ADSP
Asia Displacement Solutions Platform

ADSP STRATEGY

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Advancing durable solutions for displacement-affected communities across Asia

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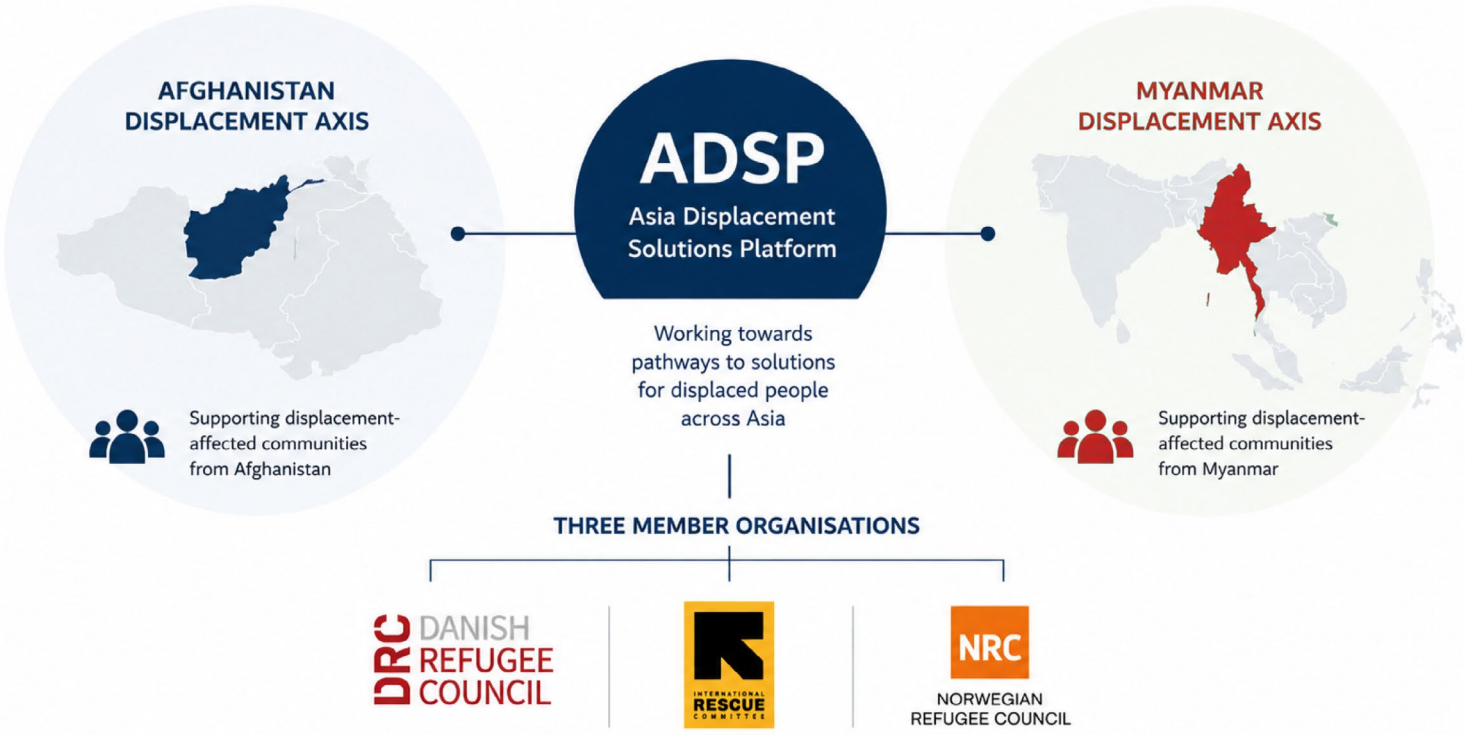
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WHO WE ARE

Across Asia, as of July 2026 some 17.6 million people are forcibly displaced or stateless [1], including more than 11.5 million from Afghanistan and Myanmar — the region's largest and most protracted displacement situations.

The Asia Displacement Solutions Platform (ADSP) is a regional initiative established in 2018 to respond to the increasing number of people displaced who do not have adequate protection or access to durable and dignified solutions. With a focus on the Afghanistan and Myanmar displacement axes, ADSP draws on the operational experience of its three member organisations — the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) — to identify and work towards strengthening regional policies and practices that enable displaced people to access their rights in a predictable and sustainable way. ADSP's goal is to advance pathways to solutions that extend beyond reliance on humanitarian assistance.

As a regional platform, ADSP adds value that individual agencies or organisations working in single contexts cannot easily add: convening stakeholders across displacement axes, identifying patterns and lessons that transcend specific situations, and making the case for coordinated, evidence-informed approaches at the regional and global levels.



1 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 2025, *Refugee Data Finder: Population Statistics – Asia and the Pacific*, UNHCR, https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/data-summaries (as of July 2026)

THE CHALLENGE

Across Asia, millions of people displaced from and within Afghanistan and Myanmar are unable to access the rights, services, and opportunities needed to rebuild their lives and access durable solutions to their displacement. While voluntary return, local integration, and resettlement remain the internationally recognised durable solutions, they are inaccessible for the majority of displaced people within the region. Declining humanitarian and development funding, increasing political constraints, shrinking civic space, mounting social and economic pressures on host countries, and worsening climate impacts have made durable solutions more difficult to achieve.

In Afghanistan, around 3.2 million people are internally displaced, while Iran and Pakistan continue to host some 3 million Afghans seeking protection.[2] Pressures to return have intensified in recent years, often in conditions unconducive to sustainable reintegration. In Myanmar, approximately 3.8 million people are internally displaced, while over 1.6 million refugees and asylum seekers are hosted across the region, primarily in Bangladesh, Thailand, Malaysia, and India — including nearly 1.2 million Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh who are effectively stateless.[3]

Despite immense challenges, progress is possible. Realisation of durable solutions must begin well in advance of a formal solution becoming possible. Accordingly, pathways to solutions such as access to legal status, public services, education, livelihoods, and protection are essential to helping displaced people build safer, more dignified and self-reliant lives while creating stronger foundations for future solutions.

Progress requires collective action across governments, civil society, and the communities most affected. Host governments, displacement-affected communities, civil society, humanitarian and development actors, donors, academia, and regional institutions all have important roles to play.

VISION

ADSP envisions a region where displaced people are protected, included, and empowered to live safely and with dignity, with equitable access to rights, services, durable solutions, and the agency to shape their own futures.

MISSION

Through research and evidence generation, policy influencing, convening, and capacity strengthening, ADSP works with local, national, regional, and global actors to advance practical and rights-based approaches to durable solutions for displacement-affected communities in Asia.

CROSS-CUTTING LENSES

GENDER & INCLUSION
Promoting equality, protection and meaningful participation.

CLIMATE, DISASTERS & DISPLACEMENT
Integrating climate resilience, disasters and environmental considerations.

LOCALISATION & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
Empowering local actors and elevating the voices of communities.

2 UNHCR, Afghanistan Situation, UNHCR Operational Data Portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/afghanistan (as of 1 July 2026).

3 UNHCR, Myanmar Situation, UNHCR Operational Data Portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/myanmar (as of 1 July 2026).

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

1 Inclusion in National and Local Systems

2 Self-reliance

GOAL 1
Greater Inclusion

Improving legal status, documentation and inclusion in services, systems, and decision-making.

GOAL 2
Greater Self-Reliance

Removing barriers and expanding opportunities for economic and social participation.

GOAL 3
Stronger Actors for Durable Solutions

Strengthening knowledge, partnerships and community leadership to advance sustainable solutions.

HOW ADSP DELIVERS CHANGE

RESEARCH & EVIDENCE for POLICY INFLUENCING

Generate and share rigorous evidence to influence policies and systems for rights-based solutions.

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Strengthen skills, systems, and local leadership for lasting impact.

CONVENING & COORDINATION

Bring actors together to build dialogue, trust, and collective action.

PROGRESS TOWARD DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Better outcomes for displacement-affected communities.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ADSP focuses on two mutually reinforcing priorities to support the creation of pathways towards durable solutions.

Inclusion in National and Local Systems

Inclusion in national and local systems means that displaced people can access similar rights, services, and economic opportunities as the non-displaced population. Displaced people should have access to legal status, documentation, education, healthcare, social protection, and other key services through national and local systems wherever possible. ADSP believes that greater inclusion reduces vulnerability, strengthens protection, and creates the conditions for durable solutions.

Self-Reliance

Self-reliance enables displaced people to meet their essential needs with dignity while strengthening their agency, resilience and participation in local economies and communities. Supporting self-reliance requires more than livelihoods programming. It depends on enabling legal and policy environments, access to services, financial inclusion, and opportunities to participate fully in society.

OUR STRATEGIC LENSES

Three cross-cutting lenses shape how ADSP generates evidence, influences policy, convenes stakeholders, and strengthens capacity across both priorities.

Gender & Inclusion

Gender and inclusion shape the questions ADSP's research asks, how its data is disaggregated, and whose voices are prioritised in policy engagement.

Climate, Disasters & Displacement

Asia is one of the most climate- and disaster-exposed regions in the world. ADSP examines how related factors drive and compound displacement, and what this means for solutions.

Localisation & Community Leadership

Displaced and host communities have the most direct stake in durable solutions, and often the most grounded understanding of what is impactful.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1

Displacement-affected communities in Asia have greater inclusion in national and local systems, supporting progress towards more durable solutions to displacement.

Goal 2

Displacement-affected communities in Asia have greater capacity for self-reliance, including economic inclusion, as part of their pathway to durable solutions.

Goal 3

ADSP members, partners, and displacement-affected communities are better equipped to advance durable solutions in their contexts.

HOW ADSP SEEKS TO DELIVER CHANGE

ADSP contributes to collective action by generating evidence, convening stakeholders, and strengthening the capacity of governments, practitioners, and communities to advance durable solutions in their own contexts. ADSP works with authorities, regional processes, humanitarian and development actors to influence practice and policies that expand rights, inclusion and self-reliance.

Research and Evidence Generation: Producing practical, policy-relevant evidence that supports more effective approaches to durable solutions.

Capacity Strengthening: Building the knowledge and skills of governments, practitioners, civil society organisations and displacement-affected communities to advance durable solutions in their own contexts.

Coordination and Convening: Bringing together diverse stakeholders across countries and sectors to strengthen collaboration, facilitate regional learning and promote collective action.

Working With Us

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Advancing durable solutions in Asia requires collective action. ADSP welcomes engagement from governments, donors, civil society, displaced communities, academia, and regional and multilateral institutions who share its commitment to rights-based, evidence-informed approaches to displacement.

To learn more about partnering with ADSP, please visit our *website* and *contact us*.