



HRP Secretariat Briefing with NGOs

Summary Note

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After 16 months of work, the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement is in the process of consolidating its findings and conclusions and sharpening its analysis for the major guidance report to be recommended to the Secretary-General at the end of September 2021. A discussion of the main findings of the report is ongoing and continues. During this meeting with NGOs, the Panel provided a last opportunity for members of the NGOs to provide their input on the proposed recommendations before the report is published.

The following main themes emerged during the discussion:

IDPs and civil society should be at the center of decision making for solutions and IDPs should be considered the primary stakeholders of the affected communities. NGOs are encouraged to see a recommendation on meaningfully engaging IDPs, local communities and civil society under the solutions section. However, fostering a development-oriented approach to durable solutions potentially risks leaving out IDPs and civil society from decision-making processes. Development actors frequently do not consult civil society organizations or involve IDPs in decision-making processes. By emphasizing their agency and the contribution they bring to shaping plans forward, and leading on durable solutions, the Panel underscore the importance of ensuring that IDPs and civil society in all their diversity are meaningfully and consistently put at the center of efforts to improve out

The unique experience of data collection and analysis for internal displacement, and efforts should be made to build on existing data systems. NGOs expressed appreciation for the emphasis on data collection and knowledge given the dearth of data on solutions for IDPs. While this is an important aspect of the report, participants stressed the need for disaggregated data including by age, gender, diversity, and disability. Data disaggregation by language is also critical, especially as it relates to ability to access services in their own languages and to understand their rights as set out in international law. The recommendation on internal displacement data should also underscore the need to identify concrete ways (e.g., through programming, etc.) and ensure that a similar approach is taken in other areas outlined for all relevant actors (international, national and local).

The role of regional bodies and national actors is critical as that of HQ/global actors for advancing solutions for IDPs. As experienced in other policy processes, there is a tendency for efforts mostly on global-level leadership and strategies, overlooking other areas from which solutions can be derived. The Panel should ensure that the need and pathways for stepped-up actors at all levels is clearly reflected in the report, recognizing that most state-to-state learning takes place at the regional level. The HRP Secretariat should engage key actors across all levels after the report is published to guide them through the recommendations that are relevant to them.



components of the process and the role of others also distributed responsibilities to help build political will among actors so that recommendations are implemented in meaningful, transformative way.