



# Global Refugee Forum

## Virtual Quarterly Briefing

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28 September 2020, 16:00-18:00 hours (CET)



# Agenda

**Opening remarks**

**Update on follow-up to the Global Refugee Forum**

**Progress towards key initiatives launched for the Global Refugee Forum**

**Discussion and interventions**

**Closing Remarks**

## Moderation

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# Information for Participants

- Indicate your **request to speak** in the **chat box** of the webex:
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# Opening remarks

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# Current State of Play

- Encouraging level of progress
- Need to maintain momentum through implementation and communications
- UNHCR can help facilitate implementation
- Need to institutionalize GCR/GRF follow-up
- Process should remain lean and efficient
- Adaptability and pragmatism are key



# Update on follow-up to the Global Refugee Forum

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# Facilitating implementation of pledges and commitments

- Concretizing and matching pledges underway
- Bespoke mechanisms developed for regional follow-up
- Continued co-convenor, Co-host, and Co-sponsor engagement in follow-up

# Preparations for 2021

- Lessons learned exercise – recommendations by November 2020
- Roadmap to the 2021 High-Level Officials' Meeting
  - Regional and thematic stocktaking opportunities
  - GCR Indicators report
  - Strategizing to address gaps and opportunities



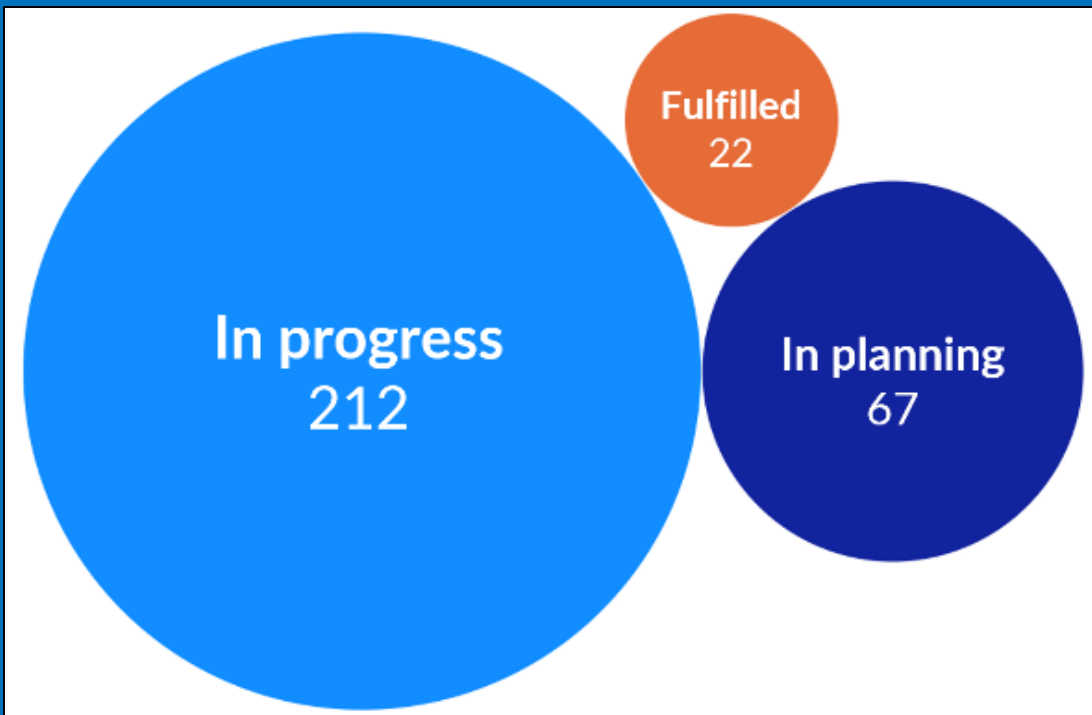




# Tracking progress

- Online tracking system on the Digital Platform
- Quarterly newsletter
- GCR initiatives
- GCR indicators

# Progress towards pledge implementation



- More than 300 updates from States, organizations, businesses, and other entities
- 70.4% (212) in progress
- 22.2% (67) in the planning stage
- 22 from GRF fulfilled
- 15 from HLS on Statelessness fulfilled



# GCR Initiatives

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# SSAR Support Platform

- The Core Group currently includes Denmark, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Turkey, the United States of America, the European Union, World Bank and UNDP.
- The inaugural meeting of the Core Group of the Support Platform with the members of the SSAR Quadripartite Steering Committee will take place on 7 October 2020.

# MIRPS Support Platform

- 10 states confirmed their membership to date (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the EU, France, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay and the US. Italy and Holy See are observers)

Progress on Platform's workplan include:

- Opportunities for bilateral cooperation to strengthen asylum systems in MIRPS countries
- Matching opportunities of GRF pledges and needs in MIRPS countries
- Consultation with the business community led by OAS



# IGAD Support Platform

- In July, Sudan as current Chair of IGAD held a meeting with IGAD Ambassadors and the EU in Geneva to discuss next steps in the operationalization of the Support Platform
- Technical core group of the Nairobi process tasked to organise first virtual IGAD Support Platform meeting in Q4 2020
- Thematic Ministerial health meeting planned for end 2020



# Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG)

## Matching Process

- Prioritizing GRF pledges for initial matches
  - In line with prioritization criteria in ACSG Guide to Working Modalities
- Concretizing of prioritized GRF pledges in decentralized manner
  - Emphasis on evidence base for support request (capacity/gaps analysis)
- ACSG Secretariat coordinating cross-regional matches, while project development and implementation is done in-country
- In future: development of ACSG Online Portal



# Statelessness

- 396 pledges (out of which 270 State pledges)
- 15 pledges implemented (14 State pledges; 1 civil society pledge)
- *Some examples of implemented pledges:*
  - **Malta** acceded to the 1954 Convention and **North Macedonia** acceded to the 1961 Convention
  - **Tajikistan** signed an amnesty law benefiting stateless persons
  - **Kazakhstan** adopted a law to ensure that all children born in the country are registered at birth regardless of the legal status of their parents
  - The **Central African Republic**, **Côte d'Ivoire** and **Rwanda** adopted National Action Plans to End Statelessness





# Multi-stakeholder engagement

## Strategic partnerships with City Networks

- 5 pledges at the Global Refugee Forum 2019, new pledges sought in the build up to the Global Refugee Forum 2023
- Launch of the Global Task Force on Migration
- Sharing & amplifying best practices #CitiesWithRefugees

## Inter-Parliamentary Union global-level pledges

- Parliamentary Roundtables
- Guidance Notes for Parliamentarians
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

## Religions for Peace and UNHCR first high-level consultations with Religious Leaders



# The Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (GAIN)

## *Notable pledge progress*

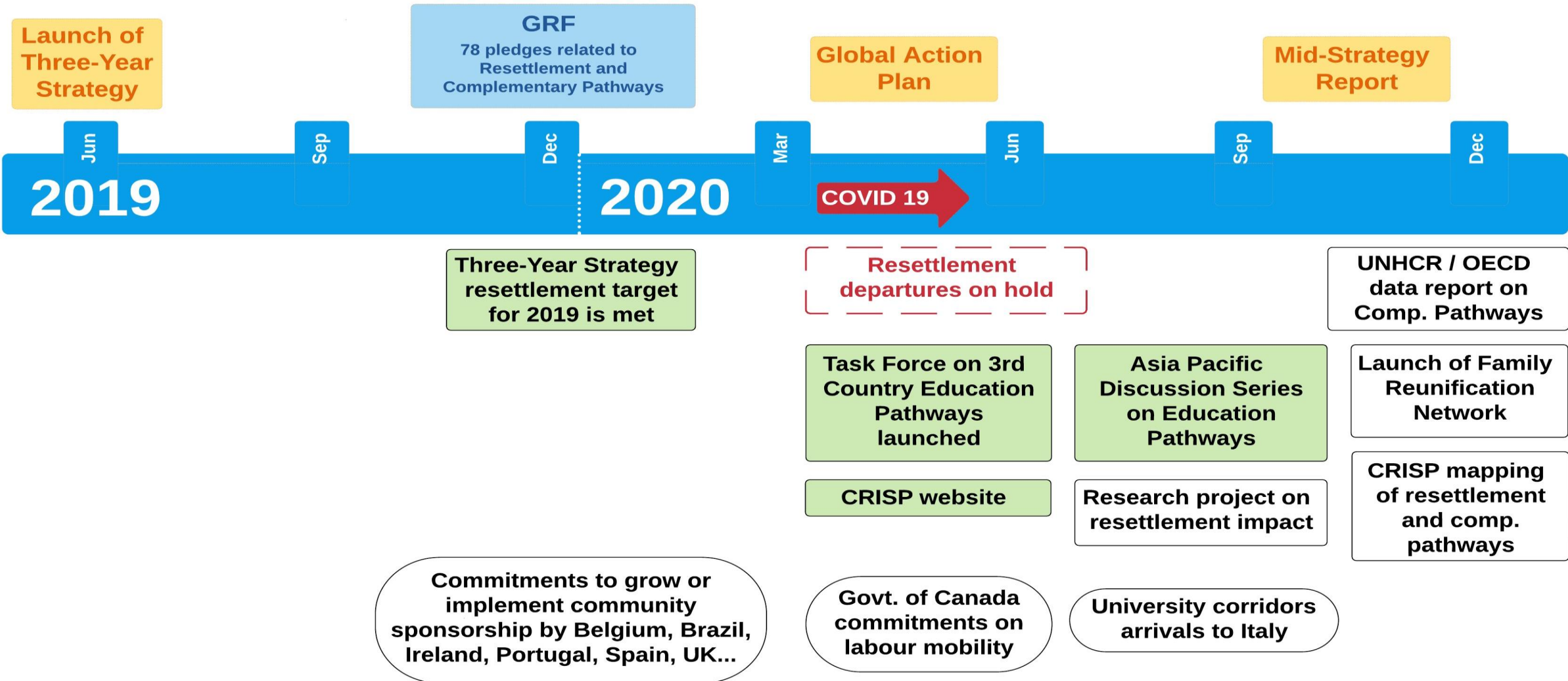
- [IIED: Comparative research displaced populations in urban areas and camps](#)
- [San Remo: 2020 Global Compact on Refugees Course](#)
- GAIN secretariat ([gain-secretariat@essex.ac.uk](mailto:gain-secretariat@essex.ac.uk))

## *Other academic contributions*

- [Protracted Displacement Conference](#)
- [Joint Data Center COVID-19 & Forced Displacement Primer](#)
- [ASILE Forum Discussions](#)



# Three-Year Strategy (2019-2021) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways



# Clean Energy Challenge



Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK



The Federal Government



Netherlands Enterprise Agency



WORLD BANK GROUP



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UNHCR  
The UN Refugee Agency



World Food Programme



unitar  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research



GPA  
GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



IOM  
UN MIGRATION



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM



MECS  
Modern Energy Cooking Services



Schneider Electric



SURE FOUNDATION



SNV



Deloitte



SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL



Shell



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL



CLEAN COOKING ALLIANCE



ICVA  
International Council of Voluntary Agencies



WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE



INTERNATIONAL LIFELINE FUND



KUBE ENERGY



DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL



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UNEP DTU PARTNERSHIP



Practical ACTION



MERCY CORPS



MILLENNIUM WATER ALLIANCE



SAFE  
SAFE ACCESS TO FUEL AND ENERGY



SMART COMMUNITIES COALITION



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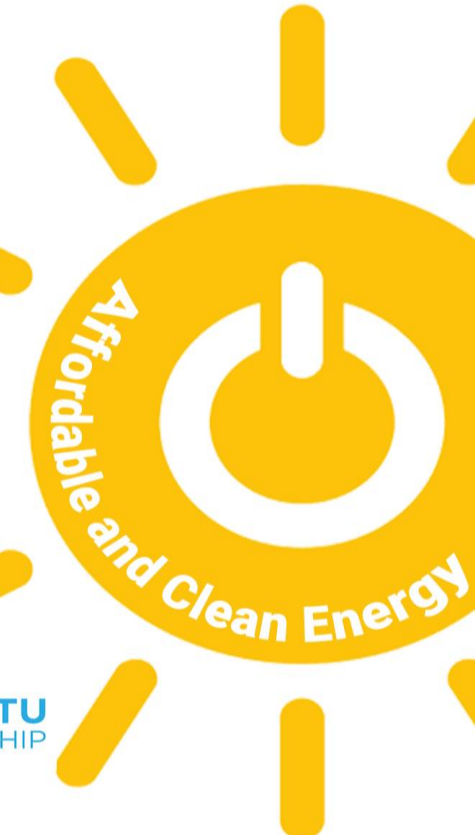


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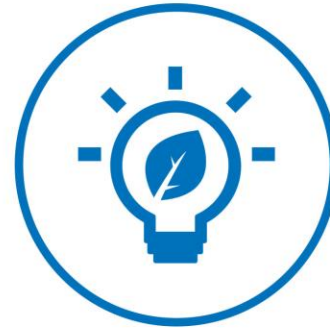
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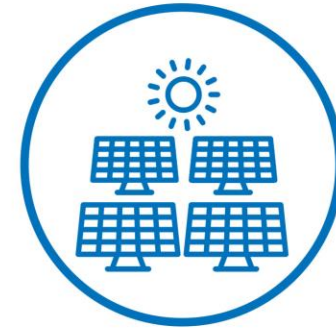
Meeting energy  
needs in  
emergencies



Energy for  
cleaner cooking

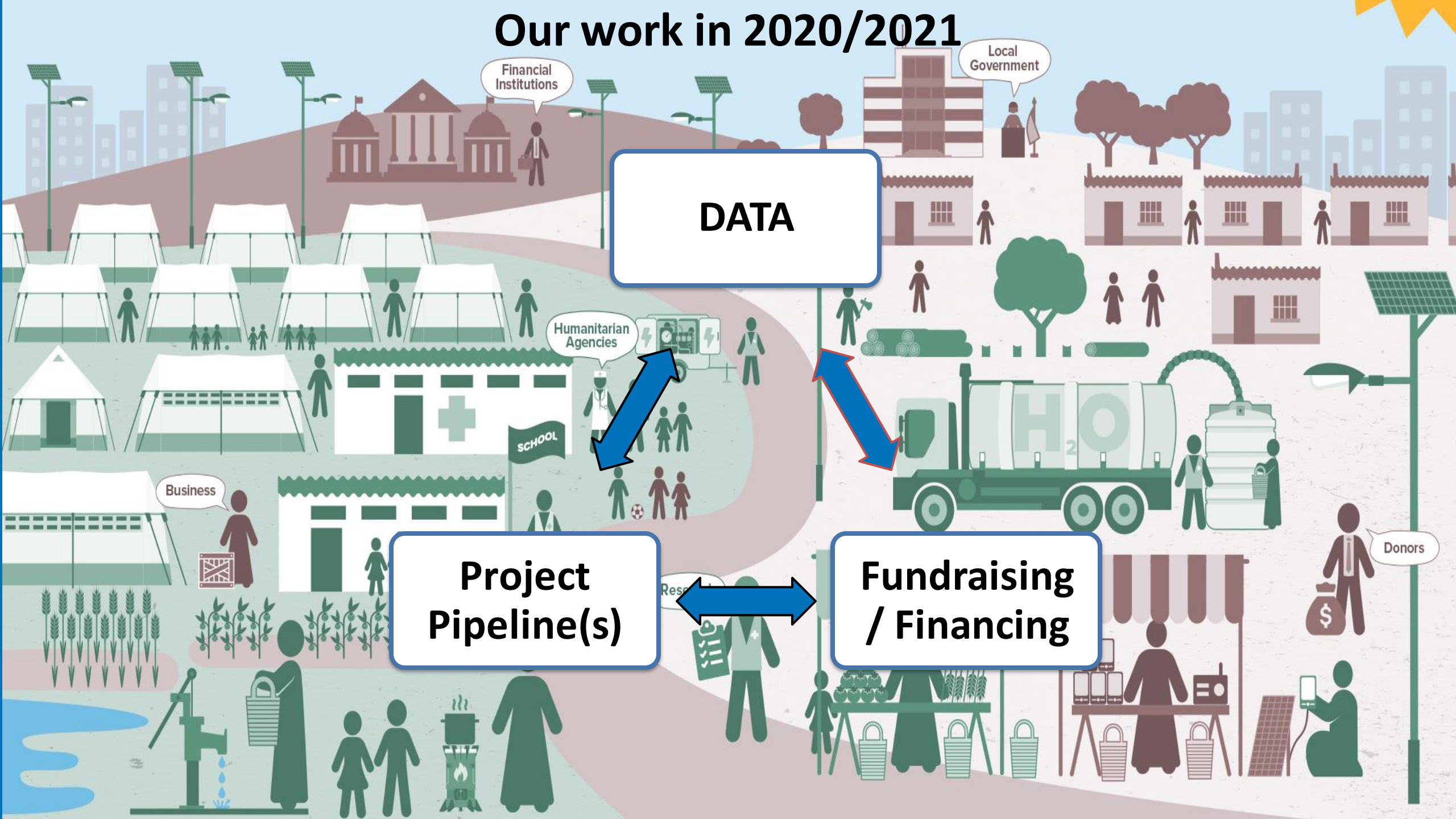


Electricity for  
households



Energy for  
community facilities  
(water, education,  
health)

# Our work in 2020/2021



**DATA**

**Project Pipeline(s)**

**Fundraising / Financing**

Financial Institutions

Local Government

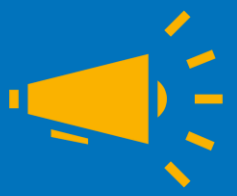
Humanitarian Agencies

Business

Donors







## Short Term

## Long Term

### Donor Government



Galvanize the remaining available funding for clean energy and WASH projects in 2020

Galvanize the remaining available funding for 2020

#### Contact the CEC Secretariat

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#### Expand development work

Include integrated energy planning in displacement settings.



#### Improve data availability

Support feasibility studies for energy programming



#### Promote Investment

Enable large scale energy access through long-term investments



#### Include refugees in national energy and develop. planning

including health / social protection schemes, and financial inclusion efforts



#### Create a favourable environment for investment

Support private sector decentralized renewable energy (DRE) solutions through enabling policies and programs





# The GCR Digital Platform

## Analytics

- 16,000 page views / month (June – August average)

## 350+ Good Practices published by June

- Improved filters to facilitate search for relevant Good Practices

## Progress updates published in September

- Highlighting examples of progress towards advancing the GCR through pledges, Support Platforms and GCR Initiatives



# Pledges and Contributions Dashboard

Now displaying detail on pledge implementation progress, based on the follow-up information received

### Keyword Search

### Search or Filter Pledges and Contributions

Pledging Entity

Area of Focus

Submitting Entity Region

Receiving Region

### Pledge or Contribution Name

- #SchoolsSayWelcome pledge
- [Area of focus: Education] To increase the number and accelerate the preparation of qualified refugee educators and service providers.
- 1,5 million euros for connectivity contribution
- 10 new scholarship places
- 100 jobs for refugees
- 100% of all CARE's refugee operations will undertake a Rapid Gender Analysis
- 151M USD to the Yemen situation
- 2018 Inclusive Education Policy expanded to enable education management and delivery services respond to the diverse needs of refugee learners
- 22 M USD Syrian and Muslim Rohingya refugees
- 44 companies pledge inc. entrepreneurship support and improved access to services for refugees globally

### 1395

Number of Pledges

16.56%  
83.44%

● Individual Contribution ● Joint Contribution

### Type of Pledge

Type of Pledge	Count
Legal and Po...	727
Material and...	553
Other	301
Financial	285
Resettlement	124

### Area of Focus

Area of Focus	Count
Stateless...	369
Protection cap...	236
Solutions	185
Education	173
Jobs and liveli...	127
Other	109
Resettlement	75

### Pledge Implementation Progress

In progress  
Fulfilled  
Planning sta...

# Pledges and Contributions Dashboard

### Keyword Search

### Pledge or Contribution Name

- A platform among operational actors that are promoting the integration of refugees through sport - including thematic congress and online learning
- Accede to the 1954 and 1961 Conventions (2)
- Additional Casework Capacity for Resettlement and Complementary Pathways
- Addressing the educational needs of displaced boys and girls, adolescents and youth, through psychosocial care and prevention of the risk of dropping out of school, including teachers in high-risk situations
- Asylum-seekers included among the categories of persons to whom the Law on Compulsory Health Insurance applies
- Belize shall display protection information advising on the right to seek asylum in Belize at border entry points
- Challenges faced by Syrian Refugees in the higher education systems of host countries and how to overcome them. Lessons learned from Jordan

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Number of Pledges

### Search or Filter Pledges and Contributions

Pledging Entity
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Area of Focus
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Submitting Entity Region
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Receiving Region
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### Type of Pledge

Type of Pledge	Count
Legal and Po...	37
Material and...	32
Other	16
Financial	14
Resettlement	11

### Area of Focus

Area of Focus	Count
Statelessness	9
Protection cap...	14
Solutions	12
Education	13
Jobs and liveli...	9

Contribution Type	Percentage
Individual Contribution	4.23%
Joint Contribution	0.86%

### Pledge Implementation Progress

Implementation Status	Relative Count
In progress	High
Planning sta...	Medium
Fulfilled	Low

# Pledges and Contributions Dashboard

### Keyword Search

### Pledge or Contribution Name

- Complementary Pathways - Education
- Complementary Pathways - Labour Mobility
- Complementary Pathways through Higher Education in Asia Pacific
- Complete a legal study on statelessness and citizenship
- Complete legal reforms to address and remedy statelessness in Kenya permanently
- Complete legislative reform to remove all provisions that could lead to statelessness by 2021
- Complete the civil registration system reform
- Complete the registration of the civil status of refugees born in Senegal and eligible for the acquisition of Senegalese nationality
- Comprehensive approaches to protracted displacement – ensuring access to services for refugees and host communities

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Number of Pledges

### Search or Filter Pledges and Contributions

Pledging Entity ▼

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- Material and...
- Other
- Financial
- Resettlement

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- Statelessness
- Protection cap...
- Solutions
- Education
- Jobs and liveli...

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● Individual Contribution   ● Joint Contribution

### Pledge Implementation Progress

### Pledging Entities

Pledging Entity	Number of Pledges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Sectors Organizations	1

### Receiving Countries (when specified)

### Details of Pledge Implementation Progress

We are working closely with UNHCR and key actors in the Asia Pacific region to organize an online discussion series focused on complementary pathways and higher education for refugees in the Asia Pacific region. The series will include 5-6 sessions and will be an opportunity for us to network, learn from each other and share knowledge about complementary pathways. Ultimately, we hope that the online series will create constructive relationships that can lead to cooperative work in the Asia Pacific region.

\* Progress is based on self-reporting by pledging entities.



# Contact for the Digital Platform

To sign up to receive regular updates from the GRF coordination team, please email [hqgrf@unhcr.org](mailto:hqgrf@unhcr.org)

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# Discussion

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**Interventions from the floor**



# Closing Remarks

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