



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly Third Committee**

GA Third/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 Climate change related natural disasters disproportionately impacting low-income Member States,

2 Forced evictions and unhoused populations,

3 Internal conflict, political unrest, and nonstate actors,

4 The Coronavirus Infectious Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, of which the Assembly has committed to  
5 providing vaccinations, testing and treatments for all individuals, including refugees and IDPs,

6 1. *Emphasizes* peaceful negotiations among and within Member States, regardless of conflicting beliefs;

7 2. *Further emphasizes* potential for exponential economic affluence for the African region, and the prioritization  
8 of developing Member States sovereign lands;

9 3. *Strongly concerned* with the UNHCR's failure to adequately distribute allocated budgets through expenditures  
10 to aforementioned regions which specifically, in financial year of 2020, UNHCR distributed only:

11 (a) 35% of the Operation Budget for Somalia;

12 (b) 36% of the Operation Budget for Ethiopia;

13 (c) 55% of the Operation Budget for Kenya;

14 (d) 47% of the Operation Budget for Sudan;

15 (e) 45% of the Operation Budget for Uganda, and;

16 (f) Similar figures across Operation Budgets for West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa  
17 and Great Lakes, and Southern Africa regions;

18 4. *Recommends* that UNHCR commit to an increase in the portion of distributed Operation Budget expenditures  
19 by a minimum of 15% each fiscal year (FY) above 2020 levels, until full budget allocation is achieved, beginning  
20 no later than FY 2023, for West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes and Southern Africa  
21 regions;

22 5. *Further requests* UNHCR to continue robust increases in expenditures following changes in allocated  
23 budget following FY 2020;;

24 6. *Reaffirms* that in the full realization of the right to development:

25 (a) The right to shelter is a basic human right, and emphasizes the urgent need for Member States  
26 to urgently implement national and international strategies to provide this right;

27 (b) Health is essential for sustainable development, and the Assembly requests all Governments to  
28 take reasonable measures to achieve the realization of the right to such services;

29 (c) Education is also an essential factor for the political, social, cultural and economic development  
30 of all people;

31 (d) Access to employment is critical in providing continued access to shelter, health, education and  
32 other general livelihood necessities, and that it is the interest of all Member States to provide opportunities to work  
33 within their Member State;

34 7. *Takes note of* challenges currently facing refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and Internally Displaced  
35 Persons (IDPs), including proliferations in:

- 36 (a) Climate change related natural disasters disproportionately impacting low-income Member States;  
37 (b) Forced evictions and unhoused populations;  
38 (c) Internal conflict, political unrest, and nonstate actors;  
39 (d) The Coronavirus Infectious Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, of which the Assembly has  
40 committed to providing vaccinations, testing, and treatments for all individuals, including refugees and IDPs;

41 8. *Strongly encourages* Member States of West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes  
42 and Southern Africa regions to utilize expenditures for labor integration programs such as:

- 43 (a) Education, specifically focusing on language based classes;  
44 (b) Vocational Training; specifically individualized integration plans involving language courses fi-  
45 nanced by the European Social Fund;  
46 (c) Healthcare, including vaccination against COVID-19 and advising the reinforcement of aid to-  
47 wards awareness of sexual and reproductive health rights and to support family planning in the region;  
48 (d) Housing;  
49 (e) Infrastructure, including roads, broadband, clean water, electricity and other basic physical and  
50 organizational structures and facilities;

51 9. *Strongly recommends* the integration of refugees into the informal economy, through similar integration  
52 programs as for the formal sector, seeing as that is a major part of African countries' economies;

53 10. *Strongly requests* Member States of West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa and Great  
54 Lakes, and Southern Africa regions to recognize refugee's right to repatriation, should they choose so and to utilize  
55 expenditures for such programs;

56 11. *Also encourages* Member States of these regions to utilize expenditures for climate resistant and sus-  
57 tainable infrastructure;

58 12. *Recommends* UNHCR provide additional funding for the Independent Audit and Oversight Committee,  
59 established in 2011, emphasizing distributing Operation Budgets;

60 13. *Further recommends* the Independent Audit Oversight Committee files an annual report which will detail  
61 progress in executing the contents of this resolution;

62 14. *Encourages* members of the African regions to consider increased cooperation on the grounds of trade  
63 following successfully increased expenditures;

64 15. *Declares accordingly* the integrity of African region importance in combating international supply-chain  
65 shortages caused by COVID-19 pandemic;

66 16. *Recommends* emphasis on cooperative trade agreements following successful labor integration of refugees,  
67 migrants, asylum seekers and IDPs;

68 17. *Urges* that funds and aid be allocated wisely;

69 18. *Affirms* the benefits of supervision and the reporting of how funds are used in order to increase trust  
70 from donors and the efficacy of their use;

71 19. *Establishes* a platform for Member States to report on the implementation of labor integration programs,  
72 including information on:

- 73 (a) Educational attainment, such number of students currently enrolled in programs, graduation  
74 rates and employment after graduation rates;  
75 (b) Economic growth, such as GDP growth attributed to labor integration;  
76 (c) Trade prioritizations, such as quantity of products shipped to Member States, and increased  
77 transparency of negotiations with Member States on export policy;  
78 (d) Other essential data;

79           20. *Strongly urges* that this reporting system be enacted through independent commissions within each  
80 Member State, with sponsorship and funding provided by UNHCR;

81           21. *Implores* the United Nations to acknowledge the disparate impacts caused in part by influxes of displaced  
82 persons to neighboring countries and encourages Member States to establish policies that ensure quality of life for  
83 refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and IDPs;

84           22. *Reminds* Member States in Latin America, North America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific and  
85 Europe that commitments in supporting labor integration policies will be looked favorably upon by members of the  
86 African regions;

87           23. *Further reminds* the aforementioned Member States that labor integration has the capacity to provide  
88 increased economic and social affluence internationally through enhanced cooperation of trade;

89           24. *Invites* assistance from other Member States including Latin America, North America and the Caribbean,  
90 Asia and the Pacific and Europe;

91           25. *Calls upon* Member States outside of the European Union to increase their financial and humanitarian  
92 support.

Passed, Yes: 29 / No: 3 / Abstain: 10