Global Refugee Forum
Virtual Informal Briefing on Follow-Up

11 June 2020, 15:00-17:00 hours (GMT+2)

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   Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection
2. **Outcome document for the Global Refugee Forum 2019**
   Ziad Ayad, Senior Policy Officer
3. **Roadmap for follow-up on pledges and contributions**
   Perveen Ali, Head of the Global Refugee Forum Coordination Team
4. **Initiatives launched for the Global Refugee Forum**
   Caroline Lensing-Hebben, Senior Comprehensive Refugee Responses Officer
5. **Digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees**
   Sinan Akkurt, Assistant Digital Engagement Officer
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   Questions from the floor

Moderation

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Opening remarks

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Outcome document for the Global Refugee Forum 2019

Ziad Ayad

Senior Policy Officer, GRF Coordination Team

Outcome Document
Trends & Takeaways

Currently online – provides a **summary** of the lead-up to GRF, results and plans moving forward

Truly a **'whole-of-society'** exercise

Collective **momentum** needs to be maintained: adaptability and pragmatism post-COVID

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True makings of a success

- 1,400 pledges
- 350 good practices

Diverse **participation**

Multiple **contact points**

3,000+ participants, including 4 Heads of State/ Government, 70+ refugees, 90+ ministers and high-level government officials, 130+ private sector participants, 300+ other stakeholders

Plenary session opened by UNHCR, Switzerland, the United Nations Secretary-General, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, Pakistan and Turkey

6 high-level dialogues corresponding to the areas of focus

4 special events to launch the support platforms (MIRPS, IGAD and SSAR) and the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network)

48 spotlight sessions organized by a wide range of stakeholders

35 speakers' corner presentations

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15 stands in a marketplace of good practices

Independent exhibitions on a wide range of topics, including calligraphy, art, sports, education and refugee entrepreneurship

A social media zone

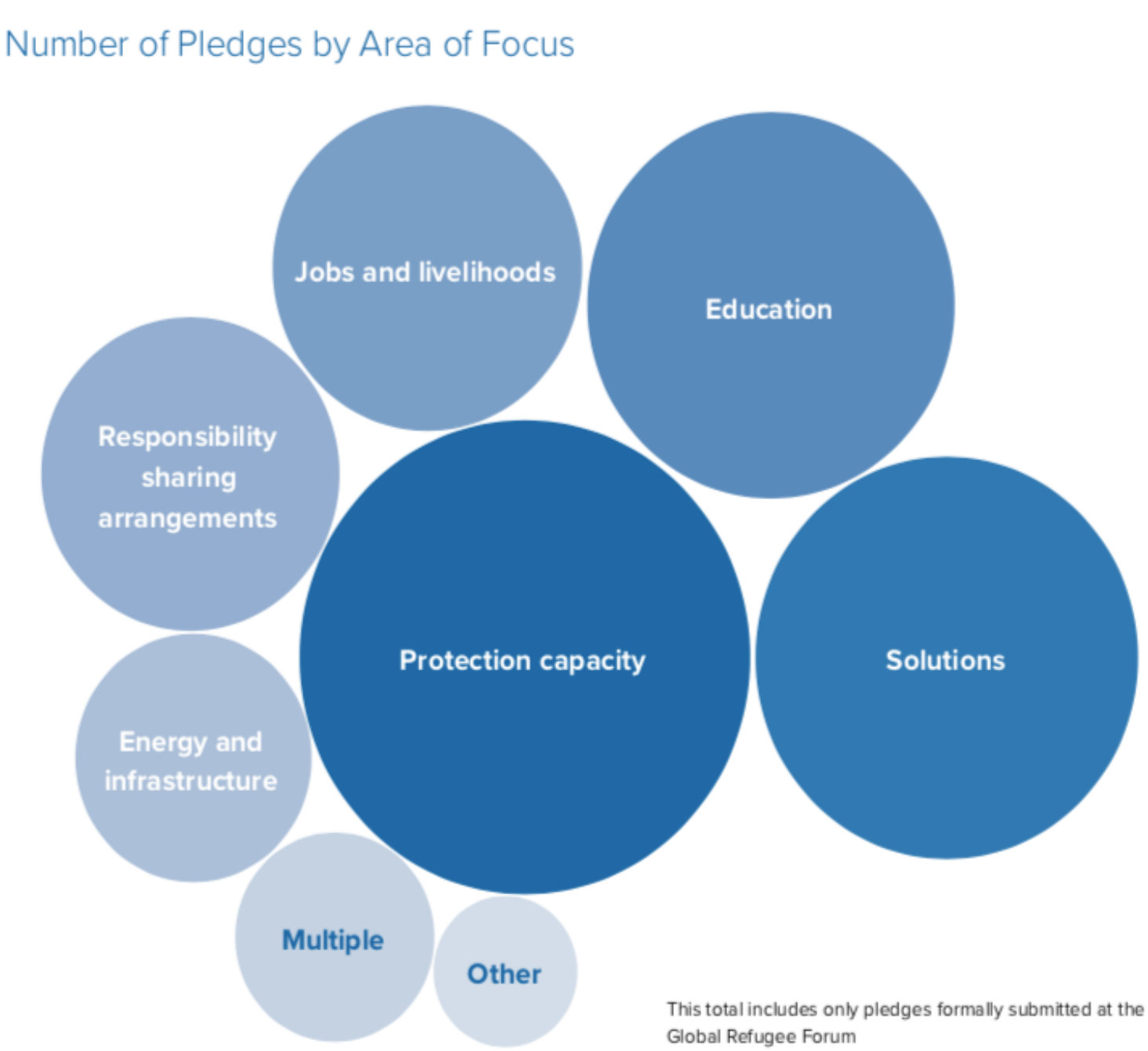
Launch of Ben and Jerry's icecream flavour "Cone Together" with refugee participants

16 leaders and influencers interviewed by Sesame Street on education

"Solidarity Train" travelling across France to Switzerland, to spread the message of solidarity and refugee inclusion, arrived on the eve of the GRF

- **250 financial pledges made in total – States, development actors, private sector and others – concretization is needed**

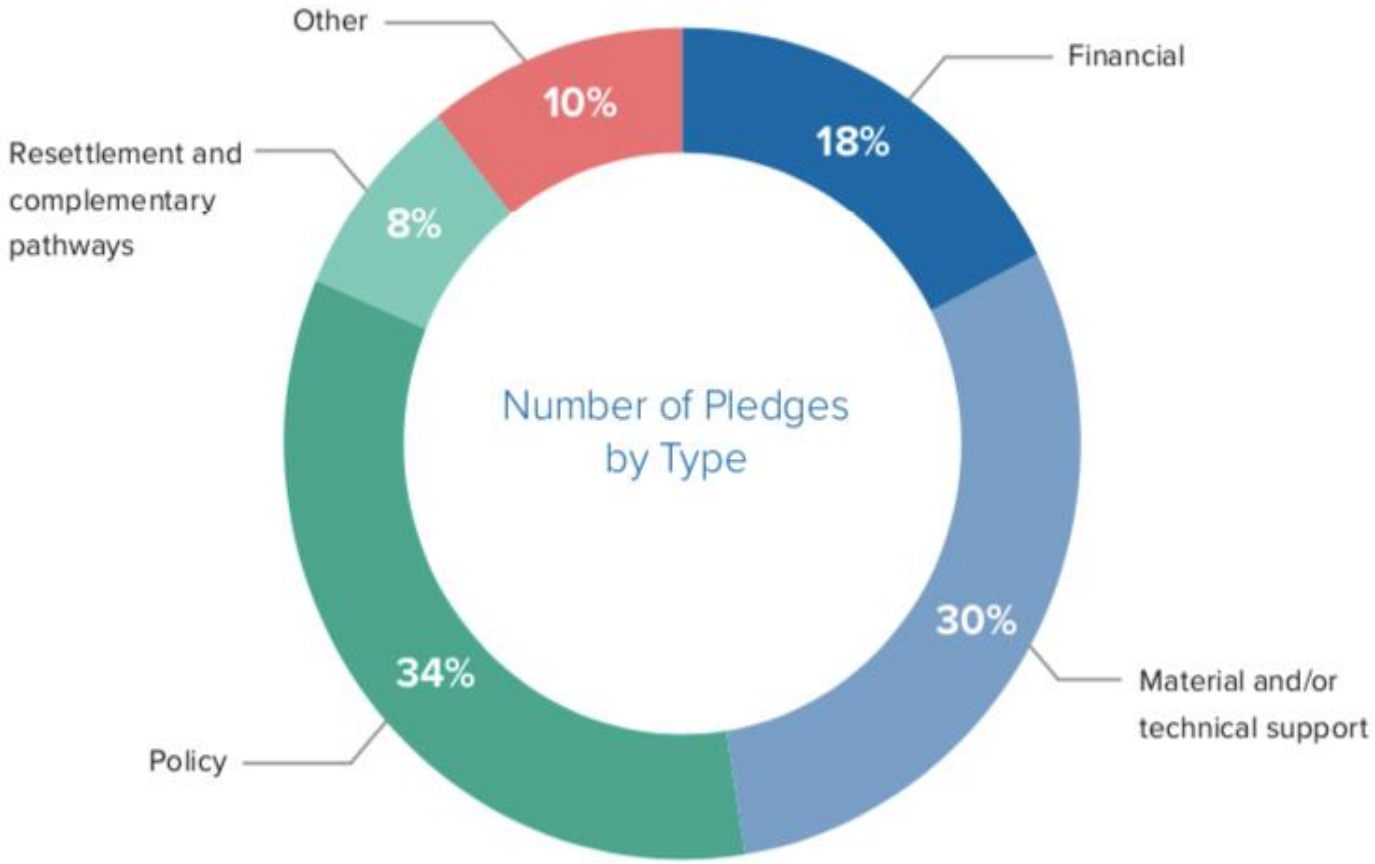
- **Protection capacity, solutions and education constitute the bulk of pledges made**



- **Significant law and policy pledges**

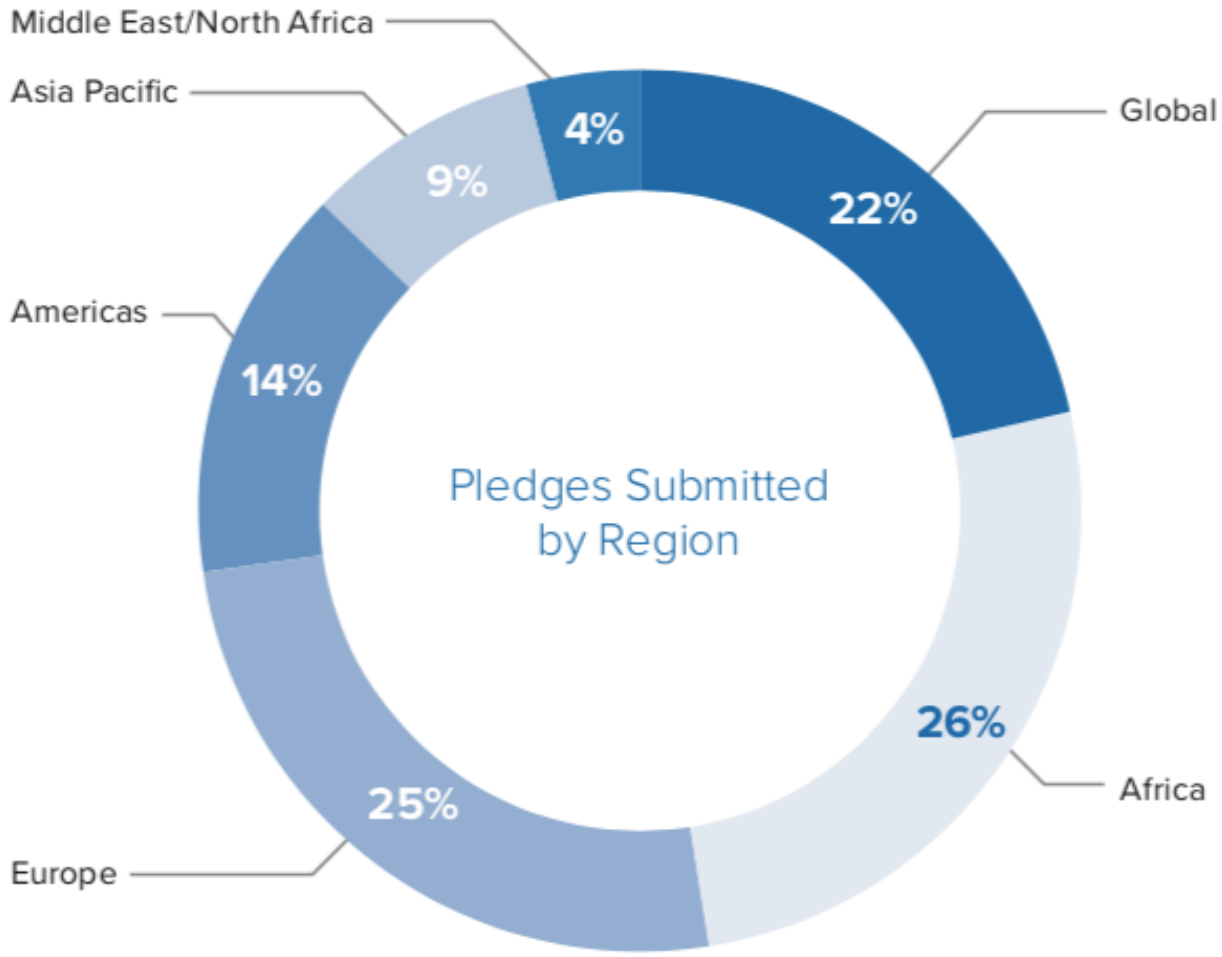
  → **massive potential for matching with financial pledges**

- **Nearly half of pledges were made by States and more than half by other stakeholders**



Regional summaries

- Pledges from **Africa and Europe** made up more than 50% of pledges
- **Global** pledges represented 22%



Where Do We Go From Here?

- **Maintained momentum –** translate commitments into action + lead by example of pledges + cont'd submissions of good practices

- **Plans for 2nd GRF:** pre-matching, age, gender and diversity (AGD) mainstreaming, focus on prevention, solutions and conflict resolution and cont'd broadening of the base

Roadmap for follow-up on pledges and contributions

Perveen Ali

Head of the GRF Coordination Team

Follow-up on GRF pledges

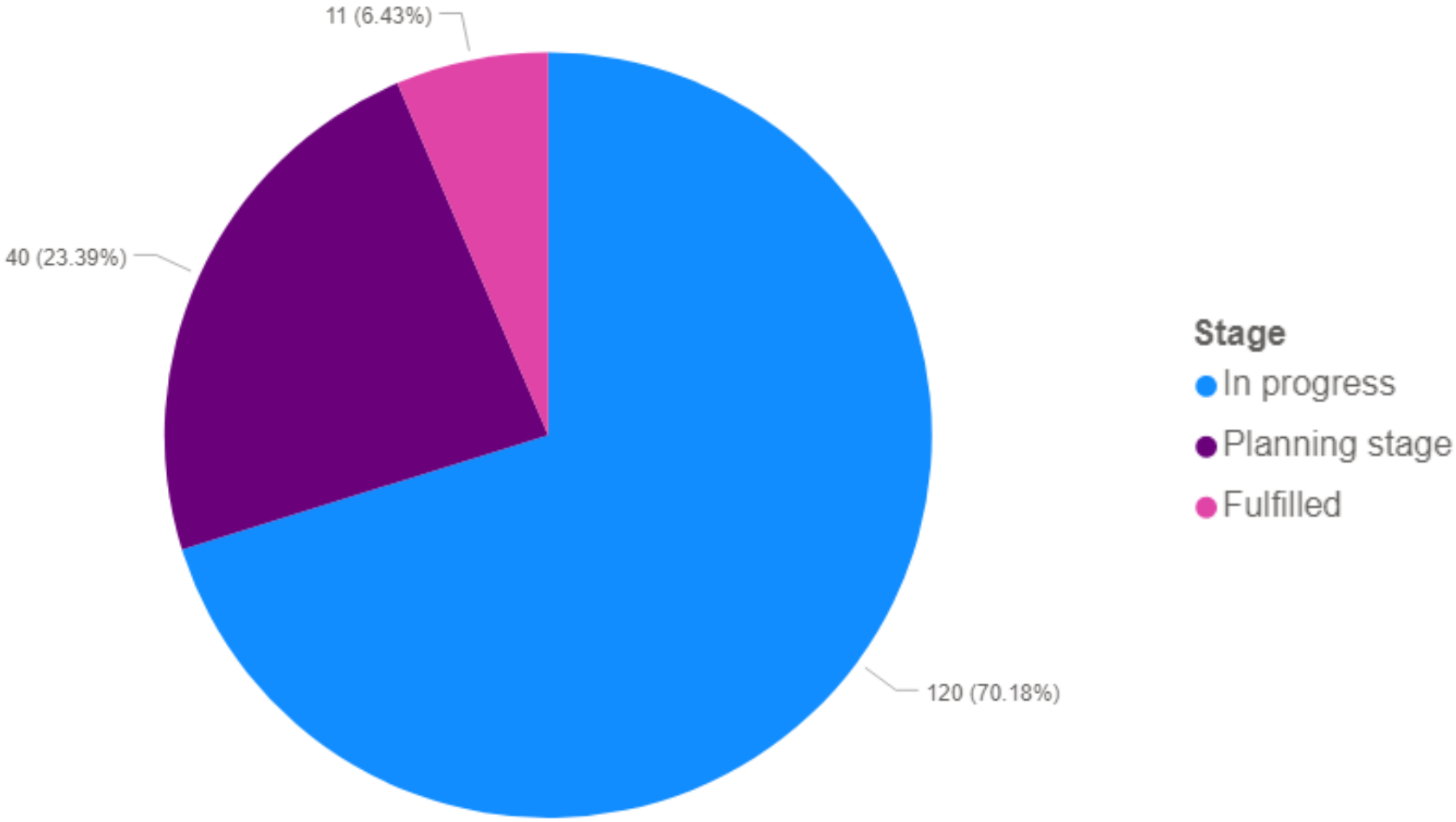
1. **Analysis:** Outcome document, matching opportunities, future planning

2. **Implementation:** Concretization of pledges, adaptations for the COVID-19 response

3. **Tracking:** Online mechanism on the Dashboard, ongoing system

4. **Future planning**: Lessons learned to inform strategic development of future pledges

Progress in pledge implementation



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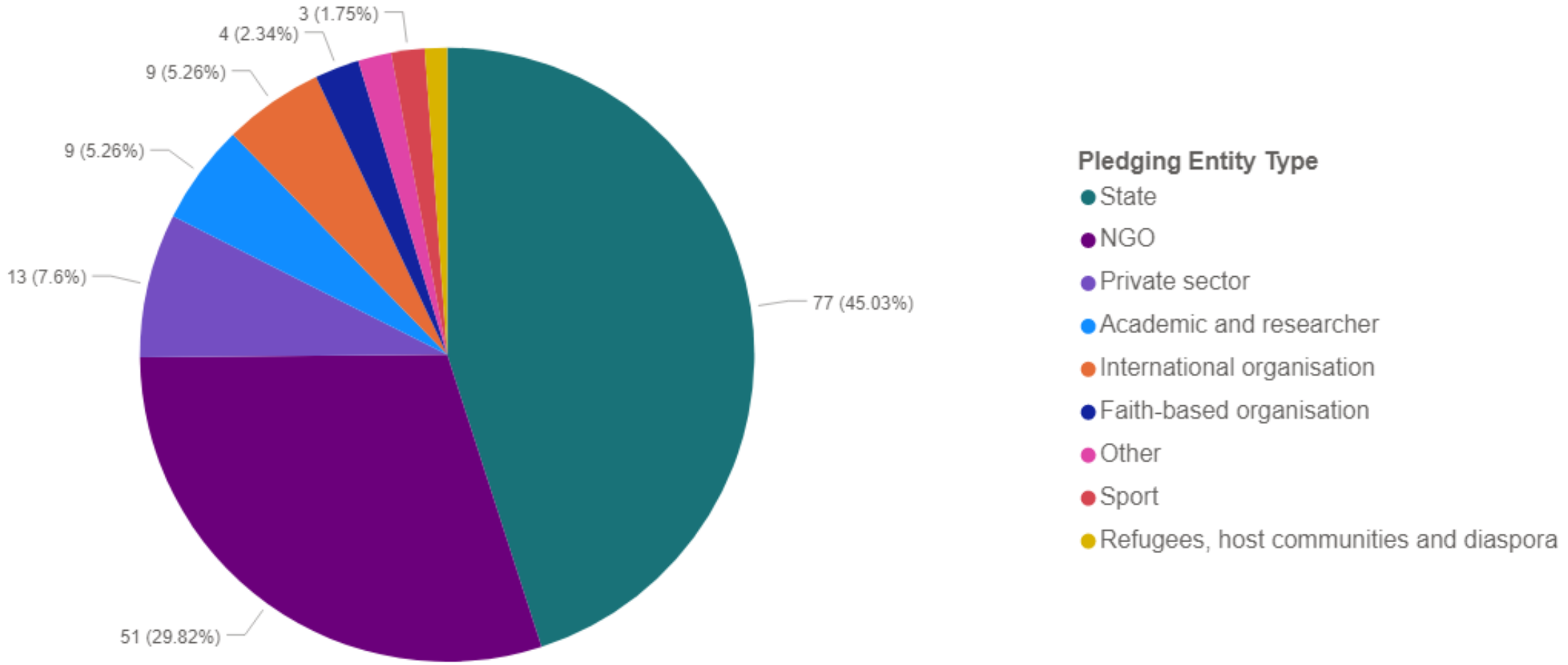
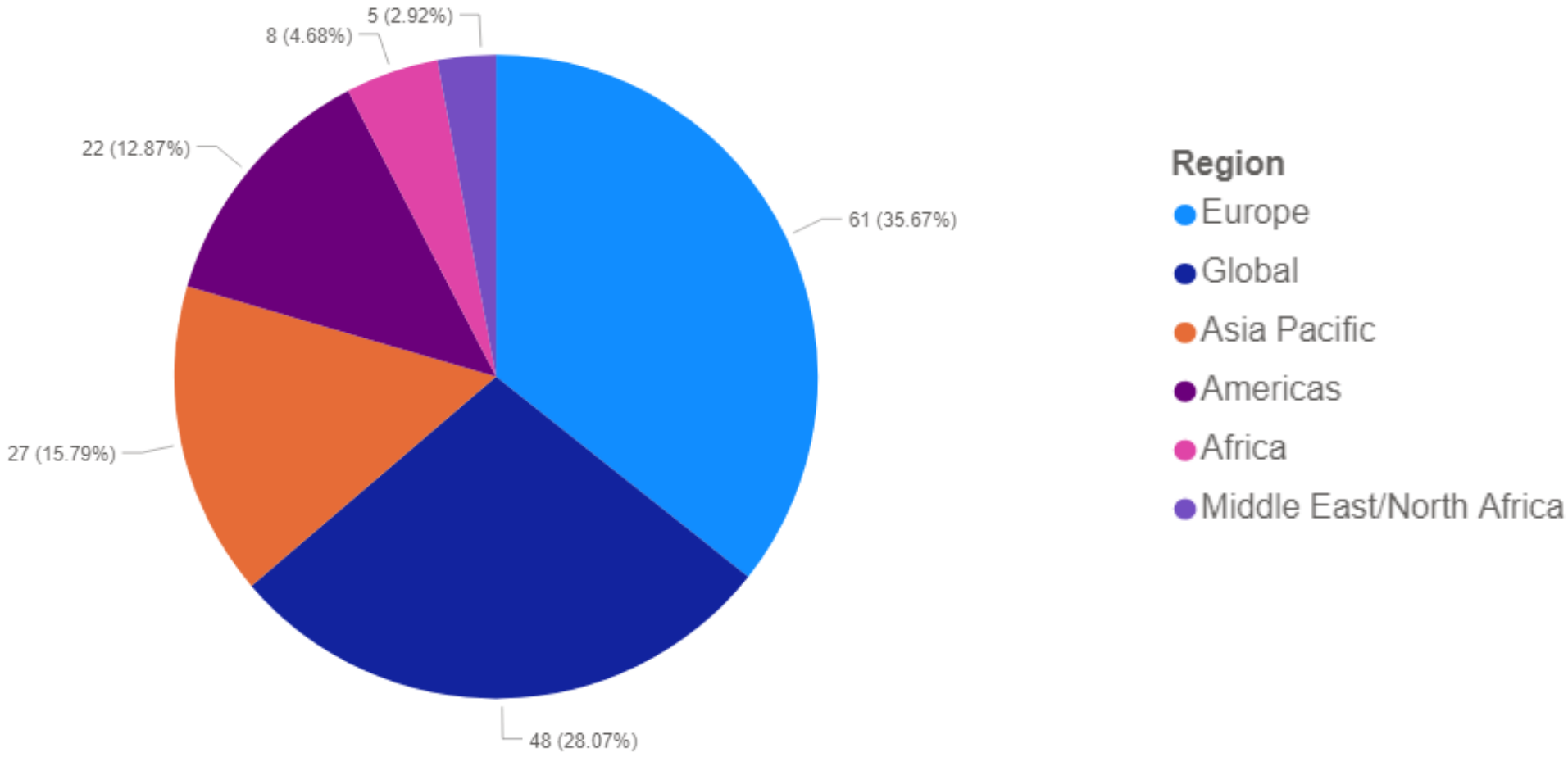
Pledging Entities



Progress in pledge implementation
Regional Breakdown



GRF Follow-up arrangements

- **Co-host and co-convenors:** Support follow-up on pledges and continued efforts to broaden the base of support
- **Education Alliance**
- **Jobs and Livelihoods**
- **Solutions**
- **Asylum Capacity Support Group**
- **Clean Energy Challenge Action Group**
- **Stakeholder groups**

Multi-stakeholder engagement

- Parliaments
- Cities
- UN organizations
- Sports organizations
- Private Sector
- Refugees
- NGOs
- Faith-based organizations

Initiatives launched for the Global Refugee Forum

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Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG)

- The Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG) will act as mechanism for coherent and consistent support to increase the capacity of national asylum/Refugee Status Determination (RSD) systems by matching requests for and offers of asylum capacity support
- An expanded Guide to the ACSG Working Modalities has been sent out to Member States this week
- An ACSG online portal is planned to be established as a centralized source for information about the ACSG and the matching process

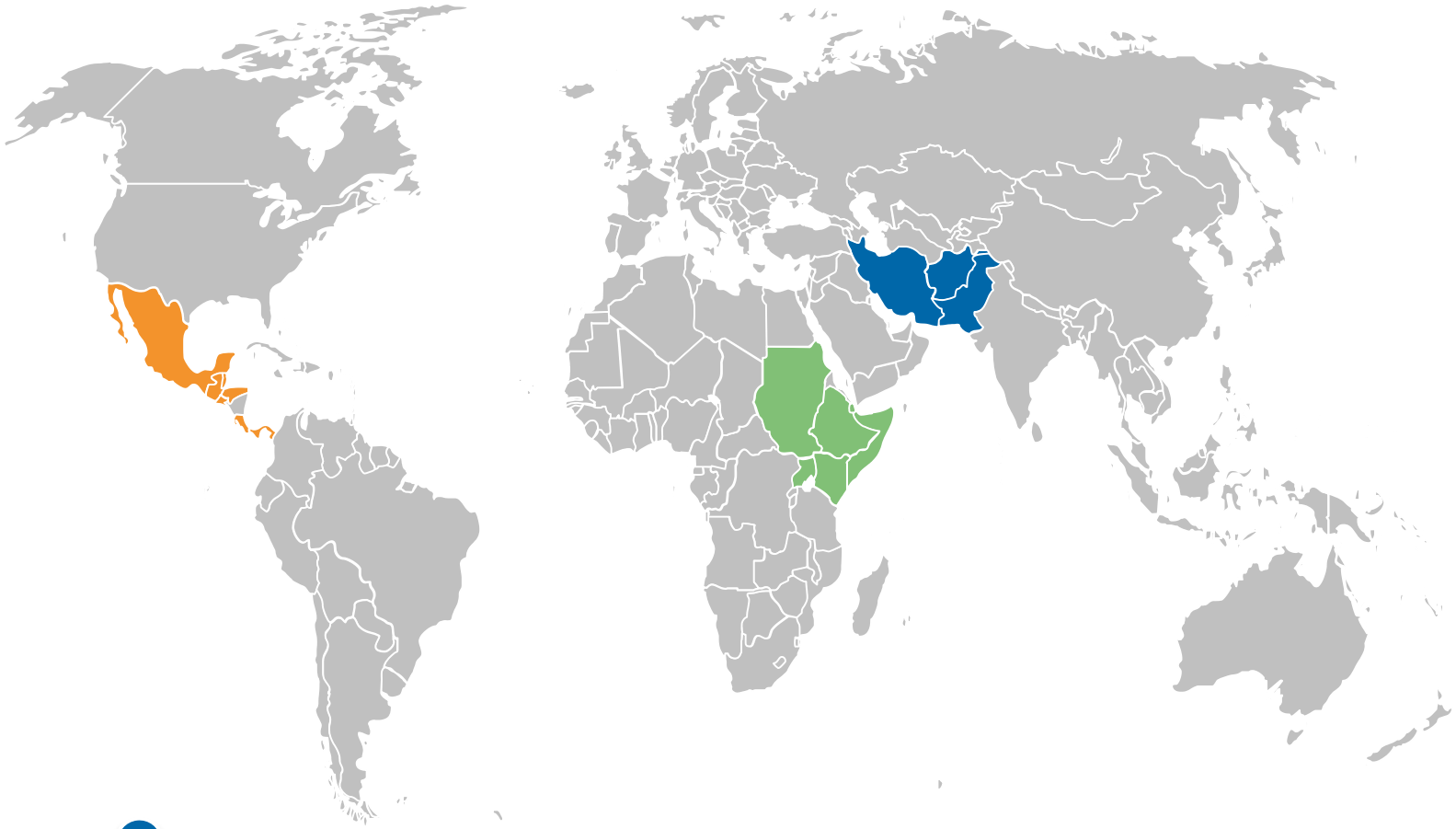
Three-Year Strategy (2019-2021) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways

- UNHCR operations continue resettlement programming
  - interviews, counseling and submissions have continued despite constraints
  - new methods of working and innovations can lead to improved processes
- Jan – April 2020: 16,974 UNHCR resettlement submissions
  9,758 refugees departed for resettlement (50% ↓)
- Three Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways remains a valid blueprint for increasing resettlement and expanding access to complementary pathways
- The ATCR continues to take place through a series of 8 virtual, thematic sessions

The Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (GAIN)

- GAIN is called for in the GCR and will support research and teaching on the four GCR objectives
- GAIN will have a secretariat hosted at University of Essex
- Establishing a secretariat for GAIN outside of UNHCR was a top recommendation by both academics and UNHCR staff, which the University of Essex pledged to support at the GRF
- All are welcome to the July virtual signing ceremony on the MoU for the secretariat, where a discussion will take place on how GAIN hopes to support burden and responsibility sharing to 2023

The Support Platforms launched at the Global Refugee Forum



Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan : SSAR Support Platform

Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia: IGAD Support Platform

Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, México and Panamá : MIRPS Support Platform

IGAD Support Platform

- Four thematic pillars guide the Platform based on the Nairobi, Djibouti, and Kampala Declarations :
  - Return and Reintegration
  - Education
  - Jobs & Livelihoods, and
  - Health

- The IGAD Support Platform can serve as a vehicle for “matching” of GRF pledges.

- On-going efforts to broaden the base of support, including the engagement of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

MIRPS Support Platform

- The MIRPS Support Platform seeks to:
  1) Focus attention on the forced displacement situation in Central America and Mexico
  2) Leverage support from States, international financial institutions, regional bodies and other stakeholders to further protection and solutions
- Government of Spain to serve as the Chair on a rotational basis for the next 12 months
- The Chair will facilitate a meeting of the Members on 17 June to review the governance structure and an annual workplan

SSAR Support Platform

- Galvanizing additional support for the implementation of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees
- The 2020 Islamabad Refugee Summit, emphasized renewed joint efforts through a broader base of partnership
- Technical modalities and terms of reference for the Support Platform were developed
- On *6 July*, the High Commissioner and Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan will formally launch a portfolio of projects to mobilize resources and partnerships

Digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees

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The digital platform for the GCR

- A **one-stop shop** for the Global Compact on Refugees
- **Good practice projects & initiatives** by States, organizations, businesses, refugees themselves and others in support of the Compact
- Highlighting the **pledges & contributions** made and track the **progress** in their implementation
- Sharing the **stories** of the impact on refugees, forcibly displaced and stateless people as well as their host countries and communities and give visibility to those finding solutions
- Role of the digital platform in the **GRF follow-up**

Learn more: globalcompactrefugees.org

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New features on the GCR digital platform

- New pledges & contributions **dashboard** *(forthcoming)*
- Sharing **updates** on pledge implementation
- Full pledges database available
- **COVID-19**: role of the GCR in the response • Call for Good practices
- Enhanced filtering of **good practices** *(in progress)*
- **Webinars** for the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network *(in progress)*
- **Further development**

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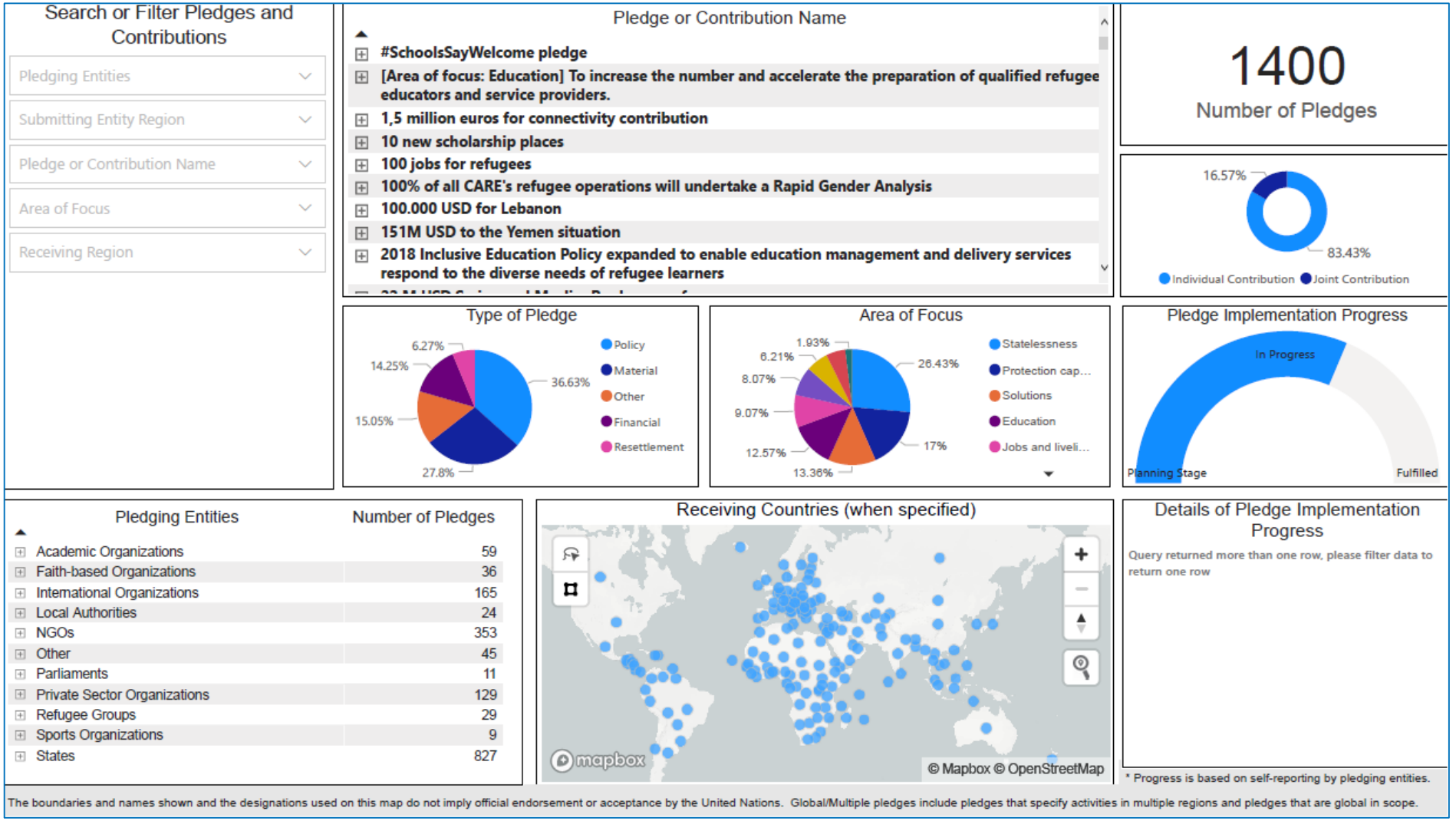
Updated pledges & contributions dashboard



Discussion

Interventions from the floor