

Theme 1

Investing in national services to support host communities
and the inclusion of refugees



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Best Practices

1.1. Integration of refugees within the national education system



- Towards favourable **legal** environments
- Attempts of **curriculum adaptation**
- **Costed education response plans**
- Gradual inclusion of refugee education **data** into national systems
- **Coordination** structures at all levels and inclusion into national **planning**
- Harmonisation of employment and training of refugee **teachers**



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Challenges and lessons learned

1.1. Integration of refugees within the national education system

- High drop out rates
- Language barrier
- Recognition of qualification and certification
- Infrastructure (classrooms, furniture, instructional materials etc)
- Multi-year, predictable and sustainable funding
- Skill recognition
- Coordination
- Children with special needs



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Opportunities

1.1. Integration of refugees within the national education system



- Full integration
- Costed plans with adequate funding
- Coordination structures (national-local-donor community)
- Skill recognition
- Regional system for recognition of qualification and certification
- Increased development funding
- Global Refugee Forum – opportunity for more responsibility-sharing



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Best Practices

1.2 Access to civil documentation



- Permissive legal framework for refugees to access civil documentation
- Civil documentation not mandatory for access to service and other rights
- One-stop-shops in camps which provide vital statistics service
- Comprehensive level 3 registration system linked to national immigration database for issuance of national IDs
- Good coordination between line ministries



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Challenges and lessons learned

1.2 Access to civil documentation



- Better harmonisation of national civil registration systems
- Digitalisation of civil registration system
- Backlog of birth registration for refugees and host communities
- Limited funding
- Limited awareness of refugee documentation by other stakeholders
e.g. banks, private sector



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Opportunities

1.2 Access to civil documentation



- Refugee access to civil documentation contributes to the national economy and other social services
- Acceptability of issued civil documents in IGAD countries
- Coordination between Government and partners
- Strengthening capacity of national and local institutions
- Use of existing systems and processes and promoting linkages



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