



Coherence Metrics

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In the past, coordination between humanitarian and development efforts was hindered by institutional structures. Protracted refugee crises had put UNHCR and other humanitarian organizations in the primary role of refugee service provision, as well as coordination for long-term development planning (UNHCR Evaluation Service, Two Year Progress Assessment of the CRRF Approach). Within Uganda, the role of the government was limited to admissions and recognition of refugees, including registration and protection (Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda, The Refugees Act 2006). However, recently, with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants- an outcome of the 2016 General Assembly- the role of refugee-hosting governments has been elevated, emphasizing greater



institutionalization of the government's leadership in refugee management to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), in Annex 1 of the New York Declaration (UN General Assembly, New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants: Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)), provides guidelines for governments and humanitarian organizations to share responsibilities and improve coordination mechanisms for achieving SDGs. At the core of CRRF is integrating refugees within the socio-economic structure of host countries and, therefore, within national development policies. This goal requires coherence and coordination among all stakeholders. Thereby, CRRF is the foundational framework towards creating policy coherence among coordination bodies and social cohesion among refugees and host country populations.

In 2016, the Ugandan government was the first country to adopt CRRF and has, thus far, the most developed coordination structure in line with CRRF goals (UNHCR Evaluation Service, Two Year Progress Assessment of the CRRF Approach). Therefore, we aim to understand how coherence is reflected in Ugandan policy documents, how coordination coherence is reportedly practiced among all stakeholders, and more importantly, whether the policy documents suggest metrics to measure the country's level of coherence.

