunger (AAH), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Oxfam, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Save the Children. With a secretariat based on the regional level in Amman, Jordan and currently working across five countries (Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Iraq), DSP seeks to support a collective agenda on durable solutions through joint research and cross-learning opportunities, evidence-based policy engagement and capacity strengthening on durable solutions concepts, approaches, and programming amongst members and partners.

For more information on DSP please see our [website](#) or contact Lana Stade, DSP Manager (lana.stade@dsp-me.org).