



High-Level Officials Meeting

Briefing for NGOs

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Roadmap to the High-Level Officials Meeting

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STOCKTAKING AND CONSULTATIONS

Global consultations and regional, thematic,
and stakeholder-specific stocktaking
From April to November

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PREPARATORY ROUNDTABLES

Launch the GCR indicator report and bring
the outcomes of the stocktaking to the
global discussion to inform priorities for the
HLOM
From November to December

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HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS MEETING

Advance day of meetings/events for
stakeholder groups and GCR initiatives
13 December
Building on the outcomes of the preparatory
roundtables, take stock of progress and chart
the direction for the future
14 and 15 December

Roadmap Dates

Key dates	Event
January to November	Regional, thematic, stakeholder-specific stocktaking
27 January	Informal consultation on the HLOM and orientations for the GCR indicator report
28 April	Informal consultation on the proposed programme for the HLOM
May	Request for progress updates through the pledges dashboard
8 July, 14-17 hrs CET	Informal briefing on preliminary outcomes of stocktaking
October	Request for progress updates through the pledges dashboard
27 October	Informal briefing on programme and modalities for the HLOM
16 November, 14-17 hrs CET	Virtual launch of the GCR indicator report
22 November, 14-17 hrs CET	Virtual preparatory roundtable on financing
25 November, 14-17 hrs CET	Virtual preparatory roundtable on partnerships
29 November, 14-17 hrs CET	Virtual preparatory roundtable on self-reliance
2 December, 14-17 hrs CET	Virtual preparatory roundtable on solutions
13 December	Advance day of meetings and events for GCR initiatives and stakeholder groups
14 and 15 December	High-Level Officials Meeting (updated programme will be made available on the website)



Entry points for NGOs

- **Take stock** of progress made and make recommendations for the future to inform HLOM, outcome document, and pledging guidance for the next GRF.
- Ensure **Refugee-Led Organizations** are engaged in the stocktaking and preparations process.
- Make progress on **implementing pledges and initiatives** announced at the 2019 GRF, including aligning and implementing pledges to **support pledges made by host countries**. Reaffirm role of NGOs in **facilitating matching**.
- Share content demonstrating the human impact of **good practices and pledge implementation**.
- Share suggestions for themes, speakers, moderators, and content for the **launch of the GCR indicator report** and the virtual **preparatory roundtables**.
- Ensure **representation at the senior level** at the High-Level Officials Meeting.
- Prepare written (or oral where possible) **interventions** that report on progress made, identify challenges and opportunities, and make recommendations for the future.
- Consider a **joint NGO statement** at the HLOM plenary.

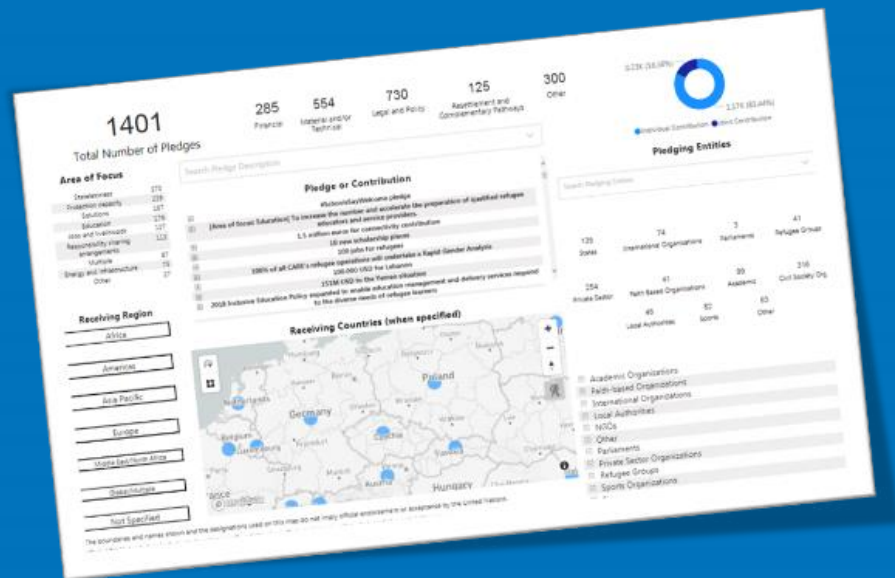
Stocktaking progress to date

Updates received for 607 **pledges** (931 submissions cumulatively)

- Fulfilled (98) – 16%
- In Progress (453) – 75%
- In planning (56) – 9%
- States and NGOs are leading in implementation
- Europe and Americas most fulfilled and in progress
- Most progress in Education, Protection Capacity and J&L
- 78 new pledges submitted

List of **stocktaking events** available at: <https://www.unhcr.org/609005bf4>

Next up: 8 July **global briefing** with a focus on outcomes from regional stocktaking





Pledge matching process

Matching is the process of pairing **pledges made by host countries** to facilitate greater inclusion, protection, and support for people forced to flee with **pledges made by donors and other actors** to provide the financial, material, or technical support necessary for their implementation:

- demonstrating the principle of burden and **responsibility sharing in action**
- providing tangible evidence of **how the GCR can make a difference**
- providing a concrete way to support the commitments expressed by host countries in a coordinated, **whole-of-society** manner

See **infographic on pledge matching** at: https://globalcompactrefugees.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/Matching_Infographic_v07.pdf

See **infographic on host country policy pledges** for matching at:

What you need to know about matching pledges

What is matching?

At the Global Refugee Forum, stakeholders made pledges towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Pledges included:



1 financial, material, and technical assistance



2 places for resettlement and complementary pathways for admission to third countries



3 policy commitments - actions that States and other stakeholders committed to take to strengthen protection and inclusion of refugees in national systems.

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Why is matching important?

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It provides a concrete way to support the commitments expressed by host countries in a coordinated, whole-of-society manner.

This process will:

- ensure impactful implementation
- lay the ground for potential upscaling
- encourage new contributions
- identify opportunities and gaps that could be addressed with future pledges at the next GRF

UNHCR's role



A catalyst role

The pledge implementation and matching process is primarily carried out at the field level. The GRF Coordination Team facilitates interaction between pledging entities and UNHCR Regional Bureaus and Divisions where needed, to take forward the matching and implementation of pledges in a systematic and strategic way.

Customized support at the technical level

UNHCR organizes technical meetings between donor States at the capital level and relevant Regional Bureaus to facilitate more in-depth discussions on gaps and opportunities for matching and support.

Customized Support at the political level

UNHCR engages the GRF Co-Convenors and Co-Hosts at the HQs level to lead by example and encourage matching.

Innovative tools/ advocacy

The Digital Platform acts as a resource for matching by providing visual tools, a pledge matching template and relevant content related to pledges that could be matched and good practices that could be scaled up with further support.

Looking ahead

Once the pledges are matched and being implemented, UNHCR will note any gaps in support that remain and will use these to inform guidance on the development of future pledges with a view to preparing for the next GRF.

How does it work?

Step 1 - Mapping and prioritizing pledges

The GRF Coordination Team mapped the policy pledges made by host countries against possible financial commitments by donors, taking into consideration the geographic and thematic focus.

Step 2 - Identifying matches

The team developed a global and regional matching matrix with a global overview of opportunities for donors to see where to direct financial pledges. Then, region-specific matching matrices were produced, providing a regional overview, including financial and non-financial pledges and prioritizing Health and WASH pledges to support the COVID-19 response.

Step 3 - Engaging partners and donors

The team is engaged in discussions with donor States to specify their pledges. They work closely with the GRF Focal points, in the Bureaux, Country Offices, and Divisions to initiate or further discussions on matching. They also explore how donors can support host countries by taking pledges and GCR initiatives beyond the pledges they made at the GRF and involving development agencies in the process.

What you can do

The matching process is an all-of-UNHCR and whole-of-society exercise.

To learn more, please visit the [pledges dashboard](#) or contact the GRF Coordination Team at hqgrf@unhcr.org.

A successful match

The tea plantation project pledge by Rwanda

At the Global Refugee Forum, the Government of Rwanda made a policy pledge to create innovative, climate-smart jobs in the agricultural sector.

Following the Forum, the Government of Denmark made a financial pledge to support Rwanda's jobs and livelihoods project

Denmark reached out to UNHCR, which acted as facilitator in this matching process.

As a result, Denmark announced that USD 1.5 million will benefit 1883 households, 728 of which are refugee households, over a 3-year period.



Matching: GRF Host Country Pledges

East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region

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Djibouti

1. Pledge number 1170. **Responsibility sharing arrangements.** Integrate refugees into Djibouti National Development Plan within its Vision 2035 framework

2. Pledge number 1341. **Education.** Train and provide certification for refugee teachers and include their remuneration in the national budget

Ethiopia

3. Pledge number 1258. **Energy and infrastructure.** Provide market-based and sustainable household and facility-based energy solutions for three million people

4. Pledge number 1315. **Protection Capacity.** Strengthening the Government of Ethiopia's Asylum System and Social Protection Capacity

Kenya

5. Pledge number 1309. **Protection Capacity.** Strengthening of institutions and community structures that manage asylum, deliver services, and provide security in refugee-hosting areas

6. Pledge number 1312. **Education.** Strengthening support to refugee and hosting communities education

Somalia

7. Pledge number 1282. **Solutions.** Relocation and Reintegration of Refugees, Returnees and IDPs 2020-2024

South Sudan

8. Pledge number 1081. **Energy and infrastructure.** Create access to sustainable and green energy solutions for refugees and host communities by planting 100 million trees and by piloting innovative approaches to resilience and climate-smart adaptation

Sudan

9. Pledge number 1173. **Education.** Integrate refugee education in the national education system in a gradual manner

Uganda

10. Pledge number 1248. **Energy and infrastructure.** Promote inclusive and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems

- Responsibility sharing arrangements
- Education
- Energy and infrastructure
- Protection Capacity
- Solutions



Contact
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to learn more

This infographic offers an overview of select matching opportunities. For more information, as well as additional potential options for matching, please visit the Digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees.





Pledge matching process

UNHCR HQs plays a **catalyst** role:

- Mapping and identifying potential matches
- Advocating for concretization by donors, development actors, PS and others
- Facilitating interaction between pledging entities and the relevant UNHCR offices to take forward the matching and implementation of pledges in a context-specific, systematic, and strategic way

NGOs can play a role:

- Aligning their programmes and pledges with host country policy pledges
- As implementing partners or intermediaries for donors or international organizations supporting host country policy pledges
- As advocates for identifying and encouraging joint pledges for the next GRF