

The Global Compact on Refugees and Ethiopia's Pledges Analyzing Progress in Gambella Region

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Following the adoption of the Global Compact on Refugees by the UN in 2018, an initiative to address refugee problems in a more predictable manner and ease burden on host nations, the government of Ethiopia formulated, in line with the compact, a number of national pledges and revised its main refugee regulations.

This research attempted to find out if there is a conducive policy environment in Gambella regional state, one of the main refugee hosting regions of the of the country, and whether the implementation of the pledge is progressing as expected.

With the help of qualitative study methods, a questionnaire was developed, and field research was carried out in Gambella region accordingly. It was learned that, while the Global Compact on Refugees has a potential to improve refugee protection and ease the burden of hosting refugees for local communities, the programme in Gambella region lacks community participation, economic component of the GCR is missing and the provision of basic social services needs to be upscaled. Equally important, it was concluded that more contextual approaches need to be researched and applied for a better result.