

Terms of Reference (TOR)

Uganda Refugee Response Peaceful Co-existence Task Force

General Purpose and scope of the task force

The *Uganda Refugee Response Conflict Mitigation Task Force* was established by the UNHCR in partnership with national and international nongovernmental organizations working on behalf of refugee communities in Uganda. This task force will identify and take forward issues relevant to conflict mitigation and peacebuilding initiatives for refugees and refugee-hosting communities. The main objectives of the task force are:

1. To promote the coordination of a harmonized approach among UNHCR, OPM, NGOs, and all other stakeholders, in mitigating conflicts and promoting peacebuilding initiatives among refugee communities.
2. Coordination of joint responses and advocacy in relation to conflict related issues among refugees and host communities.
3. To promote positive social cohesion projects relevant to refugee intercommunal issues as well as refugees-host communities issue.
4. To ensure peacebuilding and conflict mitigation is considered in all sectors active in the refugee response.

Duties and responsibilities of the task force

1. To identify opportunities and events to further peacebuilding initiatives between refugees, as well as their respective host communities.
2. To contribute actively to the sharing and exchange of information among members of the task force about events and developments relevant to intervening/preventing conflict between refugees as well as their host communities.
3. To identify and propose measures and activities that members and stakeholders may take individually or collectively on conflict mitigation for refugees and host communities. This may include research and field studies, advocacy, analysis, information management and consolidation of information/knowledge; development of technical standards, common tools and guidelines; trainings/workshops/capacity building exercises; technical advice and conflict sensitive programming.
4. To identify opportunities to improve collaboration between humanitarian and development actors in order to ensure all sectors in refugee response are well positioned to positively respond to the needs of refugees and host communities.
5. Ensuring that the refugee response is designed to contribute to addressing root causes of displacement in countries of origin.
6. Support the National Refugee Protection Working group by information sharing and technical expertise.

Composition of the task force

The task force is open to representatives from NGOs engaged in the refugee response, and is endorsed and supported by UNHCR. If participation by a particular organization and/or individual is deemed necessary for a particular purpose they will be co-opted as required. The task force is chaired by a rotating NGO chair, and will be co-chaired by a NGO co-chair as selected by

members of the task force. The position of the chair / co-chairperson will be rotational with a term of six months.

OPM and UN agencies will be invited to participate. Donors will be invited on a quarterly basis.

Meeting schedule and decision making

The task force will hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 3 pm at UNHCR offices. The chair will report to the task force at each regular meeting and provide an update on major actions the task force has taken since the last meeting. The chair will also highlight issues that the task force needs to decide on.

Extraordinary meetings can be called by the chairperson and at the request of members of the task force when it is considered necessary to address an urgent issue.

Decisions will be made through a majority amongst the group members attending the meeting in person. All proposals made by the task force that are beyond its mandate and scope of delegated decision will be submitted to the National Refugee Protection Working group for consideration and decision.

Approval

These Terms of Reference were approved by the task force on *20 September 2018*.