

## **Information sheet**

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Armed attacks and insecurity in Burkina Faso's have seen more than 115,000 people uprooted from their homes. ©OCHA

**100 million people** forced to flee their homes in the past decade.

**Forced displacement has almost doubled** since 2010.

**Many of the world's displaced people** are in countries or territories affected by acute food insecurity and malnutrition.

**More than 3/4** of the world's refugees are caught up in situations of long-term displacement.

**85% of refugees** are in developing countries.

### **Background to the Lives in Dignity Grant Facility**

In the past decade, the forced displacement crisis has increased in both scale and complexity. In just ten years, the global population of those forcibly displaced rose from 42.7 million in 2007 to 68.5 million in 2017. According to UNHCR's Mid-Year Trends Report 2021, global displacement looks set to exceed 84 million by mid-2021, an increase from 82.4 million reported at the end of 2020, with 85 per cent of those displaced being hosted in developing countries.<sup>1</sup> The impact of climate change is likely to accelerate the scale of this crisis.

Most displaced people exist in a limbo that is economically insecure, psychologically traumatic, and devoid of a planning horizon. Host communities are themselves frequently overburdened, under-resourced and overwhelmed by the influx.

Today, the protracted nature of forced displacement has rendered current models of displacement management largely ineffective. Humanitarian assistance, designed only to be used as a short-term measure at the outset of a crisis, has locked forcibly displaced populations into a cycle of reliance and dependency that does not address the long-term needs of either displaced populations or host communities. Stronger cooperation between development and humanitarian actors can result in more effective and lasting protection and greater self-reliance for those affected by forced displacement.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Mid-Year Trends Report, 2021](#), UNHCR, 2021

<sup>2</sup> [European Commission Brussels, 26.4.2016 COM \(2016\) 234 final Communication from The Commission to The European Parliament, The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of The Regions](#)

## The LiD Grant Facility in Numbers

2

In years, the minimum duration of projects funded.

5

The number of thematic areas on which the LiD Grant Facility focuses.

17

The number of SGDs (all of them) that direct the work of the Facility.

27

The number of countries targeted in the first two calls for proposals.

2021-2025

The timeframe for projects to be undertaken.

500k-2m

In Euros, the size of grants that the LiD Grant Management Facility allocates.

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## The Lives in Dignity Grant Facility

The EU-UNOPS Lives in Dignity (LiD) Grant Facility was founded in 2020 by the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA). The purpose of the Facility is to efficiently and effectively channel funding to promote development-oriented approaches to new, recurrent and protracted displacement crises, focusing on early operational engagement.

### What we want to achieve

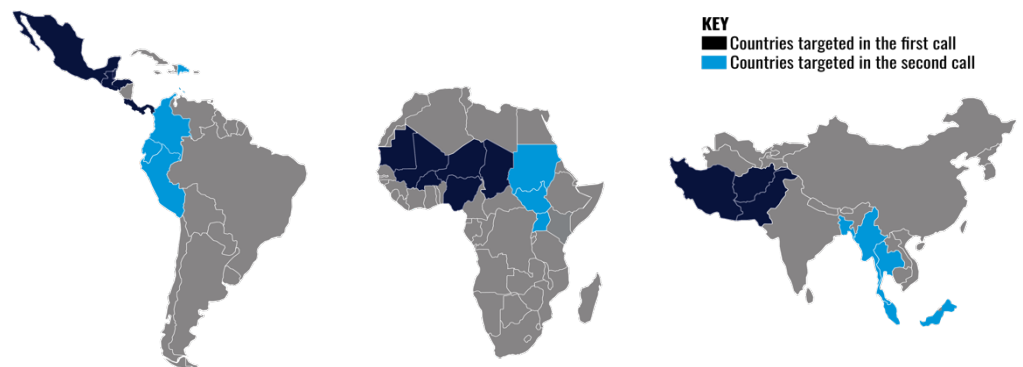
The expected impact of the LiD Grant Facility is that **refugees and other displaced persons are productive members of their host communities and participate in furthering their common resilience, socio-economic growth and development.** To this end, the LiD Grant Facility will allocate €24m between 2021 and 2025 to a diverse group of implementing partners. The strategic priorities for the Facility are:

- Early engagement of development-led approaches to forced displacement.
- A needs-based rather than status-based approach, including all displacement affected populations.
- A coherent and complementary approach with strong synergies between all partners.

The Facility focuses on five thematic areas: 1) **economic livelihood development**; 2) **spatial planning, housing and settlement**; 3) **integrated service delivery** (health, education, water and sanitation, energy); 4) **protection in development**; and, 5) **addressing disaster and climate-related human mobility.** All projects funded address at least two of these thematic areas, have a strong humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach, focus on innovation, and comprise a partnership between at least two entities, including at least one local actor.

### Where we work

The Facility operates at the global level, focusing on regions in **Asia**, the **Americas**, and **Sub-Saharan Africa** affected by important forced displacement situations. Projects are being funded through two calls for proposals, the first of which was issued in June 2021, the second of which will be launched in November 2021.



### How we hope to enable a learning environment

The Lives in Dignity (LiD) Grant Facility considers **harnessing the power of learning and innovation crucial** to providing the best possible support for displacement-affected persons. To this end, we have committed to ensuring that learning be a key output of those projects funded and have initiated a localized network of learning structures to enable the sharing of learning across those regions in which its funding is targeted. Additionally, the Facility has accepted invitations to participate in a number of key communities of practice that focus on learning and developing knowledge platforms related to forced displacement and development. More details about the Facility's learning and innovation will be available soon.

For more information about all of the projects funded and application details for the second call for proposals, visit the [Lives in Dignity webpage](#).