**MEMBERS OF UNHCR’s EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STATES PARTIES TO THE REFUGEE AND STATELESSNESS CONVENTIONS**

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### South Sudan


### Total Parties

- **147**
- **92**
ACRONYMS

3RP Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan in response to the Syria crisis
AAP Accountability to affected people (for UNHCR)
AU African Union
BIMS Biometric Identity Management System
CAR (the) The Central African Republic
CBIs Cash-based interventions
CBP Community-based protection (approach) (for UNHCR)
CCCM Camp coordination and camp management (Cluster)
CERF Central Emergency Response Fund
COP 24 24th United Nations Climate Change Conference
CRIs Core relief items
CRRF Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework
DAFI German Albert Einstein Academic Scholarship Programme for Refugees
DFID Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
DRC (the) The Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (UN)
ERCM Emerging Resettlement Countries Joint Support Mechanism
EU European Union
ExCom Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)
GSP Global Strategic Priority (for UNHCR)
HALEP High Alert List for Emergency Preparedness
HIV and AIDS Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee
ICT Information and communications technology
IDA International Development Association (World Bank)
IDP Internally displaced person/people
IFRC International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IGAD Intergovernmental Authority on Development
ILO International Labour Organization
IOM International Organization for Migration
JPO Junior Professional Officer
LGBTI Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex
MSB Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency
MTVF Multi-year, multi-partner (for UNHCR)
NCA North of Central America
NFI Non-food items
NGO Non-governmental organization
OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)
ODA Official Development Assistance
OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSCE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
QAI Quality assurance initiative
RBM Results-based management (for UNHCR)
RRP Refugee Response Plan
RSD Refugee status determination
SDC Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDG Sustainable Development Goal(s)
SGBV Sexual and gender-based violence
SIDE Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
UN Women United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNDAF United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
UN-Habitat United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNICEF United Nations Children’s Fund
UNV United Nations Volunteers
UPR Universal Periodic Review (by the Human Rights Council)
USAID United States Agency for International Development
WASH Water, sanitation and hygiene
WFP World Food Programme
WHO World Health Organization

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Five-year-old Somali refugee Filsan looks out from her home in Dadaab, Kenya, with her three-year-old sister Sundus. The siblings were born in Ifo refugee camp and the elder has ambitions she is already trying to fulfil through school.
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