Displacement Solutions (DS) is an international non-profit body, established in 2007, that provides rights-based and innovative strategies on protecting and restoring the housing, land and property (HLP) rights of the world’s growing displaced population.

DS aims to develop practical and durable solutions to assist in resolving situations of displacement in conflict, post-conflict and post-disaster settings worldwide.

DS also maintains the world’s only Registry of highly-skilled HLP rights experts who can be deployed at short notice around the globe to help find viable and creative solutions to displacement.

Access to the DS Global HLP Rights Expert Registry is available to UN and other international agencies. The Registry allows DS to provide high-quality and field-tested expertise, tools and human resources to enable all future post-conflict and post-disaster peace and emergency relief operations to be properly equipped to address the HLP rights challenges facing all countries in such circumstances.
How to Access the Global HLP Rights Expert Registry

If your organisation, agency, Government or other institution requires specific assistance on the full spectrum of housing, land and property rights issues in post-conflict or post-disaster situations, or those resulting from climate change, please feel free to request direct assistance from the Displacement Solutions Global HLP Rights Expert Registry.

Accessing the Global HLP Rights Expert Registry is easy:

**Step 1**
Simply write to info@displacementsolutions.org indicating in the subject line of your email the following: HLP Registry Request. In your request, please include whatever information you deem appropriate, in particular, the HLP issues you require assistance in resolving.

**Step 2**
DS will then respond promptly to your request, confirming that we have received it and seeking any further information we may need to successfully satisfy your request.

**Step 3**
Once we receive your second email, we will develop an internal plan of action, which will include the development of a proposed HLP Team specifically tailored to match the HLP challenges you face, and which can range in size from 1-6 persons depending on the issues concerned and the financial resources available. All Registry consultants are remunerated at competitive levels, are fully insured and supported by DS’s dedicated administrative and communications staff.

**Step 4**
DS will then write back to you with a detailed description of our proposed HLP Team and our proposals concerning time-frame and other logistical and contractual matters. Once these are mutually agreed, the DS HLP Team can be deployed at reasonably short notice. Deployment length will, of course, vary depending on local requirements and circumstances, the scale of HLP crises and local capacity to address these.

**Step 5**
The HLP Team will then deploy to the field or otherwise commence non-field work, such as a research project or training programme. Once on the ground, the HLP Team will immediately liaise with the local partner and begin work in accordance with the conditions agreed between DS and the requesting agency.

**Step 6**
The HLP Team completes its work and submits its report, plan or other documents it may have prepared to the Office of the Director of Displacement Solutions. The Director and DS staff will then carefully review the findings and recommendations developed by the HLP Team and finalise the documents concerned, which are then sent in final form to the requesting agency.
The Registry brings together over 100 experts with diverse areas of expertise, including:

- HLP rights and peace negotiation and mediation processes
- Post-conflict HLP legal sector reform and policy development
- Post-conflict HLP dispute resolution measures
- HLP restitution programmes, mechanisms, institutional and legal frameworks
- National HLP programming
- Compensation and reparations
- UN (and other) peace operations
- Post-disaster HLP rights recovery and renewal
- Disaster planning and risk reduction
- Women’s HLP rights issues
- Customary law governing HLP issues
- Cadastre, property registration systems and GIS technology
- Land administration
- Corporate responsibility and displacement
- HLP rights research and analysis
- HLP rights training

If you would like to request assistance from the Global HLP Rights Expert Registry or would like to discuss your agency’s needs in more detail, please contact Displacement Solutions at info@displacementsolutions.org

Additional information on DS’s Global HLP Rights Expert Registry is available on our website at www.displacementsolutions.org

We at DS look forward to working in collaboration with you to assist in improving the HLP rights situation wherever you work. Please feel free to distribute this message to others who may also be interested in requesting assistance from the Global HLP Rights Expert Registry.

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