

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM 2019:

DEFINING OUR DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 2019 ONWARDS

BACKGROUND

The upcoming Global Refugee Forum (GRF) taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 18 December 2019, comes at an opportune time, as the number of refugees has doubled over the last decade, surpassing 25 million worldwide.

The Forum aims at translating the principle of international responsibility-sharing, which lies at the heart of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), into concrete actions. At the GRF, the international community will make pledges and commitments to advance the four key objectives of the Compact:



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- **Ease the pressures on host countries;**
- **Enhance refugee self-reliance;**
- **Expand access to third-country solutions;**
- **Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.**

The expected commitments will guide implementation of the GRF across countries and regions for the next four years. UNDP will turn its global commitments at the Forum into concrete actions and collaboration in countries and sub/regions.

OVERALL UNDP DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE: OUR AMBITION

As a key player on migration and displacement, UNDP is making commitments and contributions on sustainable development solutions for refugees and host communities. Using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework, UNDP has learnt lessons and refined its response to refugees and host communities' situations. **From 2020 to 2030, our mission** is to contribute to the international community's effort to prevent, protect and resolve forced displacement and refugee situations.

In line with the commitments at the World Humanitarian Summit 2016, UNDP is supporting the reduction of protracted displacement trends by half in about thirty refugee hosting, (potential) refugee origin and return countries¹.

To achieve this, we are adopting new ways of working: our plan is to strengthen our global partnerships with governments, UN-agencies, the private sector and civil society organizations, and to finalize and implement the

¹ **Africa:** Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan, Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. **Asia and Pacific:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. **Arab States:** Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, Somalia, Sudan, Republic of the Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen. **Europe and CIS:** Georgia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine. **Latin America and Caribbean:** Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Peru.

Migration and Displacement Marker (MIDIS Marker). UNDP sees the GRF as a great platform to deepen partnerships and make pledges and contributions. We also believe that the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Core Group on Nairobi Declaration for Somali Refugees, the 3RP, the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees and the UNHCR Joint Plan of Action are key instruments, platforms and initiatives to help us attain this goal.

UNDP is boosting its response by building on the existing success of the Global Programme on Rule of Law, Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention, and our SDG Integrator Role. UNDP will also further strengthen the scope and predictability of our programmes by pursuing new, innovative forms of financing and joint resource mobilization. Furthermore, UNDP aims to participate in the EU Facility for Refugee Lives in Dignity and also Migrant Union Initiative to accelerate progress and achieve our ambition.



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COMMITMENTS FOR THE 2019 GRF AND BEYOND: AREAS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

To turn our commitments into a reality, UNDP will work in close partnership with UNHCR as well as with national and local governments, justice, security and human rights actors, private sector, civil society and, most importantly, with host communities and displaced populations themselves.

We invite our development partners and donors to join our effort in the implementation of the following integrated solutions:

- Ensuring ***tailored development, prevention and peacebuilding approaches in addressing root causes of forced displacement in at least 20 countries.*** This entails more joined-up data and analysis, early-warning, regional and country programming supported by better financing that incentivizes much-needed collaboration across the board;
- ***Strengthening refugee solutions in 20 countries through the UNDP-UNHCR Rule of Law and Local Governance Partnership Framework.*** We will step up our efforts to strengthen capacities of local governments to prepare and respond to refugee inflows, support Rule of Law institutions, and improve access of refugees and host communities to justice, safety and security and human rights protection systems.
- ***Promoting decent work to drive forward the self-reliance of refugees. As part of the UNDP digital transformation that is currently underway, we will work with refugees and host communities in over 20 countries to build tomorrow's skills today.*** In particular, UNDP will coordinate innovative digital initiatives that foster the economic inclusion of refugees.

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