In her Foreword to this issue of FMR, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, poses the question: Where do we go from here?

In the 20 years since they were launched, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement have been of assistance to many States responding to internal displacement, and have been incorporated into many national and regional policies and laws. However, the scale of internal displacement today remains vast, and the impact on those who are displaced is immense.

In this issue, authors acknowledge the applications and successes of the Guiding Principles while reflecting on their limitations, the challenges to their implementation, their relevance to contemporary incidences and different drivers of internal displacement, future challenges that might have to be faced, and the potential application of new understandings and new approaches.

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Front cover image: A young IDP walks through farmlands donated by Zannah Buka Mustapha to support more than 800 internally displaced families in Nigeria. Mr Mustapha founded the Future Prowess Islamic Foundation in 2007 in Maiduguri – the heart of the Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria. His school caters for orphans and IDP children and is based on principles of peaceful coexistence and gender equity. What started as a single classroom for 36 children now hosts hundreds of students, with more than 2,000 others awaiting a place.

Mr Mustapha also mediates between the Nigerian state and Boko Haram, including in the negotiations which resulted in the release of 103 of the kidnapped Chibok girls. His school has also enrolled children and orphans of Boko Haram fighters.

Zannah Buka Mustapha was the 2017 Nansen Refugee Award winner. UNHCR/Rahima Gambo