Assessing the Development-Displacement Nexus in Regional Protection Policies: Study on Refugee Protection and Development

Background
In the context of the current development of the Global Compact on Refugees, as well as the recent experience of the Jordan Compact, responses to large-scale refugee crises and the potential of development approaches are key areas of potential study. Policy makers are (re)examining policy options in the context of forced migration, protection and development, based on the priorities and challenges all stakeholders involved are facing.

With this in mind, this OPEC Fund for International Development-funded study aims to assess potential policy options, with the goal of clarifying and incorporating the needs and priorities of relevant stakeholders, not least refugees and the countries hosting them. The study therefore aims to enhance policy-relevant knowledge on the potential of protection policies to support durable solutions and resilience-based development. The study seeks to provide an assessment of viable policy options to address the development-displacement nexus for protection in the Middle East region.

Country and comparative research
Research and analysis are focused on the Middle East region, and will employ both secondary desk research and primary research in Lebanon and Turkey with relevant stakeholders. This includes policy makers and public officials, representatives of international organisations, civil society stakeholders, humanitarian organisations and academics.

A final comparative assessment study will bring together and analyse the results gathered from desk research on the Jordan Compact, as well as desk research and fieldwork from Lebanon and Turkey. This final study aims to identify relevant policy options, as well as to provide lessons for potential development-focused approaches to displaced populations in Lebanon and Turkey.

All research and analysis of policy options will be led by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), but validated by key experts and stakeholders in the field.

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