

Inclusive jobs and education for forcibly displaced persons and host communities

A joint partnership to support access to resilient labour markets through decent work and inclusive economic growth



Context: the forced displacement crisis

The world is witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. In recent years, the forced displacement crisis has increased in scale and complexity. There were over **68.5 million** forcibly displaced persons, of whom about **28.5 million were refugees and asylum-seekers** (UNHCR, 2019). **Eighty-five percent** of the world's displaced people are in developing countries.

As displacement has become increasingly **protracted**, the responses are becoming more focused on durable solutions to support more dignified, inclusive and comprehensive programmes for refugees and the communities that host them. **Self-reliance** and **empowerment** need to be facilitated, and **social cohesion** needs to be strengthened.

While forcibly displaced persons face specific vulnerabilities (including psychological trauma, lack of opportunities, protection risks, etc.), host communities also struggle to pursue their own development efforts in an environment that has been transformed by a large flow of newcomers. Therefore, more **economic opportunities**, associated with improved **access to jobs and services** (such as education and some protective services) are key to the successful management of such situations – for both forcibly displaced persons and host communities.



A partnership to maximize synergies and leverage comparative advantages

Partners include: the Government of the Netherlands, International Finance Corporation, International Labour Organization, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund and the World Bank.

The Partnership has a four-year initial time horizon (2018-2022). Financially supported by the Netherlands, partners will join their efforts to develop a **new paradigm in responding to forced displacement crises**, particularly through the involvement of development actors. It aims to help transform the way governments and other stakeholders, including social partners and the private sector, respond to forced displacement crises, including by:

- enhancing the enabling environment for **socio-economic inclusion**;
- improving access to **education** and **child protection** for vulnerable children on the move;
- strengthening the **resilience** of host communities.



ILO's approach: a comprehensive, holistic and integrated programme of support



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Supports enabling environments to:

- underpin inclusive socio-economic growth and decent work;
- strengthen labour markets;
- promote access to improved working conditions and fundamental rights at work.

Involves the tripartite national constituents.

Stimulates labour market demand and immediate job creation through:

- employment-intensive investment;
- local economic and business development;
- promotion of specific value chains and market systems.

Brings expertise on technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and on the recognition of prior learning for certifying the skills of refugees to better ensure access to the labour market.

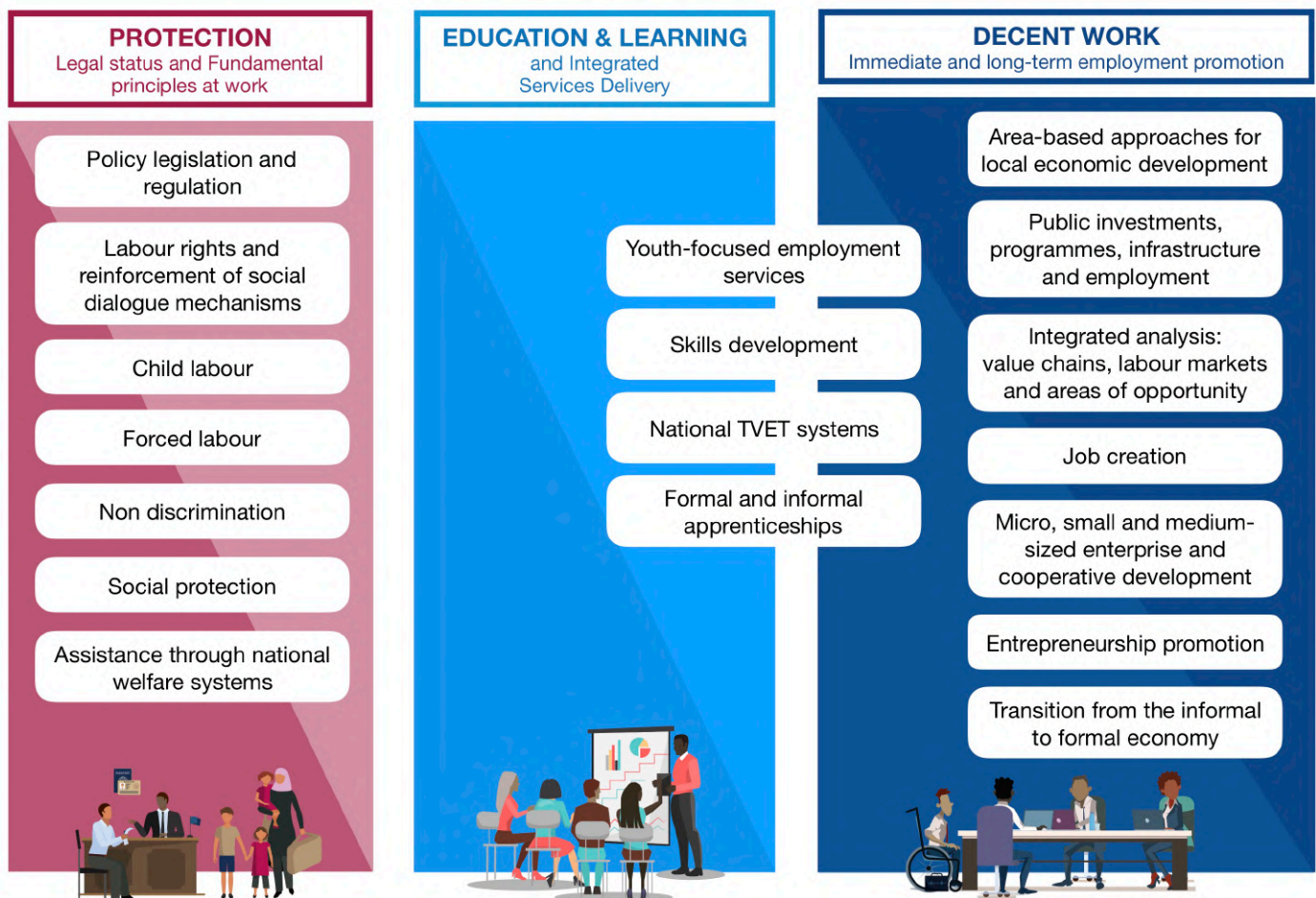
ILO's approach is premised on **comprehensive, holistic and integrated** programmes of support for the strengthening of labour markets, business development and protection environments.

Interventions are rooted in **international labour standards** with a strong normative agenda and tripartite approach, where social dialogue among real economy actors drives its work.

Three pillars: Protection, Education and Work

The Partnership will be focused on three broad areas that are critical for forcibly displaced persons to overcome their specific vulnerabilities and for host communities to pursue their own development agenda in a transformed environment: **protection and legal status - education and learning - jobs and social protection.**

Some of the key elements of **ILO's contributions** to each of the three pillars include:



A targeted set of priority areas

The programme will coordinate activities in two regions, encompassing eight countries.

Middle East and North Africa

Egypt - Iraq - Jordan - Lebanon

Horn of Africa

Ethiopia - Kenya - Uganda - Sudan

Bottom-up approach: the Partnership will be grounded on results-based and country-led approaches. It attempts to accelerate efforts towards sustainable solutions for countries confronted with situations of forced displacement, including refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). It aims to develop and implement evidence-based solutions, tailored to each context – as well as to test and learn from innovative, operational solutions.

National ownership: the approach aligns with national development strategies and inter-agency response plans.



"We need to make sure that when the ILO for example intervenes to provide market access for refugees, that we also have very much in our minds the needs of host communities, which are already suffering from frequently difficult labour market conditions and high levels of unemployment."

Guy Ryder,
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