



# Global Refugee Forum

## ODI Pledge

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### **Strengthening the evidence for the economic inclusion, social protection and wellbeing of displaced families and communities**

Forced displacement is a key global challenge, and through ODI's cross-disciplinary programmes and our role managing the Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence consortium, we commit over the next four years to maintain a priority research focus on children, youth and adults affected by displacement.

ODI commits by December 2027 to undertake at least 15 high-quality research initiatives to provide evidence that supports the economic inclusion, social protection and wider wellbeing of individuals, families and communities who are affected by displacement. The aim of the initiatives will be to inform the policies, programming and financing of national and international responses in contexts of forced displacement. A particular focus is to ensure that displacement responses build appropriately on the diverse priorities, capabilities, initiatives and lived realities of those within displacement-affected communities.

ODI's research initiatives will cover a broad range of topics including – but not limited to – the inclusion of displaced populations in national social protection, care, education and training programming; policies and programmes that support displaced people's own livelihoods strategies and that promote their health and multidimensional wellbeing; effective displacement responses in the context of the climate crisis and rapid urbanisation; and the development of positive public narratives to facilitate refugee and other migrant inclusion. Geographically, we will continue to promote research and knowledge exchange across various regions including Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa, Asia and Europe.

Through our research and policy recommendations, we will seek to highlight the rights and perspectives of diverse groups within displacement-affected communities, with a particular focus on groups that are frequently marginalised on the basis of their gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and/ or other characteristics. We will draw attention to the experiences and needs of displaced individuals over the course of their lives, including the specific realities faced by displaced children, adolescents and youth.

We will also strive to centre the perspectives of displaced individuals and communities in our research design and implementation, building on ODI's broader commitment to decolonise our research and ways of working.