



Part 2: Country Response and Solutions Strategy

Country Strategic Objectives

SO1: Ensure protection of at-risk populations.

Efforts to promote access to territory as well as to asylum and social protection systems will be prioritized. As part of this objective, support continues to be extended to the Government to promote implementation of accessible, transparent, and fair asylum procedures in accordance with international standards and through temporary stay arrangements which aim to prevent deportations. Partners will work with the Government to reduce barriers to documentation/ legal status, ensuring that procedures and services take into consideration age, gender, disability, and diversity, including through technical and targeted financial support as relevant. Alongside this support, RRP partners will also provide complementary services and assistance, including those aimed at improving child protection and women and girls' safety, as well as to other Afghans in situations of vulnerability or risk due to inaccessible, overburdened or insufficient government services and assistance.

SO2: Provide timely humanitarian assistance to mitigate the risks to immediate needs and protection faced by vulnerable Afghan refugees.

Partners will provide timely and targeted assistance through in-kind and cash-based modalities as well as tailored services to Afghans in situations of vulnerability. Such interventions will be both temporary and aimed at averting a rapid deterioration in their humanitarian situation while simultaneously considering interventions that can help address the structural drivers of their vulnerability. Partners will prioritize those in situations of acute vulnerability including new arrivals and those impacted by rapid onset emergencies, persons with specific needs, including persons with disabilities and other individuals who face other protection risks linked to poverty and are without support mechanisms. Consistent with do-no-harm considerations and bolstering social cohesion, partners will consider the needs of host communities living alongside the most vulnerable refugees.

SO3: Support national systems and facilitate access to inclusive services.

Partners will prioritize the adoption of humanitarian-development nexus approaches to respond to Afghan refugees in Iran, particularly those in situations of protracted displacement. In line with this approach, RRP partners will support the Government in maintaining its inclusive policies by strengthening health and education systems and service provision in refugee-hosting areas. Acknowledging the reality that 99 per cent of Afghan refugees in Iran live outside of settlements and side-by-side with Iranian host communities, these interventions will be area-based, supporting the entire community, thereby mitigating social tension and enabling effective inclusion. At the same time, partners will provide Afghan refugees with information and targeted financial support that will help them overcome the barriers to accessing services.



SO4: Contribute to efforts to identify and promote solutions, including by strengthening social cohesion, and self-reliance as a pathway to solutions.

RRP partners will look to identify and facilitate solutions opportunities wherever possible. This will include equipping people who wish to voluntarily repatriate to Afghanistan with the support and information required to make an informed decision based on a full awareness of the risks and the adverse circumstances in areas of return. At the same time, in collaboration with Members States and the Government, partners will continue to support resettlement including through the identification of the most vulnerable individuals who can receive the maximum benefit from the limited resettlement opportunities available. Acknowledging that durable solutions will remain elusive for most, partners will prioritize interventions that promote social cohesion and build self-reliance as a precursor towards longer-term durable solutions.