



# Key issues on the transition from informality to formality in forced displacement contexts

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# Why address barriers?

Humanitarian-  
Development nexus

Dignity in service  
delivery (less  
dependency)

Kenya as a  
CRRF country -  
KISEDIP

Integration of  
refugees and  
host  
communities

Community  
Participation in  
development

# Legal Framework

- (International) 1951 Refugee Convention
- (Regional) 1969 African Union Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa

Kenya is a signatory to both laws

# Framework cont.

- (Local) Refugee Act (2006)
- Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations, 2012

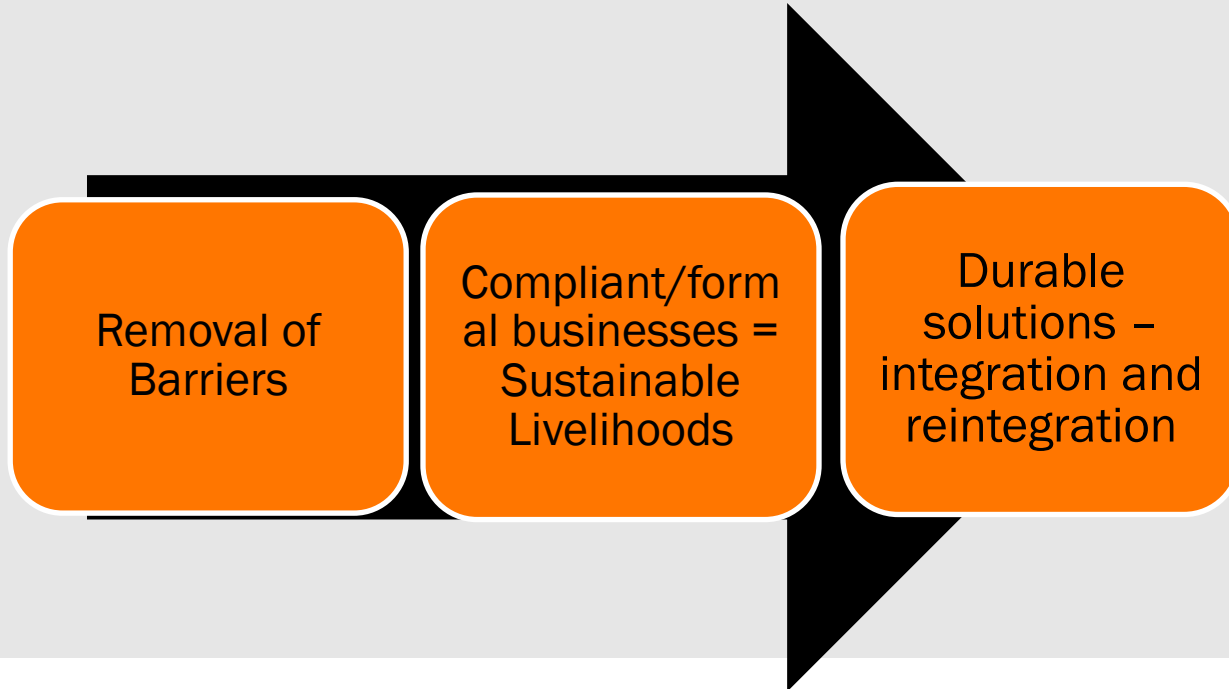
## THEORY VS PRACTICE

Refugee access to work permits is limited = refugees working in informal sector

# Barriers to formality at a glance

- Lack of/limited awareness on relevant laws/procedures and access to business development services – illegitimate entities
- Cost of business permit rates – unachievable for refugees
- Different approach for refugee business persons with disabilities – limited privileges/benefits
- Freedom of movement restrictions – limited competitiveness
- Restriction from registering community groups - illegitimate groups

# Role of NRC



# NRC Priorities

- Increased access to business development documentation support – business permits
- Support towards the registration of refugee-led groups – CBOs and SHGs
- Discussions around freedom of movement restrictions for entrepreneurship/work
- Enhancing access to civil and legal documentation
- Formalization of access to business premises procedures
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities



# Recommendations

- Concerted efforts toward advocacy initiatives – engaging variety of actors to progressively address barriers, legal and policy influence (County and National levels)
- Practical application of KISED P –integration, freedom of movement
- One-stop shop for business development and related services
- Increased awareness on business development procedures/services

**QUESTIONS PLEASE**