

Regenerative solutions in refugee camps and settlements Documentation & Key Insights

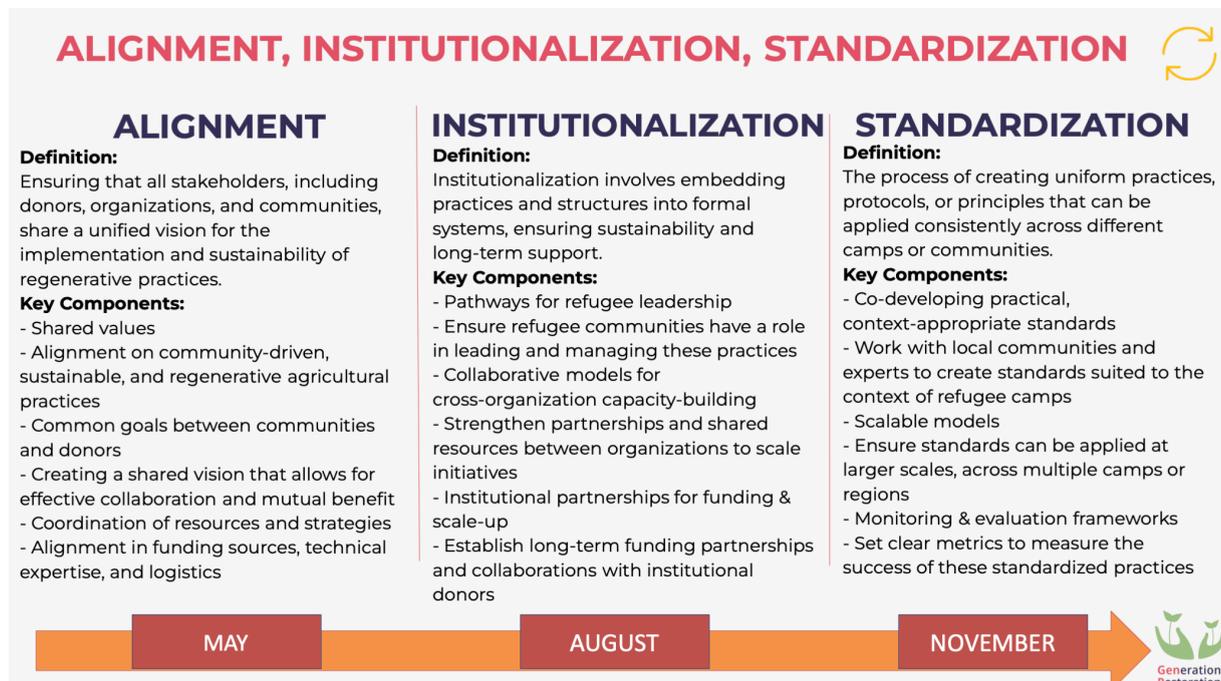


“What if we could transform refugee camps into regenerative communities?” - GenR

Summary

On February 20, 2026, Generation Restoration e.V. hosted an online roundtable with GRO members with extensive experience in the collaboration with IOs. The roundtable concluded the series' focus on standardization and, thereby, concluded its series with GROs as the focus group. Upcoming roundtables will integrate the IO perspective and, hence, GenR will get into discussions and reflections with a new focus group.

The roundtable series took the last step in standardizing approaches across refugee settlements which is intrinsic to GenRs strategy of providing social and financial capital to advance from scaling up to standardization and, ultimately, business development. Scaling has been a recurring theme in previous roundtables. Participants were therefore reminded of the highlights from the previous roundtables, which were gathered by two working groups that discussed [seed production and conservation](#) as well as [impact assessment and scaling](#). Furthermore, we discussed the first and second step in standardization: alignment and institutionalization. Within the alignment portion of the roundtables, participants identified key challenges and solutions for [coordinating resources and strategies](#), as well as [assessing early donor involvement](#). During our August 2025 session, we have turned an eye towards institutionalization, meaning the way of working with institutional donors. In November 2025, we talked about how to standardize across the GROs on which we elaborated further in this February 2026 roundtable.



The goal of this roundtable was to conclude the GRO focus and to tackle remaining questions on standardization.

Therefore, the guiding questions have been as follows:

1. *Which practices, protocols and principles could be applied consistently across different camps or communities for more regenerative practices?*
2. *What hinders the consistent application of practices, protocols and principles...? and sharing these with one another?*
3. *What should International Organizations (IOs) do MORE/LESS of, from grass-roots organizations (GROs) perspective?*

To these questions, the following answers have been gathered through previous shared documents as well as within the plenum session:

Which practices, protocols and principles could be applied consistently across different camps or communities for more regenerative practices?

- Awareness Campaigns (land is not fertile; seeds need to be conserved...)
- Implement groups for exchange in camps
- Implement continuous virtual exchanges
- Peer learning circles
- Training and knowledge exchange
- Value addition and market identification

What hinders the consistent application of practices, protocols and principles...? and sharing these with one another?

- Travel costs, food provision
- Language barriers
- Culture and belief differences
- Lack of communal space
- Lack of incentives, which makes it difficult to share insights with another organization
- Competition
- Zoom and other services to meet online are only accessible to some people

What should International Organizations (IOs) do MORE/LESS of, from grass-roots organizations (GROs) perspective?

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What should IOs do MORE/LESS of (from GRO perspective)?

<u>MORE</u>	<u>LESS</u>
help to ensure that issues reach government and donors	being bureaucratic (as governments usually are)
help to build capacities for GROs to monitor human right situation and to pull out the most significant impact of interventions (sharing lessons learned, not just normal reporting with funds utilization)	implement interventions which do not meet refugees' needs
help to get more agencies for funding from other countries (e.g. Europe, USA) for GROs - physical connections - for US-partners: Fiscal Sponsorship 501c	create dependence on short-term projects
create opportunities for youth participation - direct membership of GROs e.g. in conferences - specific invitations	consume funds by expats and humanitarian consultants
partner for education and livelihood projects	
amplify women leadership in CBOs (interventions are impactful and sustainable, for women are always there) e.g. gender approach by Hanns Neumann Stiftung - joint planning, joint decision-making, joint division of labour e.g. swiss women's league	



We'd like to express our deep gratitude to all who contributed to the roundtable discussion. This documentation is based on voluntary engagement of this diverse group. If you'd like to revisit the conversation in more detail, you can also find the recording of the roundtable under this [link](#). Thank you!

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Generation Restoration will host the next roundtable continuing with the focus on integrating a perspective from the IOs.

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