

# \* Case of Pakistan

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- \* Historically Pakistan had been hosting more than 4 Million Afghan refugees in addition to a significant number of undocumented Afghans
- \* Registered Afghan Refugees in Pakistan 1,435,026.
- \* Overall 4,382,019 refugees have voluntarily repatriated to Afghanistan since 2002 to Afghanistan.
- \* Majority of the refugees population living in hosting communities



## \* Refugees Info

- \* Own Population
- \* Dependence on Natural Resources
- \* Low performing economy
- \* Increasing rent of housing both for local population as well as refugees
- \* Law & Order situation
- \* New influx of refugees after taliban take over of afghanistan 117,547 new refugees arrived till 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



\* **Defining the challenges**

- \* Lack of funding for refugees from donors
- \* The Funding requirement by UNHCR is US\$ 129 Million which is only 17% funded with a gap of 83%.



\* **Defining the challenges**

- \* Neighboring countries
- \* Government.
- \* Hosting communities
- \* UNHCR
- \* Donors
- \* International community

# \* Stakeholders Analysis

- \* Same language of Refugees with Hosting communities in KP and Balochistan
- \* Social Acceptability and communal hospitality
- \* Pakistani Government services provided to refugees without discrimination
- \* Same culture/ Social Cohesion: Cross cultural acceptance, cross marriages
- \* Entrepreneurial nature of Afghan Refugees
- \* New businesses, New skills in Music, Carpet weaving, new popular Dishes



\* **Existing Good Practices**

- \* Free mobility for refugees across the country
- \* RAHA (refugees Affected Hosting area) Program, increasing the asylum space



\* Existing Good Practices

- \* Free of cost Primary Education/ALP for out of school children
- \* Scholarships like DAFI, for university graduates and their job placements
- \* Livelihoods opportunities for refugees to reduce dependence on assistance



\* **Innovative  
approaches**



- \* Access to global markets for Pakistani industry so that the economy can provide jobs to local communities and refugees
- \* Investment in the economies of both country of origin and country of asylum
- \* Investment in the skills set which is relevant to local, regional and global economies
- \* Incentivizing the hosting arrangements through improved diplomatic support and market access

**\* Way forward**

\*Share your thoughts with us

\*Thanks