

# University Corridors

Complementary pathways for Refugee Students

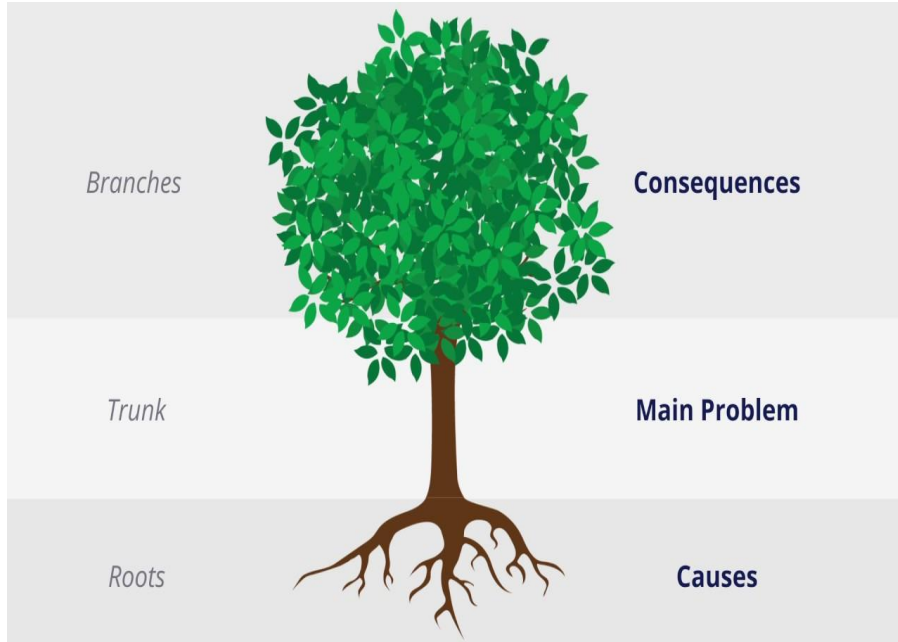
# The Global Compact on Refugees

The New York Declaration highlights the commitment to develop complementary and safe pathways for admission and to promote opportunities for refugees to be granted student visas and scholarships in EU Member States.

Id. Article 79.



# Only 3% ....



## Effects/Consequences:

- Right to Education denied
- Refugees missing opportunities for job integration
- Refugees with high education level are frustrated, unmotivated, inactive
- Public rhetoric defining refugees as “burden on society”
- Countries of asylum missing opportunities for new intellectual resources, cultural and economic growth

**Core Problem: Refugees’ Access to Tertiary Education**  
(only 3 % of refugees worldwide have access to University)

## Root Causes:

- Lack of High Education facilities in Refugee camps
- Lack of funds to afford Education costs by refugees
- Lack of documents (diploma certificates, degree, etc.)
- Trauma suffered, with consequent difficulties in studies
- Other priorities( job, housing, support children/relatives)

# UNICORE: University Corridors for Refugees

Pilot Project aimed at facilitating legal access pathways to Italy, to support refugees in continuing and completing tertiary education

## Beneficiaries

- that have been granted refugee status in Ethiopia
- are in possession of a first cycle degree from a university in Ethiopia
- Grade Point Average of at least 3.0

## Benefits

- legal entry in Italy with study VISA
- support in pre-enrolling at the Embassy of Italy in Ethiopia and related procedure
- flight tickets
- scholarship and accommodation
- engagement in the local student life and community
- Socio-legal and psychosocial assistance
- Promoting the process of job placement

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**2019**

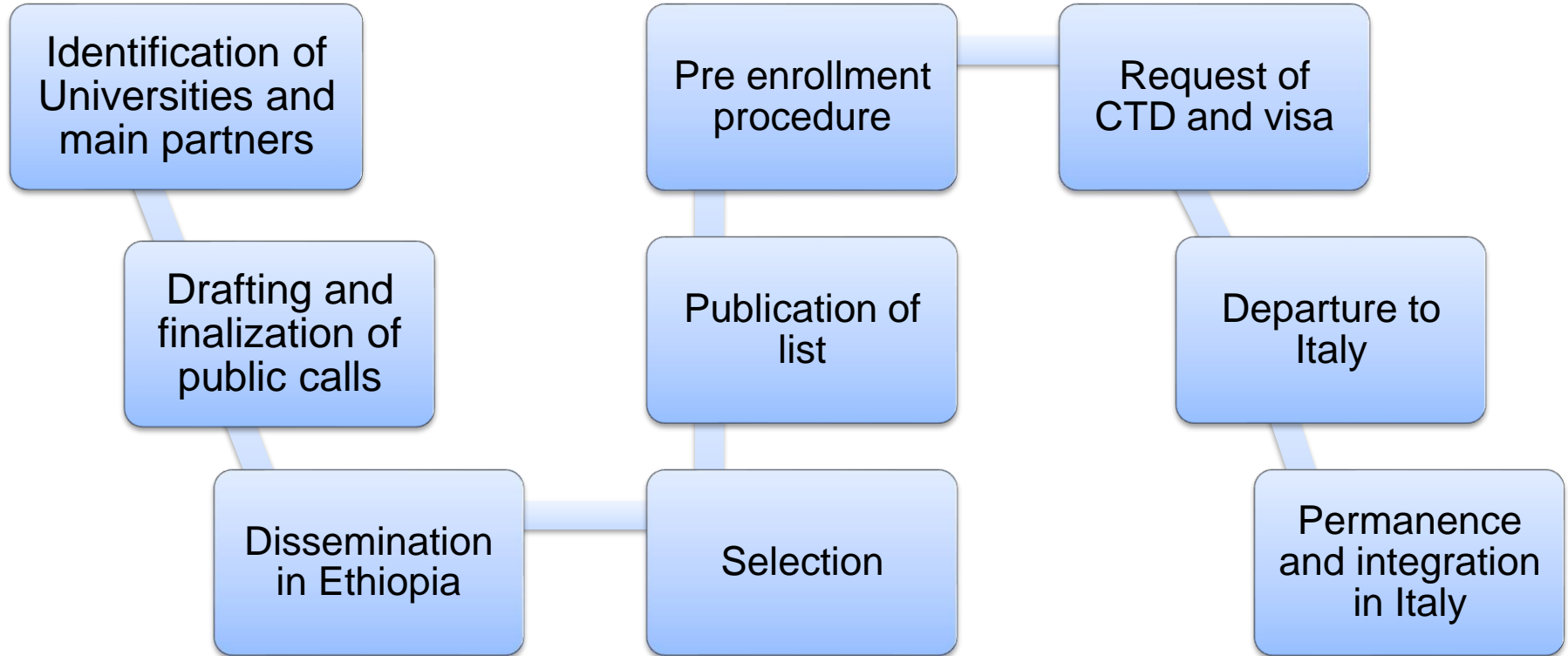
2 universities  
6 scholarships  
11 partners

**2020**

11 universities  
20 scholarships  
15 national partners



# Plan of actions



<https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>

# Protection considerations

- Legal status in the country of study
- Consequences if a refugee student decide to apply for asylum in the country of study
- Mentoring, academic or psycho-social support
- Option for employment in the country of study
- Right to family reunification
- To ensure, if possible, legal return to the first country of asylum
- Discrimination & Confidentiality

# Key reference documents

- UNHCR, Refugee Education 2030
- UNHCR, WUSC, UNESCO, Doubling our Impact, Third Country Higher Education Pathways for Refugees
- UNHCR, Higher Education Considerations for Refugees in Countries Affected by the Syria and Iraq Crisis
- The Three-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways
- Complementary Pathways for Admission to Third Countries – Key Considerations





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