



Iraq

Committee: United Nations Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

Agenda: Potential solutions for the problem of refugee crises in Ukraine

For the past few years, the world's discouragement has been shifted to the flow of refugees to all over the world. The causes for refugee crises are wars, civil wars, environment and climate change and economic hardship.

The main cause of refugee crises in Ukraine is the Russia-Ukraine war. The war affected Ukraine's economy too. About 12 million people have fled their homes since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The current crisis in Ukraine has created the greatest refugee surge to OECD countries since World War II. According to UNHCR, since the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation began in February 2022, it led to over 5.3 million refugees across Europe.

Iraq also supports refugees as Iraq is having refugee camps where Syrian families are living. There are about 260,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq. Iraq also helped Syria by joining the Syrian civil war on behalf of the Syrian government and helped eliminate the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant within the country. Iraq has also faced the refugee crises and Iraq understands Ukraine's situation.

Iraq shall suggest these solutions for refugee crises in Ukraine:

I. Integration

Local integration is one of the most realistic durable solutions available for refugees in Ukraine. Key areas of UNHCR Ukraine to facilitate local integration are:

- i) (to streamline the legislative framework and create a favourable protection environment to enable refugees' socio-economic integration);
- ii) development (self-reliance grants for self-employment)
- iii) Vocational training (assistance with skills training)
- iv) Employment (assistance with job search and collaboration with the Employment Centres)
- v) Ukrainian language trainings

As UNHCR Ukraine also cooperates with state authorities and several line ministers to ensure favourable conditions for local integration

2. Voluntary repatriation : Voluntary repatriation is one of the durable solutions for refugees and asylum seekers offered by UNHCR.

3. Resettlement.

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