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Discrimination against Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Returnees is a significant issue that affects their rights and opportunities.

To avoid such discrimination, it is essential to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their legal status, have equal rights and freedoms under international and domestic law. This includes the right to request and receive protection and humanitarian assistance from authorities without facing persecution or punishment for such requests.

## Asylum-Seekers



Flee their homes and claim they are refugees, but their status has not yet been definitively determined.

Government and Security Actors must not commit any act of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

Prevention of  
Sexual Exploitation  
and Abuse





They must treat the vulnerable, elderly, women and children with special care.



They should be object of special respect and should be protected in particular against rape and any other form of incident assault/abuse



The Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement provide a framework for the protection and assistance of IDPs emphasizing the need for equal rights and freedoms for all internally displaced persons. These principles are consistent with the international human rights law and humanitarian law and they apply to all authorities, groups and persons irrespective of their legal status.

It is crucial to disseminate and apply these principles widely to ensure that IDPs are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination.

Government and Security Actors must protect the rights of IDPs/FDPs, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Returnees and Treat all Persons with Dignity, Fairness and Impartiality.

Refugees, IDPs, Migrants... What is the difference?

## Refugees



Flee their homes,  
cross an  
international  
border, and cannot  
return because they  
fear their lives  
are in danger.

## IDPs



Flee their homes  
for the same  
reasons as  
refugees, but have  
not crossed an  
international  
border.



Government and Security must take into consideration the views of IDPs/FDPs, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Returnees before taking any decision on any matters concerning them.

