

# Refugee Protection and International Migration

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## *Effective Protection of Refugees from risks of Trafficking and Smuggling*

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# Refugees within Mixed Migration flows



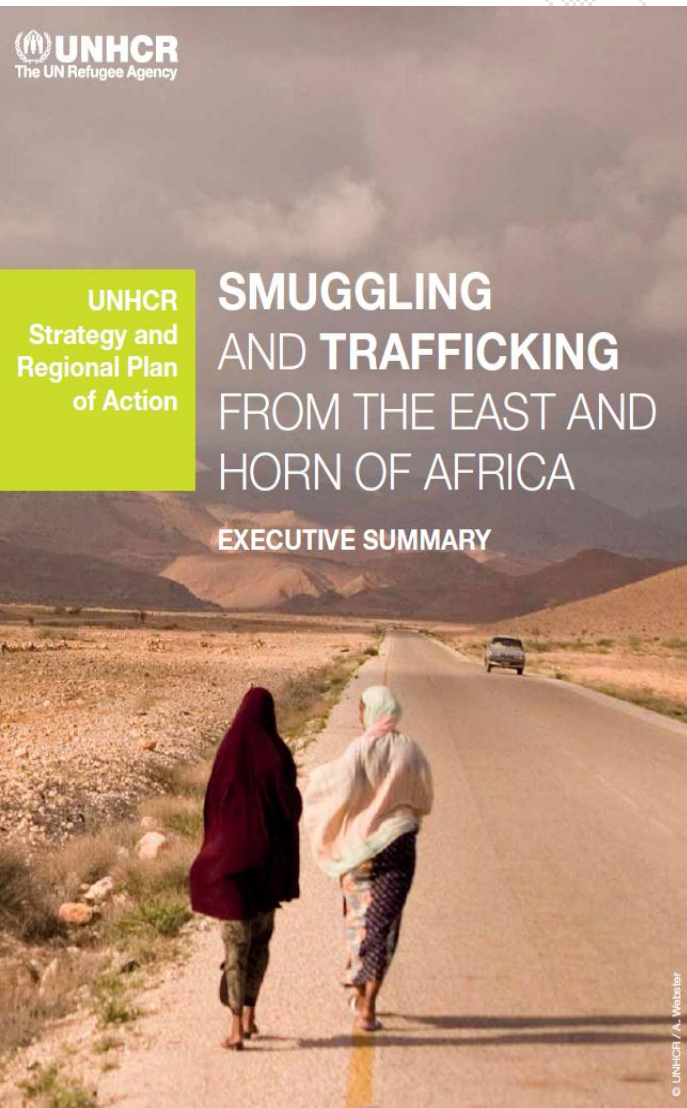
- **Increased wars and conflicts** and **protracted refugee situations**
- **Movements of refugees and migrants are increasingly interconnected**
- **Onward movements** in search of protection and solutions
- **Identification** of refugees and asylum-seekers and their **access to Asylum procedures**
- **Protection needs including vulnerabilities** (victims of trafficking, unaccompanied children, statelessness, etc.)

# Refugees within Mixed Migration flows..contd



- **Inadequate** mechanisms for regularized and safe **access to asylum** compel refugees to use smugglers to flee to safety
- **Smuggling** and **trafficking in human beings** prevalent across migratory routes
- Enhanced vulnerability of refugees to **exploitation, abuse and violence**
- **State responses** to trafficking and smuggling need to encompass refugees
- **Significant gaps remain as the issue falls between mandates requiring support for UNHCR partners to bridge data, information & analysis gaps**

# UNHCR's Approaches on Trafficking & Smuggling



- As part of a **broader international response**, UNHCR becomes involved:
- When Smuggling and TIP impacts **refugees, returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and stateless persons**
- To **prevent** them from becoming victims and to **address** the needs of victims
- For holistic response, **referrals of** victims not in need of asylum but with international protection needs, is made to actors that can provide them with support and assistance
- Focus is upon **prevention, identification, protection/ assistance** and the search for **durable solutions**.
- **Direct Operational response is key, requiring resources for speedy impact**



# Case Study on the Horn and East Africa

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- **Involvement in Regional Processes and targeted interventions:**

- ✓ **Collaboration to address the information gap** - Mixed Migration Task Forces and Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat (RMMS).
- ✓ **Strategy and Regional Plan of Action Against Smuggling and Trafficking from East and Horn of Africa.**
- ✓ Regional ***Live, Learn and Play Safe*** multi-year project - until end 2014 enabled over 5000 children to enjoy improved protection.
- ✓ **African Union** related initiatives including the Khartoum Process
- ✓ Global Inter-agency mechanisms including ICAT

- **Support, guidance and best practices:**

- ✓ **UNHCR's 10-Point Plan of Action on Refugee Protection and International Migration**
- ✓ In-country protection capacity building
- ✓ Global Strategy Beyond Detention 2014-2019
- ✓ Guidelines on Temporary Protection or Stay Arrangements, etc.