

Regional Responses to the Global Compact and Learnings for South Asia (Working Title)

The Global Compact on Refugees and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework have set out to create a paradigmatic shift in the way in which the international community comes together to respond to refugee crises. This includes better cooperation and support to countries for sharing the responsibility of refugees, providing conditions for refugees to build dignified and secure futures, and working towards resolution of protracted conflicts and displacement situations.

The success or failure of this new normative approach is dependent on the buy in of national governments and other stakeholders such as humanitarian organisations and private businesses. There have already been attempts at operationalising the Global Compact through regional frameworks and compacts such as the Jordan Compact and The Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS). In this paper, I aim to study these regional frameworks and examine the policies and practices through which they seek to realise the vision and politics embedded in the global framework. I will also attempt to tease out learnings and examples which may constitute the normative foundation and practical beginning of a similar policy response in the South Asia region, which is the site of multiple forced displacements.