

## **IV. FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Refugee protection involves nowadays many challenges. Situations of tension leading to forced displacement are present worldwide, fuelled by the emergence of new actors and forms of persecution.

Refugee crisis tend to be cyclic in an environment whereby the humanitarian space is shrinking with increasing emphasis on security issues and migration control measures by States. Refugees are perceived as threats rather than persons in need of protection in various countries around the world.

Awareness raising activities should be promoted with hosting communities to realize that refugees are agents of change and factors of development. Commonalities of individuals and communities rather than differences should be underlined and differences should be seen as complementary assets. Mixed societies will be in a better position to benefit from and understand this dynamic reality where all of us are united and interconnected. This represents a higher responsibility for some individuals, societies and countries.

Every one of us can contribute to put an end to the cycle of forced displacement, affecting so many people around the world. Refugee protection is about knowledge, skills and particularly about attitudes. So, refugees and displaced persons count on your sustained support.

## **V. Bibliographic references**

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### *Footnote:*

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