

Core Group of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees Support Platform

Terms of Reference

Background

The GCR provides that “[e]ach Support Platform would benefit from the leadership and engagement of a group of States to mobilize contributions and support, which may take different forms.”

States with a commitment to sustained support for the realization of the SSAR are invited to express their interest in becoming members of the Core Group. The *Modalities of the Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) to Support Voluntary Repatriation, Sustainable Reintegration and Assistance to Host Countries* provide that “[t]he SSAR Support Platform will involve those partners who demonstrate sustained engagement and solidarity with the Afghan refugee situation and who intend to make concrete commitments in support of the SSAR, with emphasis on additional contributions.”

Given the importance of this role, Core Group members are requested to ensure their sustained and continuing engagement with the SSAR and the Support Platform in the medium- to long-term.

Scope of Engagement

In addition to their concrete commitments in the areas of financial, political, material and/or technical assistance, Core Group members will undertake the following activities:

- Mobilize diverse stakeholders, including non-traditional donors, development agencies, bilateral development actors, international financial institutions, civil society and the private sector, in support of the operational priorities of the SSAR;
- Galvanize more predictable and sustained financial, political and technical support, with emphasis on additional contributions;
- Raise awareness and visibility of the Afghan refugee situation and of the impact of relevant solutions responses including through visits to selected field locations in the host countries and in Afghanistan;
- Support the convening of solidarity events, campaigns and conferences;
- Seek to ensure that the overall coherence of humanitarian and development investments contributes to the achievement of solutions for refugees;
- Initiate joint cross-border initiatives that enable solutions and resilience;
- Contribute to and host technical-level meetings to review (1) progress under the three pillars of the SSAR, and (2) progress on the commitments made by supporting States and other partners;
- On an annual rotational basis, co-host the High-Level Meeting of the Support Platform, in cooperation with one member of the Quadripartite Steering Committee;
- With Secretariat support, provide feedback on the proposed agendas and activities of the Support Platform.