# Annex 6B: Words and acronyms worksheet

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| **Acronym/ word** | **Common explanation** | **Translation / Local understanding and vocabulary** |
| APP | An application, typically a small, specialised program downloaded onto mobile devices |  |
| Asylum seeker | “When people flee their own country and seek sanctuary in another country, they apply for asylum – the right to be recognised as a refugee and receive legal protection and material assistance. An asylum seeker must demonstrate that his or her fear of persecution in his or her home country is well-founded.”[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |
| CBO | Community-based organisation |  |
| CSI | Coping Strategy Index  A series of questions that measure how vulnerable a household is. |  |
| Displaced person  IDP  (Internally displaced person) | Displacement can be a result of natural disasters (floods, volcanoes, landslides, earthquakes), environmental change (deforestation, desertification, land degradation, global warming) and human-made disasters (industrial accidents, radioactivity).  “An internally displaced person (IDP) is a person who has been forced to flee his or her home for the same reason as a refugee, but remains in his or her own country and has not crossed an international border. Unlike refugees, IDPs are not protected by international law or eligible to receive many types of aid. As the nature of war has changed in the last few decades, with more and more internal conflicts replacing wars among countries, the number of IDPs has increased significantly.”[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| Family  (immediate and extended) | **Check:** What is understood in this context – immediate family or extended family?  The assessment understands **immediate** family as your children, your parents, your grandparents, your brothers and sisters or grandchildren.  **Extended** family – or relatives – would be people beyond the immediate family, such as uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces etc. |  |
| Food consumption score | Following a series of questions that ask the household how frequently they eat certain food types, a score is given. The score is based on how diverse their diet is, how frequently the food is eaten, and the relative nutritional importance of different **food** groups eaten. |  |
| Food security | “People are considered food secure when they have availability and adequate access at all times to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.”[[3]](#footnote-3)  Food security analysis considers: food availability, food access (physical and economic) and food utilisation. |  |
| FGD  (Focus group discussion) | A discussion with eight to ten people who have something in common (age, gender, origins etc.) to discuss a topic in detail (livelihoods or protection, for example). |  |
| GBV | Gender-based violence |  |
| Host family | Host family supports the displaced family with shelter and basic needs. Some payment (in cash or in kind) may be given to the host family from the displaced family. Usually there is a family or historical relationship between the host and displaced family.  **Check:** What is understood in this context? Are host families an option for the displaced? |  |
| Host community | “A community that has not been or is no longer displaced which cohabits in close vicinity with displaced population.”[[4]](#footnote-4)  The community in which the displaced are living. |  |
| Household | By household we mean the individual, plus any other people (not necessarily family members), living at the same address and who share living expenses (food, rent etc.) and living spaces (such as sleeping, living, and cooking areas). |  |
| ICLA | Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance |  |
| IDP returnee | “IDP returnees are persons who have returned to their place of origin but still require reintegration assistance in order to reach a durable solution.”[[5]](#footnote-5) |  |
| KII | Key informant interview |  |
| NFE | Non-formal education  A loosely-defined term covering various structured learning situations that do not have the level of curriculum, syllabus, accreditation, and certification associated with formal learning. |  |
| PAD | People affected by displacement (displaced, host and surrounding residents) |  |
| Pooled resource household | A group of individuals (who are not family members) who live together and share the costs of living. They act as a household, but are not a household as they may not share all their resources and may not have the same plans. |  |
| Refugee | “A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.”[[6]](#footnote-6) |  |
| Refugee returnee | **Refugee returnees**are persons or a group of persons that have returned to their country of origin, voluntarily or involuntarily, and who are receiving assistance from NRC to reintegrate. Please note that for UNHCR, voluntary return means that refugees have reached a durable solution, ie a change in legal status. NRC may still provide reintegration assistance to refugee returnees despite the fact that they are no longer of concern to UNHCR. |  |
| Relatives | Not immediate family – uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces, etc. |  |
| Strategy | Strategies tend to be used by people / households and businesses to achieve a goal, or solve a problem, when there is uncertainty about the present or the future.  The assessment includes questions on: coping strategies, strategies for meeting household needs/ paying bills etc. |  |
| UMVAT | NRC’s multi-sector vulnerability assessment tool for urban displacement contexts |  |
| UNHCR | UN High Commissioner for Refugees |  |
| WaSH | Water, Sanitation and Hygiene |  |

1. Source: [www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee](http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee) [Accessed 17 June 2017]. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Source: Ibid. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Source: [www.wfp.org/node/359289](http://www.wfp.org/node/359289) [Accessed 17 June 2017]. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Source: ICLA Handbook NRC. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Ibid. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Source: [www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/](http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/) [Accessed 17 June 2017]. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)