

## WOMEN AS THE BENEFICIARIES AND ACTORS OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

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### CALL FOR ACTION

#### Parliamentary Roundtable Session Outcome:

1. We acknowledge the significant lack of specific regulations regarding women and children, the gaps between international law and domestic legal regulations, and the problems of implementation in the existing regulations.
2. Refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons, especially women and children, are particularly vulnerable to various forms of violence, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, trafficking, discriminations, and the loss of spouses, children and homeland. Thus women need psychological support as well as the fulfillment of basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and health services.
3. Women organizations should play a more active role especially in providing assistance to women with difficulties in disclosing their needs to men.
4. Refugee camps may only serve a temporary purpose, as isolation is not a sustainable solution. The aim should be the social integration of the refugees in the host society or a safe return to their home society.
5. Trainings should be provided to refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons, by state and non-state actors, in order to enable their social integration and sustainable self-sufficiency.
6. Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons should be informed about their legal rights through awareness raising programs.
7. Media should avoid hate speech and thus facilitate understanding between the host community and the refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons and create a sense of belonging amongst the latter groups.
8. Regional collaborations at state and civil society level, should be made in order to provide sustainable solutions for refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons.

#### In the light of the above observations we, as parliamentarians, put forward the following call for action:

1. Small action committees/groups involving women parliamentary members, journalists, activists and others in influential positions, especially in corporate sector, should be organized in order to address humanitarian, social and economic integration of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced women for a sustainable solution.
2. Parliamentary members in the host countries should be the voice and representative of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons, as well as their citizens.
3. For the Public-Private-Partnership to be strong and effective, the private sector should adopt a clear orientation for action, key performance indications, and a monitoring mechanism.



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4. To ensure a long term vision for humanitarian assistance, a closer link between humanitarian responses and national development plans should be developed.
5. Knowledge about women's rights, and especially the rights of mothers, should be integrated into the educational system from primary school to university in every country.
6. The needs for protection among refugee women, as well as older and disabled women, should be evaluated, and they should be consulted regarding improvements of their daily life.
7. Women are the positive actors of change, therefore their participation in the decision-making process and their self-sufficiency should be ensured by providing them with the adequate resources.

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