

## **Way Durable Solutions for IDPs and Returnees in Burundi:**

In October 2011, the UN Secretary-General adopted a decision on establishing a framework for the immediate rehabilitation based on the implementation of sustainable solutions. In this context, and in order to respond effectively to the various humanitarian displacement issues in Burundi, UNDP and UNHCR, in collaboration with other UN System agencies got together to propose alternatives to strengthen and assist the Burundian population on community resilience and search for durable solutions in times of crisis.

### **Existing coordination mechanisms:**

In addition to all the preparedness actions, advocacy, and humanitarian responses to the recent internal displacement and future voluntary return of Burundians refugees from Tanzania, Rwanda, DRC and Uganda, the RCO has started a coordination mechanism with UNDP, UNHCR which are working on an Early Recovery, durable solution and resilience at community level action plan. The plan will propose concrete and context adapted solutions around displacement of people in Burundi at the Humanitarian stage.

In accordance with the United Nations Secretary General's decision on Durable Solutions to Displacement: to develop guidance for field-based practitioners on how to develop a strategy for supporting durable solutions for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees returning to their country of origin Burundi has now an operational technical working group headed by the Ministry of social affairs and co-led by UNHCR and UNDP.

### **The workshop:**

With the financial and technical support from our office, UNDP, UNICEF and UNHCR we are launching the Burundi Durable solution Workshop on the 27th, 28th, 29th of April. The workshop will ensure a common understanding of challenges and opportunities, and enable appropriate planning towards durable solutions in support to IDP, and returnees once they return to their communities.

The objectives of the workshop are: 1) Improve understanding of policies and principles, at Global, Regional and local level on durable solutions; 2) Identify risks and the main obstacles to achieving sustainable solutions in Burundi; 3) Make commitments and build partnerships for the development of humanitarian Early Recovery and development strategies; 4) Provide strategic guidance for the development of the Plan of Action for durable solutions and community resilience.

### **The revision of the national strategy of reintegration and the Action plan:**

Following exchanges with the working group on sustainable solutions, it has been agreed to revise the national strategy incorporating the recommendations from the evaluation of the National Strategy of reintegration (201/14) and adapt to the current context sustainable solutions and propose coping mechanisms at the community level and prepare a joint action plan that will guide the implementation of the strategy review.

### **Support from the RC:**

- 1) Ensure that the HCT understands the strategic importance of the DS workshop and that concrete and active participation is assured.
- 2) Opening and closing speech to the DS workshop (We will provide with a DRAFT that will include a statement from UNICEF, UNHCR and UNDP)
- 3) UN Communication coverage of the event, including a press release at the beginning and at the end
- 4) Partners engagements.