Rapporteur’s report:
Panel 3: Universal Access, forced displacement and humanitarian situations

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Highlights

• Issues faced in contexts still affected by armed conflict, natural disasters
• Social and community networks fall apart
• Institutional presence and support break down (health, education and legal)
• Sexual violence and abuse common leading to much higher likelihood of contracting HIV
• Access to health systems and inclusion in national strategies severely compromised as a result
Barriers to Universal Access

- Loss of employment/livelihoods
- Focus on access to food, water, sanitation and shelter and basic needs
- Language/ethnicity/IDP/refugee status trigger discrimination
- Fear of accessing services – medical, security
- Inability to meet documentary/bureaucratic requirements
- Lack of respect for privacy of displaced persons in provision of services
- IDP/refugee PLHIV expelled from communities under threat of death
Examples of successful programmes or policies to address these barriers

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Conclusions and Recommendations

- Inter-sectoral approach (civil society, UN and Gov)
- Differentiated and sustainable approach in National HIV Response Plans
- Strategies at all levels to include prevention of sexual violence
- Ensure comprehensive services (prevention, treatment, care and support) are available to refugee/IDP camps or bureaucratic barriers are removed
- Livelihoods strategies to be linked-up to capacity building efforts among refugees/IDPs
- Include HIV focus in emergency contingency planning
- Advocacy at all levels with strengthening of local associations of PLWHA is key