

Evaluation of UNHCR's Approach to Economic Inclusion and Self-Reliance in Urban Areas

Summary of the Scope and Process

What Is This Evaluation About?

UNHCR has commissioned an independent global evaluation to better understand how its work in urban areas supports refugees' economic inclusion and self-reliance. As forced displacement becomes increasingly urban, there is a growing need to understand what approaches are most effective in helping refugees access rights, services, and economic opportunities in cities.

The evaluation focuses on UNHCR activities that are directly linked to enabling refugees' economic inclusion and self-reliance in urban areas. Its objective is to generate insights that can inform UNHCR's future policies, strategies, and programming in urban contexts. It examines what is working well, where challenges persist, and how UNHCR can best position to advance sustainable responses in concert with other actors.

What Questions Does It Seek to Answer?

- How coherent is UNHCR's urban response on economic inclusion with recognized standards and how well does it reflect the lived realities, priorities and needs of refugees and asylum-seekers?
- How and how well has UNHCR leveraged existing systems and partnerships, strengthened public institutions and contributed to better enabling conditions for the economic inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in urban areas?
- In what ways has UNHCR contributed to improved access to rights and services relevant to economic inclusion and economic opportunities for refugees in urban areas?
- To what extent did UNHCR contribute to an improved socio-economic and work-related protection situation for refugees?

What is the Geographic Focus and Approach?

The evaluation covers the period 2021–2025. It includes a set of case studies across different regions, combining in-country missions (Ethiopia; Morocco, Niger; Peru) and remote research (Costa Rica; Greece; Nigeria; Rwanda; as well as UNHCR Headquarters, Regional Bureaux, and external stakeholders). It comprises a mix of document analysis, analysis of quantitative datasets, interviews with key informants and focus group discussions with refugees.

Timeline



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