



2023 GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLEDGE

**Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons
in National Statistical Systems and Surveys**

EGRISS Members Briefing



Agenda

- 1) *Maja Lazic, Deputy Head of WB-UNHCR Joint Data Center*
 - *Background to GRF and pledging*
 - *Multistakeholder pledge on National Statistical Inclusion – The Scope*
- 2) *Natalia Baal, Head of EGRISS Secretariat*
 - *Multistakeholder pledge on National Statistical Inclusion – The Details*
- 3) *Helen Nviiri, Director of Population and Social Statistics, Uganda Bureau of Statistics*
 - *Country perspective – Why pledging at the GRF matters*

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED



What is the Global Compact on Refugees?

The GCR is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing that aims to support sustainable solutions to refugee situations through international cooperation. It provides a blueprint for governments and other stakeholders to ensure host communities are supported and that refugees can lead productive lives.

It has **four key objectives**:

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

It recognizes the **critical role of data** and highlights the value of nationally produced data informed by the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)



What is the Global Refugee Forum?

- A central arrangement of the GCR
- Held every four years (with the High-Level Official's Meeting in between)
- Brings together a many different actors who play a role in supporting refugees
- Is an opportunity for stakeholders to **share good practices** and **pledge financial support, technical expertise and policy changes** to support comprehensive responses for refugees and ultimately the objectives of the Compact.
- The first Forum took place in December 2019 and resulted in some 1,400 pledges.





What are pledges?

Pledges are commitments by States, organizations, businesses, academics and refugees themselves that advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

A multi-stakeholder pledge is:

- Large-scale, transformational, multi-year
- On behalf of a particular stakeholder group (or joint), around a common theme
- Clearly defined resource base, donorship, or financial instrument
- Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timebound



More about pledges...

- Pledges are made **online**
- Individual pledges can be “**linked**” to a multi-stakeholder pledge in the online form
- Pledges are made in the lead up to/around the Global Refugee Forum in **December**
- Pledges are included in an online **dashboard**
- Pledging partners are responsible for implementing commitments made and sharing **progress updates** with UNHCR (also through online form)



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Co-led by:

- UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC)
- Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS)



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WHAT IS THE SCOPE?

Pledges are international recognition of the efforts that countries are making to include refugees, internally displaced or stateless people in their national statistics.

Pledges should aim to increase the availability and improve the quality of data on forcibly displaced and stateless people through their inclusion in national statistics and the systems that produce them.

Pledges that include forcibly displaced and stateless people in statistics help to inform national policy development and implementation and inclusion of these groups in development programmes.



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WHO CAN SUBMIT?

Pledges to include refugees, internally displaced or stateless people in national statistics can be made individually or jointly by:

Governments – National statistics offices, agencies in charge of refugees, internally displaced or stateless people, international development...

Regional/intergovernmental bodies

International organisations/groups



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PREVIOUS ASSOCIATED PLEDGES

Builds on related pledges from the 2019 GRF and high level segment on statelessness:

Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Mali, Liberia, Chad, Bulgaria, Belarus and Republic of Tajikistan

Include statelessness in national censuses

Rwanda, South Africa, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Eswatini

Enhancing birth or civil registration and statistics for refugees and stateless persons

Uganda

Commitment to include refugees in national statistical systems



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EXAMPLE/POSSIBLE PLEDGES (see templates in guidance doc)

Showcase existing/ongoing work:

Armenia – integrating displacement into the 2022 Census using IRRS & IRIS

Somalia – developing a sectoral strategy on IDP statistics

Uganda – including refugees in the 2023 Demographic and Health Survey

Iraq – inclusion in national socio-economic survey using IRRS & IRIS

Making visible future commitments:

Mexico – Producing official statistics on IDPs & safely make accessible resulting microdata

Philippines – Including statelessness in the 2025 census using IROSS

AUC/Statafrik – Planned investments in statistical capacity in Africa in 2024-2027



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TIMELINE

Innovation Lab on Statistical Inclusion launched
Introduced to EGRISS members @ All Members Meeting

Outreach to Regional and International Organisations initiated (emails)

Global online meeting to take stock of progress & encourage participation

June 2023

Sept 2023

Dec 2023

Dec 2022

Aug 2023

Oct/Nov 2023

Internal UNHCR process launched through Regional Bureau & outreach to partners/national authorities in relevant countries

Briefing/update for EGRISS, EGRISS annual meeting – 20 members (today)
Member State briefing in Geneva (formal GRF briefing & Economic Inclusion briefing)
Donor outreach

Global Refugee Forum and dedicated side event (15th December) to launch results



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DISCUSS INTEREST TO JOIN MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLEDGE

(Within your institution and relevant national counterparts)

SECURE COMMITMENT TO PLEDGE

(With National GRF Committee of Institutional GRF focal point)

INFORM GENEVA REPRESENTATION/GRF DELEGATION

(For smoother communications)

SUBMIT ONLINE PLEDGE

(Form is open to all – see guidance)



JDC,
UNHCR
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RESOURCES

1. **Webpage:** [Multistakeholder pledges for the Global Refugee Forum 2023 | The Global Compact on Refugees | UNHCR \(globalcompactrefugees.org\)](#)
2. **Presentation**
3. **Q & A**
4. **Guidance note (including pledge templates)**
5. **Online form:** [Pledge concrete actions for refugees and host communities | The Global Compact on Refugees | UNHCR \(globalcompactrefugees.org\)](#)



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WHY PLEDGE?

- Enhance **visibility** of national progress/political commitments around statistical inclusion
- Demonstrate **added value** of national statistics on vulnerable groups
- Highlight good practice example of **international cooperation** to improve the lives of refugees/IDPs/stateless persons, including benefits of intra-/inter-regional **peer-to-peer exchange**
- **Inform global policy dialogue** on refugees, IDPs and statelessness
- Gain **momentum**/additional support (including from donors) to facilitate progress – opportunities for “matching pledges”



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AN EGRISS PLEDGE

- Opportunity to develop a pledge on behalf of EGRISS
- An EGRISS pledge would:
 - Build on our existing TOR from UNSC
 - Complement individual pledges of members and others
 - Describe concrete commitments / priorities for collective action within this agenda (e.g. facilitating peer-to-peer exchange, enhancing international cooperation around statistics, monitoring progress, collecting lesson learnt, coordination of capacity development efforts, developing/maintaining high-quality technical guidance...)
- Secretariat to draft and open for review – if members think this is a good idea?



THANK YOU!