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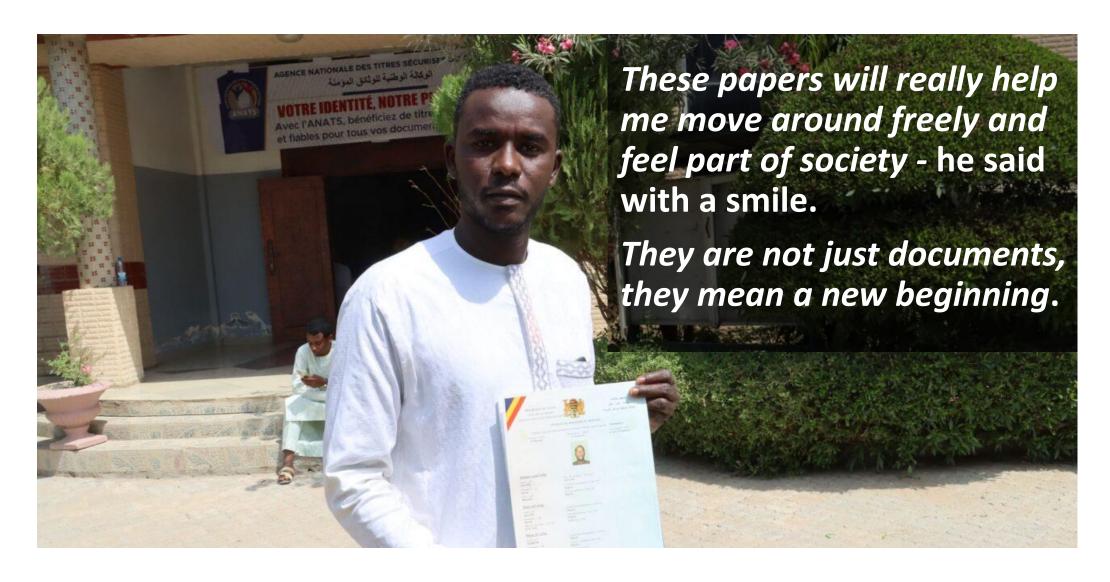
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# Building trust through identity Inclusion and mobility for refugees

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## **UNHCR**, the **UN** Refugee Agency, protects people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

- **UNHCR** works 130+ countries
- Emergency registration to longterm support
- Identity for refugees means protection, recognition and participation
- Digital transformation demands trust across systems and borders.



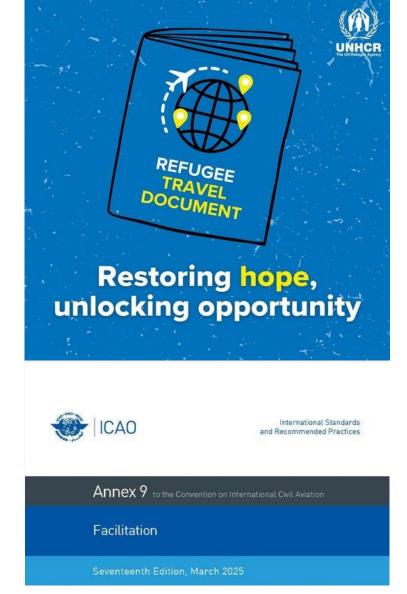


## **UNHCR Registration Mandate**

- Governments have primary responsibility and increasingly take a greater role in the registration of displaced populations
- UNHCR helps governments fulfil obligations under
   1951 Refugee Convention and bridges gaps
   governments cannot or will not meet
- UNHCR often plays a major role in **emergencies** to deliver of assistance and protection services
- Registration is designed to ensure identity continuity for all downstream processes including local integration, return, or resettlement.







- Annex 9: Travel documents must be machine readable
- While all national passports have achieved this standard, only 43% of ICAO member states are providing machine readable travel documents to refugees leaving 17 million refugees without access to a refugee travel document.
- For stateless persons, only 33% of ICAO member states provide a machine-readable travel document.

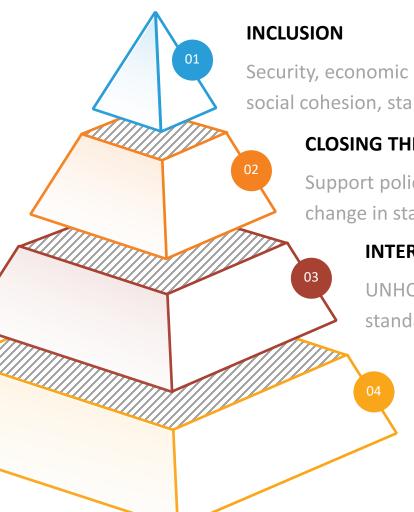




When refugees are safely and lawfully included in national identification systems, national identity authorities can issue trusted ID credentials with unique identification numbers, ensuring access to verifiable and trusted ID like any other habitual residents.







Security, economic benefits, social cohesion, stability.

#### **CLOSING THE MACHINE-READABLE GAP**

Support policy process and technology change in states

#### **INTEROPERABILITY BUILDS BRIDGES**

UNHCR, ICAO, State cooperation and standards-based development extends trust.

#### **IDENTITY MANAGEMENT**

Strong, trusted identity data is the foundation for inclusive systems and travel documents



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