1. What is the Shirika Plan?

The Shirika Plan is the Government of Kenya's strategy aimed at shifting the refugee hosting model from a humanitarian to a development-oriented approach while fostering the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and host communities.

2. What does 'Shirika' mean?

Shirika is a Swahili word that means **coming together.**

3. Will Shirika Plan grant Refugees Kenyan Citizenship?

No. The Shirika plan is not a pathway to citizenship.

4. What is meant by refugee inclusion?

These are efforts to ensure host communities and refugees have equitable access to economic opportunities, education, healthcare, and other social services.

5. What are integrated settlements?

Integrated settlements are areas where host communities and refugees will live together in shared spaces with equitable access to social services, including health, education, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), housing, and infrastructure, and energy.

6. Will food assistance stop under the Shirika Plan?

No, food assistance is part of humanitarian assistance. The Shirika Plan envisages social protection measures for vulnerable groups within refugees and host communities.

7. Who is going to benefit from the Shirika Plan?

The Shirika Plan will benefit both host communities and refugees through inclusive service delivery. For refugees, the Plan will promote meaningful inclusion in national systems and services, enabling them to participate more effectively in the economy, access opportunities, and contribute to national development.

The plan seeks to promotes equitable benefit sharing ensuring investments and services benefit both refugees and host communities equally.

8. Does the Shirika Plan give refugees preferential treatment?

No. It promotes equal access to services and opportunities for host communities and refugees.

9. Which counties are targeted by the Shirika Plan?

The Plan targets refugee hosting counties including Turkana and Garissa counties.

10. Will Shirika Plan create jobs?

One of the Plan's key objectives is to increase access to livelihoods, entrepreneurship, skills development, and employment opportunities for self-reliance of host communities and refugees.

11. Can refugees work or start a business?

Yes. Instead of relying entirely on humanitarian aid, the Plan promotes access to work and business. However, refugees are required to comply with Kenyan laws and regulations governing employment, business registration and taxation.

12. Will the camps be closed?

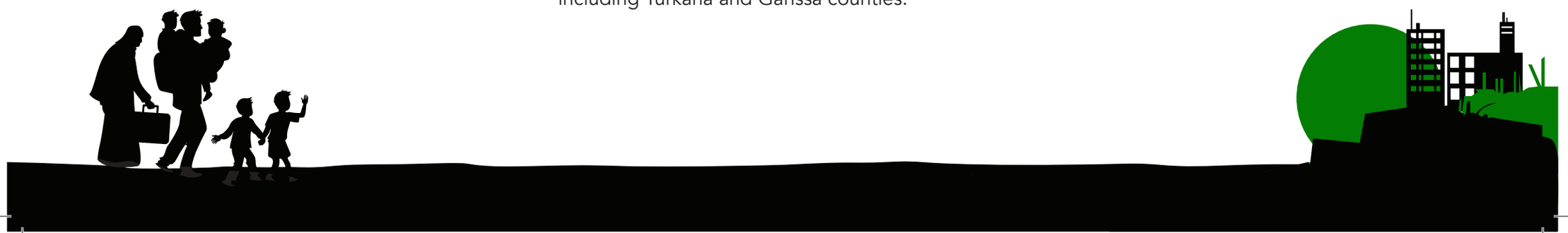
No, the camps will not be closed.

13. Will refugees take jobs from host communities?

No. The Shirika Plan aims to promote economic opportunities for both refugees and host communities.

14. Will refugees take our land?

No. Land ownership by both host communities and refugees is guided by Kenyan laws.



15. What are the rights and responsibilities of refugees under the Shirika Plan?

The Shirika Plan seeks to promote refugee's socio-economic rights such as education and healthcare. Refugees are expected to abide by Kenyan laws and contribute positively to their communities.

16. Does Shirika Plan give freedom of movement to refugees?

Yes. Refugees will be able to move outside designated areas with a movement pass issued by the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs.

17. Will refugees stay in Kenya forever?

The Shirika Plan seeks to empower refugees to be self-reliant in preparation for other sustainable durable solutions such as voluntarily return when the situation in their countries of origin improves. The Plan also advocates for increased resettlement opportunities.

18. Will the Shirika Plan stop refugees from being resettled to third countries?

No. The Plan recognizes and advocates for more resettlement opportunities as one of the durable solutions available to refugees.

19. What is the role of county Governments in implementing the Shirika Plan?

The County governments are key to delivering devolved services, including health and agriculture. The Shirika Plan supports sustainable resource mobilization and capacity strengthening to enhance counties' ability to provide quality services to both refugees and host communities.

20. Who will fund the implementation of the Shirika Plan?

The Shirika Plan will be financed through a whole-of-society approach in the spirit of burden and responsibility sharing. Successful implementation of the plan will depend on predicable and sustainable financing by the international community, multilateral and bilateral agencies, private sector, and other funding channels.

21. Where can I get accurate information on the Shirika Plan?

One can get accurate and up-to-date information on the Plan on the DRS Website (www.refugee.go.ke) or send your queries to shirikaplan@refugee.go.ke or call +254 020 440 5057.

One can also visit the DRS headquarters or field offices.

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