



# Informal Briefing on the preliminary outcomes of the GCR stocktaking

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# Agenda

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## Opening remarks

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## Discussion and interventions

## Closing remarks

Ms. Gillian Triggs, *Assistant High Commissioner for Protection*



# Opening remarks

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**Ms. Gillian Triggs**

Assistant High Commissioner for Protection

# The Global Refugee Forum, pledge update – key figures | July 2021



To date, UNHCR received updates on more than

**600 pledges:**

**75%+**  
of the pledges are  
**in Progress**



and around  
**9% in the planning stage.**

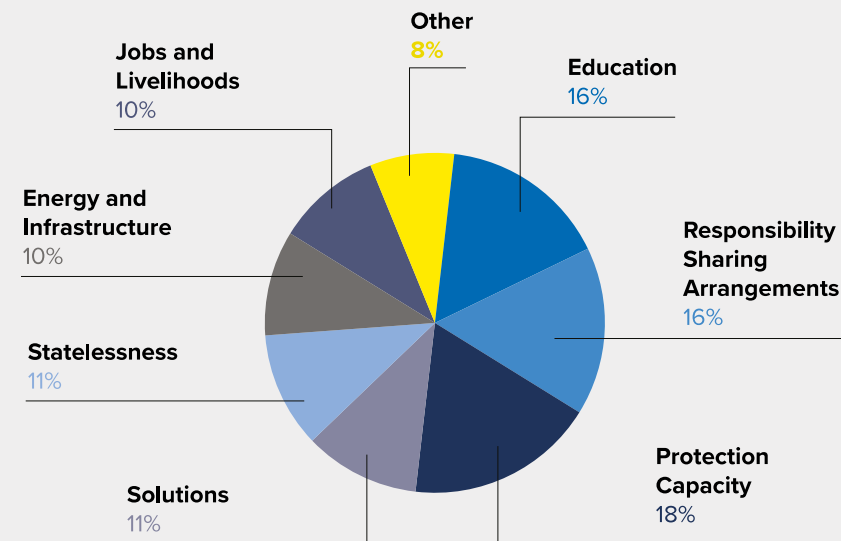
**16% of pledges reported** - close to 100 pledges - have now been fulfilled since the Global Refugee Forum.

**Protection capacity** topped the most fulfilled, followed closely by **Education** and **Burden and responsibility sharing.**

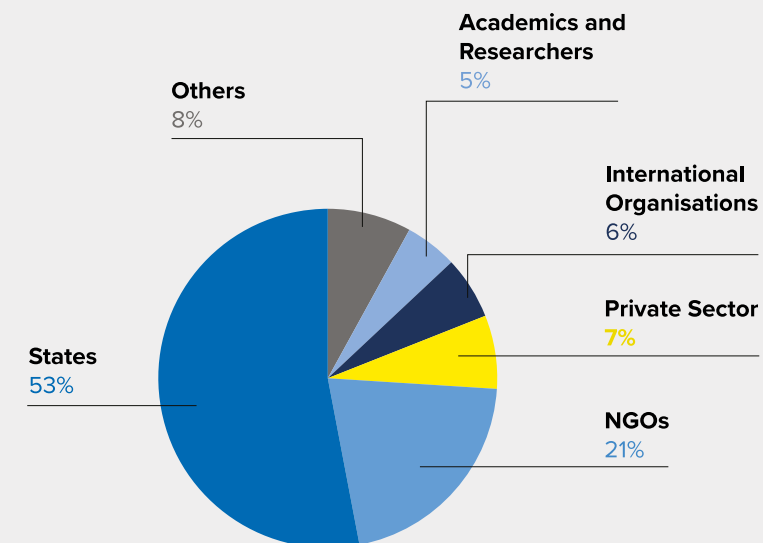
Close to **80 new pledges** have been received this year.

**2/3** of the last round of pledge updates reported having an **Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) component.**

PERCENTAGE OF 'FULFILLED' PLEDGES BY AREA OF FOCUS:



NUMBER OF 'IN PROGRESS' PLEDGES BY SUBMITTING ENTITY TYPE:



# Updated roadmap to the High-Level Officials Meeting

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	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	Virtual launch of the GCR indicator report
22 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on financing
25 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on partnerships
29 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on self-reliance
2 December	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 <a href="#">website</a> )

# High-Level Officials Meeting

## Purpose

To assess progress and identify challenges, opportunities, and areas in need to support towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

## Priorities

- expand support through responsibility sharing for refugees and host countries
- implement and match pledges made at the 2019 GRF
- identify areas in need of support with a view to preparing pledges and initiatives towards the GCR objectives for the next GRF in 2023

Date and Time	Virtual Preparatory Roundtables
<b>16 November 2021</b> <b>14:00-17:00 CEST</b>	<b>Launch of the GCR indicator report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data considerations</li> <li>▪ Burden and responsibility sharing: what have we achieved and where do we go next?</li> </ul>
<b>22 November 2021</b> <b>14:00-17:00 CEST</b>	<b>Financing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus</li> <li>▪ Policy</li> <li>▪ Innovative financing</li> </ul>
<b>25 November 2021</b> <b>14:00-17:00 CEST</b>	<b>Partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Innovative partnerships</li> <li>▪ National and regional arrangements</li> <li>▪ Public-private partnerships</li> </ul>
<b>29 November 2021</b> <b>14:00-17:00 CEST</b>	<b>Self-reliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inclusion in education, jobs and livelihoods, health, and other sectors</li> <li>▪ Social cohesion</li> <li>▪ Protection</li> </ul>
<b>2 December 2021</b> <b>14:00-17:00 CEST</b>	<b>Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Durable solutions</li> <li>▪ Peacebuilding</li> </ul>



Date	Draft programme for the High-Level Officials Meeting
13 December	<p>Advance side events for stakeholder groups and GCR initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support platforms</li> <li>▪ Meaningful refugee participation</li> <li>▪ 3-year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways</li> <li>▪ Global academic interdisciplinary network</li> </ul>
14 December Plenary	<p>Opening of the High-Level Officials Meeting</p> <p>Panel on priority 1: Expanding support through responsibility sharing</p> <p>Lunch: Spotlight session on the role of the GCR in the medium to long-term response to the pandemic</p> <p>General Debate</p>
15 December Plenary	<p>Panel on priority 2: Advancing implementation of pledges</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>Lunch: Spotlight session on the role of the GCR in climate action and displacement</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>Closing dialogue on priority 3: Identifying areas in need of support and directions for the future</p>

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# Matching: GRF Host Country Pledges

## East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region



At the Global Refugee Forum, stakeholders made pledges towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). 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 to provide the financial, material, or technical support necessary for their implementation.

### 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

### Rwanda

7. Pledge number 1104. **Energy and infrastructure.** Ensure sustainable use of natural resources by providing clean and renewable energy solutions in refugee and host community households, in order to discourage the use of firewood
8. Pledge number 1124. **Jobs and livelihoods.** Expand tea plantations and improve necessary infrastructure that increase job opportunities for refugees and host communities; at least 30% of new job opportunities will target refugees

### Somalia

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

### South Sudan

10. 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

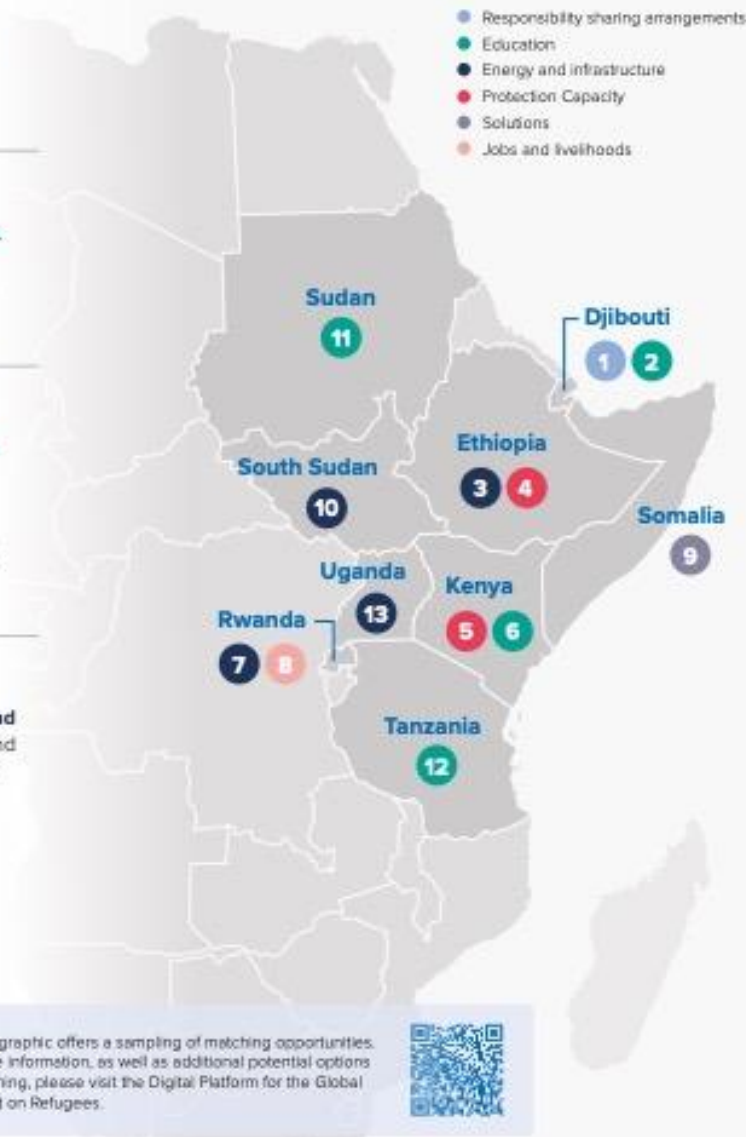
11. Pledge number 1173. **Education.** Integrate refugee education in the national education system in a gradual manner

### Tanzania

12. Pledge number 1216. **Education.** The United Republic of Tanzania pledges to continue to work with UNHCR and other stakeholders to improve the quality of education for the refugees.

### Uganda

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



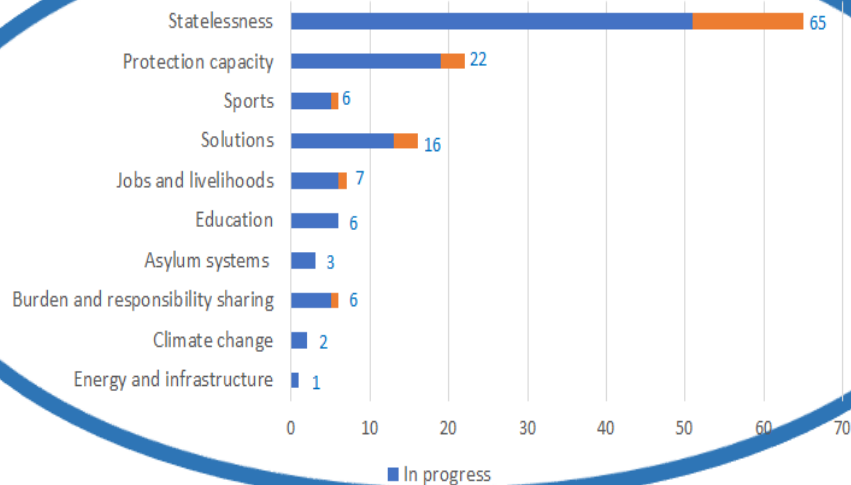
80% in progress

# Southern Africa

## Key progress

- Accession to the 1954 and 1961 statelessness conventions is advanced in the **Republic of Congo** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- Law reform in process in **Madagascar, Lesotho, and Eswatini**
- Well advanced data collection in **Namibia, Eswatini, Angola, and Zimbabwe**
- Strengthened **birth registration in RoC and DRC**
- **Zambia, Malawi, Namibia** progress towards inclusion in programs such as education, health, and livelihoods
- **The International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges and the Southern African Legal Advocacy on Asylum & Migration** are strengthening the capacity of legal practitioners

Pledges in Southern Africa



# Southern Africa

- Better implementation where UNHCR has presence and follows up with country authorities.
- Most Birth registration pledges pending due to lack of funding and technical assistance.
- There is goodwill to implement in the region but there is need for funding and technical expertise.
- Of the possible matching opportunities previously identified, none was successful so far.
- Need to set-up a regional platform of experience and expertise sharing. UNHCR calling on SADC to assist.

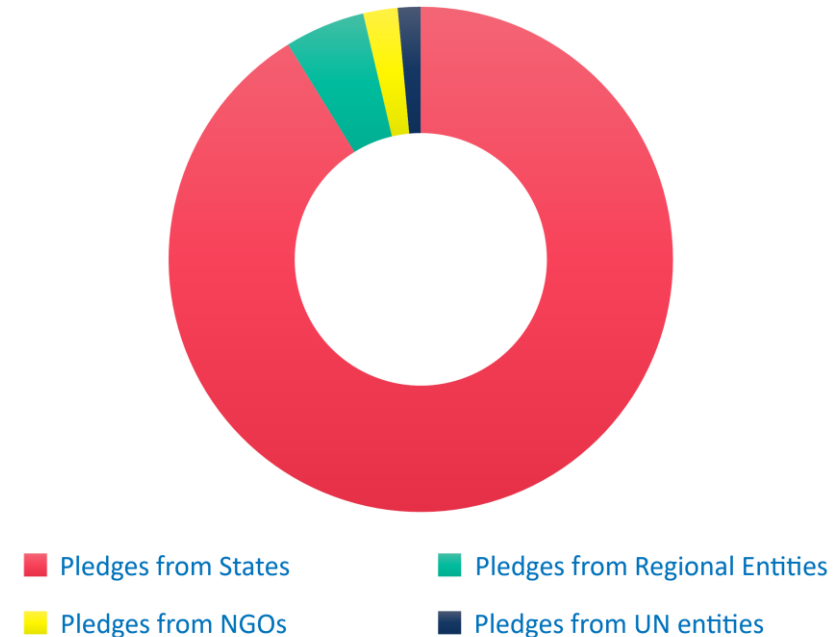




# West and Central Africa

- **136 HLS and GRF pledges**
  - **17 pledges/136 (12,5 % with updates)** including 2 fulfilled and 15 in progress
    - Inclusion in national systems/ development plans
    - Reform of asylum systems
    - Solutions
    - Energy (1 pledge in Chad)
- **Pledging entities**
  - 91% by States
  - 5% by Regional Entities
  - 2% by NGOs
  - 1% by UN entities

Stakeholder Pledges for WCA Region





# West and Central Africa

- **Constraints**
  - **COVID 19** has prevented pledging entities from implementing their commitments
  - **Lack of funding:** The lack of funding has been flagged by pledging entities as a major challenge during the December 2020 stocktaking event
  - **National leadership:** Countries of the region in their large majority don't have national arrangements and/or national plans
  
- **Opportunities**
  - **Strong commitment of regional entities:** ECOWAS and CEMAC made pledges during and after the 2019 GRF pledges
  - **Regional approaches/strategies** for Sahel and Lake Chad Basin Region with support from external actors
  
- **Next steps**
  - Foster a regional approach for the CAR situation by setting up a CAR support platform around the CAR situation
  - Support ECOWAS for the adoption of the 4 year action plan on GCR operationalization
  - Encourage pledging entities and especially States to adopt action plans and establish national arrangements



# West and Central Africa

## Way forward

- **Message 1:** Pledging entities in WCA need support to facilitate the implementation of their pledges
- **Message 2:** There is hope that the CAR support platform will help mobilize more attention around the forced displacement situation in CAR and support is required to facilitate reintegration in CAR and local solutions in asylum countries
- **Message 3:** Regional approaches are key in WCA to enhance the commitment of States especially regarding the adoption of national arrangements and national plans. ECOWAS and ECCAS are two major actors for the operationalization of the GCR in WCA
- **Message 4:** Pledging entities in WCA should consider Energy/ Environment as area of focus especially Sahel countries with the support of ECOWAS



# Americas

## Unprecedented Displacement

- **20% of global population of concern to UNHCR in the Americas, an increase of 50% since 2018 (end of 2020 - 18.3M)**
- **5.6M** refugees and migrants from **Venezuela**
- **549,000** refugees and asylum-seekers from **NCA**
- **108,000** refugees and asylum-seekers from **Nicaragua**
- **8.6M** internally displaced persons
- **Stateless persons**

## Key Challenges

- **Increasing mixed and secondary movements**
- **Multiplicity of causes of forced displacement**
- **Socio-economic impact of COVID-19, competing priorities**
- **Increasing protection risks**
- **Long-term crisis and donors' fatigue**



# Americas

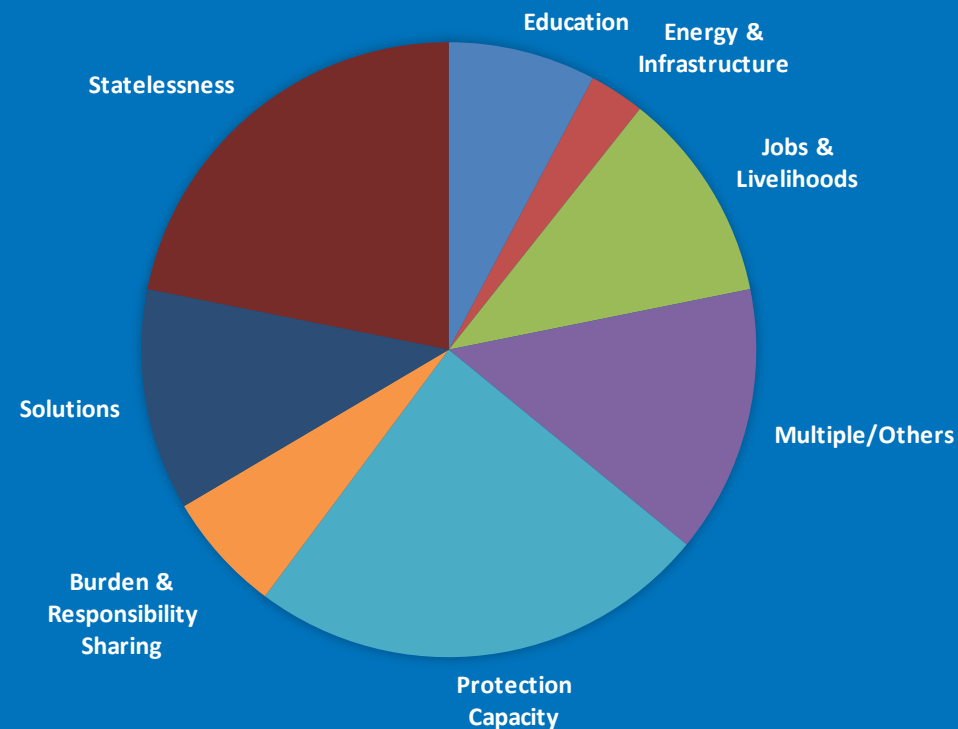
## Summary of Pledges:

- **219 pledges from the Americas** (14% of all GRF pledges)
- **States** (63%) and **NGOs** (13%) made up the bulk of pledges
- Majority of pledges focused on **Protection Capacity (51)**, **Statelessness (45)** and **Solutions (31)**

## Progress to Date

- **Significant progress** made in areas of protection capacity, education and jobs & livelihoods, as follows:
  - 23 pledges **fulfilled**
  - 74 **in progress**
  - 6 in **planning phase**
  - 131 **did not yet report**

## PLEDGES BY THEMATIC AREA



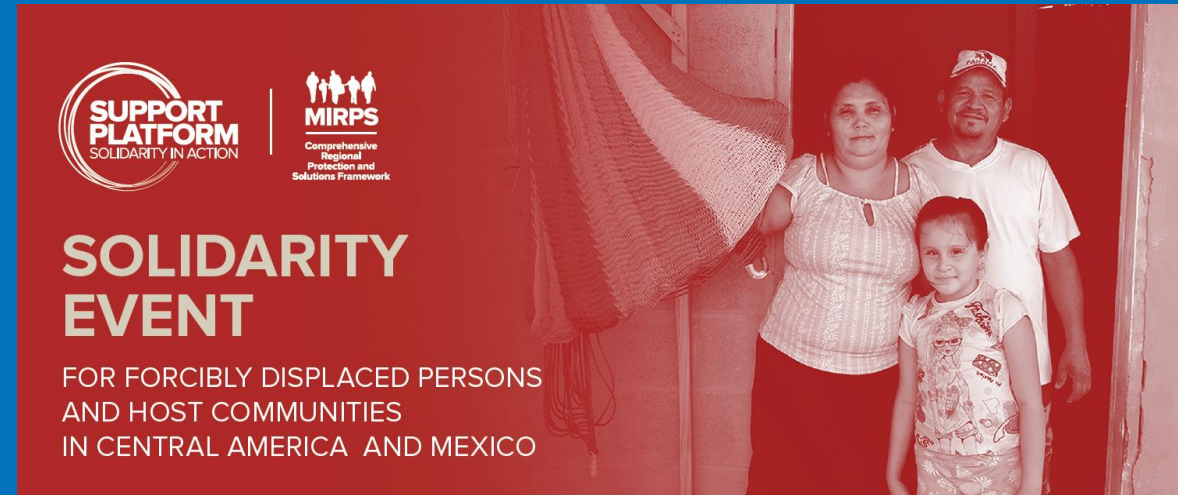


# Americas

## PROGRESS

*Protection capacity, Asylum, Inclusion, Education, Jobs & livelihoods, Solutions and Statelessness*

- **Regional comprehensive response framework (MIRPS)** – MIRPS National Plans, MIRPS Support Platform
- **State progress** - Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay
- **Statelessness** - Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay
- **Education** – Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia, Canada, Ecuador, and Mexico (Brief December 2020)
- **Asylum & ACSG** - MIRPS Support Platform asylum capacity thematic roundtables; cooperation reported under ACSG
- **3-years RST and CPs Strategy** - CRISP, Family reunification, education and labour mobility





# Americas

## PROGRESS MADE BY STATES – some examples & good practices

- **Education** - Brazil (SVdM chairs increased), Guatemala (recognition of diplomas)
- **Argentina** (statelessness)
- **Brazil** (asylum, education, access to documentation, interiorization program)
- **Canada** (asylum capacities, Complementary pathways, education, MIRPS Platform presidency in July 2021)
- **Haiti** (birth registration)
- **Chile** (statelessness/draft law on immigration)
- **Colombia** (statelessness, law on migration pending publication, Temporary Protection status (TPS) for Venezuelans (good practice )
- **Costa Rica** (Complementary Protection, asylum procedures, health insurance, statelessness/civil registry)
- **El Salvador** (access to employment, health, education)
- **Ecuador** (PRIMES/ProGres implementation)
- **Honduras** (integration)
- **Mexico** (complementary pathways, access to asylum/RSD procedures, documentation, registration of asylum claims, access to employment, legal counselling, child protection, statelessness)
- **Uruguay** (statelessness)
- **Panama** (access to documentation, decentralization of asylum procedures, statelessness)



# Americas

## REGIONAL STOCKTAKING & REGIONAL FORA

- VII Meeting of the Quito Process on Human Mobility of Venezuelan nationals in Latin America and the Caribbean – Lima Chapter Declaration adopted - May 2021
- International Donors Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants - June 2021
- CLARCIEV, OAS/PUICA - Declaration of CLARCIEV GA adopted November 2020, two joint studies
- Brazil Plan of Action - triennial Evaluation (2018-2020) regional and bilateral consultations with States - July 2021
- Draft OAS GA HHRR Res - inclusion of ACSG, statelessness, MIRPS
- ECLAC, GRULAC, SICA, MERCOSUR





# Americas

## STOCKTAKING KEY MESSAGES

- Continued **whole of society** approach
- Building upon investments **in burden-and responsibility sharing**
- Strengthening **cooperation and partnerships**
- **Inclusion of forced displacement** in regional plans and process
- Expand **access to basic rights** and inclusion in **national protection & development plans**
- Increase **innovative and pragmatic solutions**
- **Connect pledges** with support and resources

## HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS MEETING

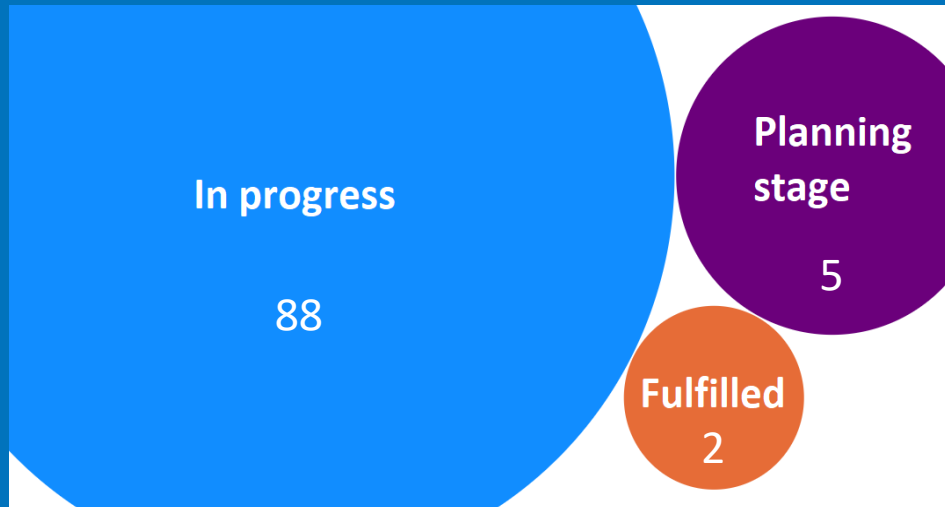
- **Reformulation & readjustment** of pledges
- Potential for **new pledges**
- **Regional Organizations** renew/new pledges
- **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1961 Statelessness Convention** - treaty event UNGA
- **Stocktaking events** (AGD, Statelessness, Asylum & ACSG)
- Looking at **champion countries/good practices** from the Americas



# Asia and the Pacific

## Key progress and findings of stocktaking

75% of pledges in progress



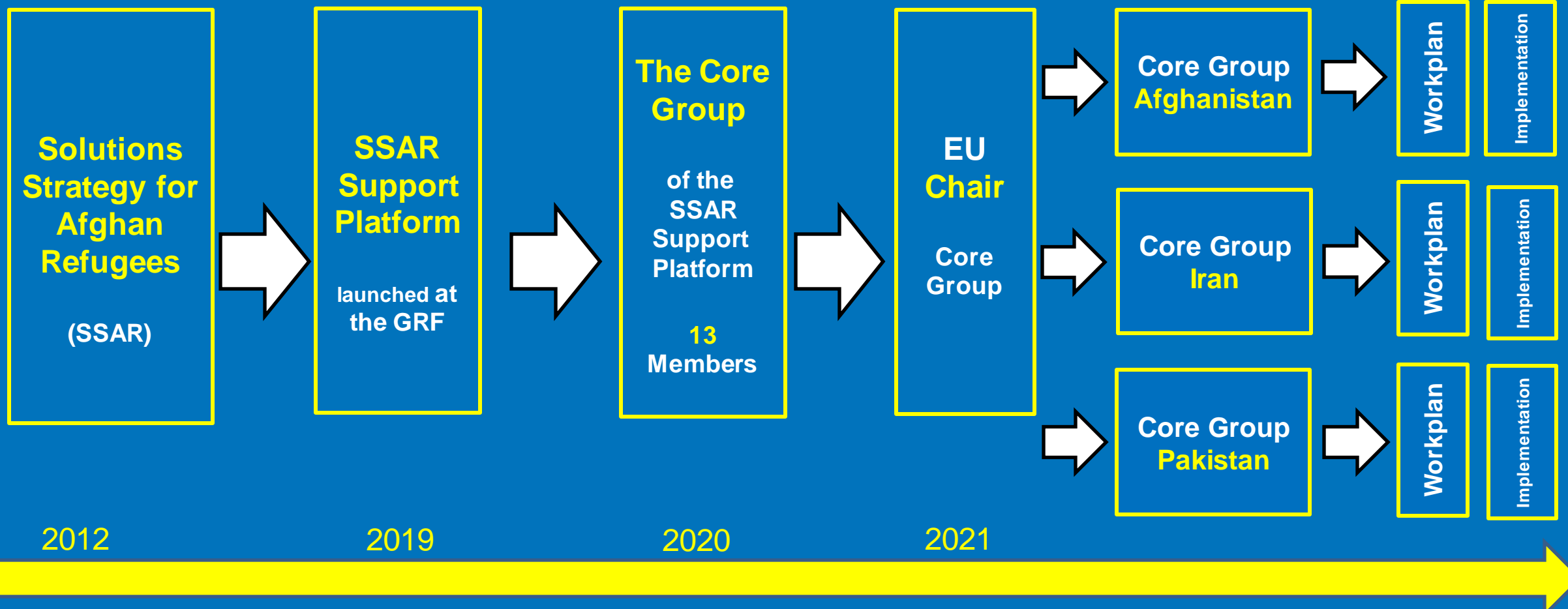
- Important efforts to enhance refugee participation at **pan-regional** level and in **Australia and Malaysia**
- Progress towards resolving statelessness in **Kyrgyzstan, the Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand** and **Turkmenistan**
- Refugee law and/or procedure reform in process in **Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand** and **Turkmenistan**
- Improved inclusion of refugees in access to services (documentation, education and livelihoods) in progress or completed in **Australia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, the Philippines**
- Partnership with the **private sector** contributing to self-reliance in **Australia and Japan**
- Strengthened **birth registration** in **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Thailand** and **Turkmenistan**
- Greater access to solutions and pathways achieved or in progress in **Australia, Japan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea**
- Enhanced support for returnees in **Afghanistan** and for Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran through the **Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR)**



# Asia and the Pacific

## SSAR Support Platform

Toward equitable burden and responsibility sharing for the Afghan Situation





# Asia and the Pacific

## Observations from regional stocktaking

- Correlation between progress on implementation and whole-of-society engagement in the development of pledges and follow-up process
- Outstanding needs for matching to facilitate implementation of important commitments
- Ongoing stocktaking has been useful to identify outstanding gaps in the region, whether in terms of thematic coverage (eg jobs & livelihoods), stakeholder groups (e.g. refugee-led organizations) or geographic diversity
- There remains work to do to “demystify” the GCR and GRF as concepts and processes to get wider range of stakeholders on board





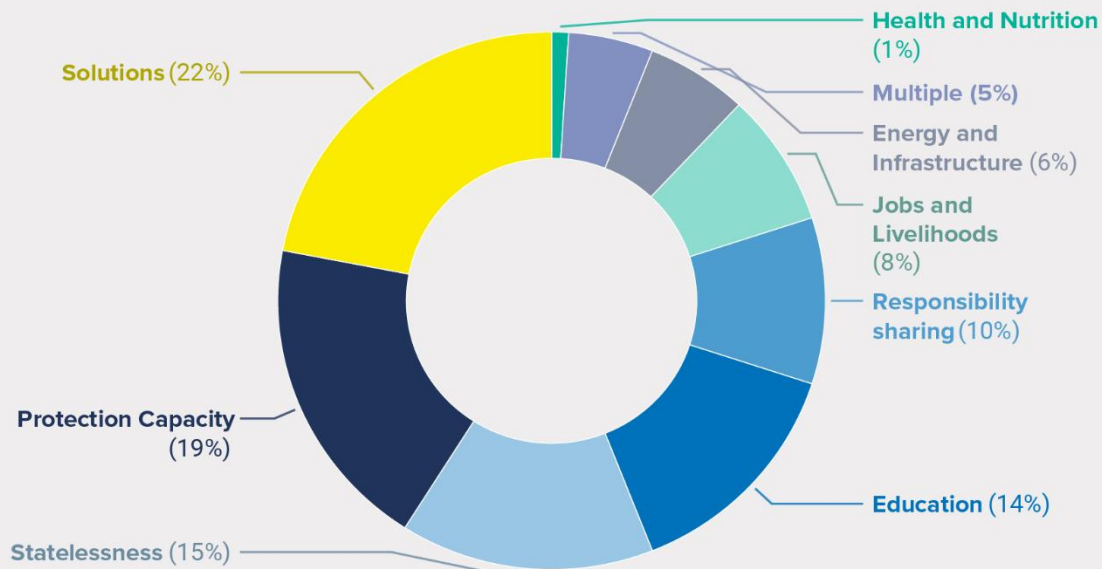
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Over 360 pledges

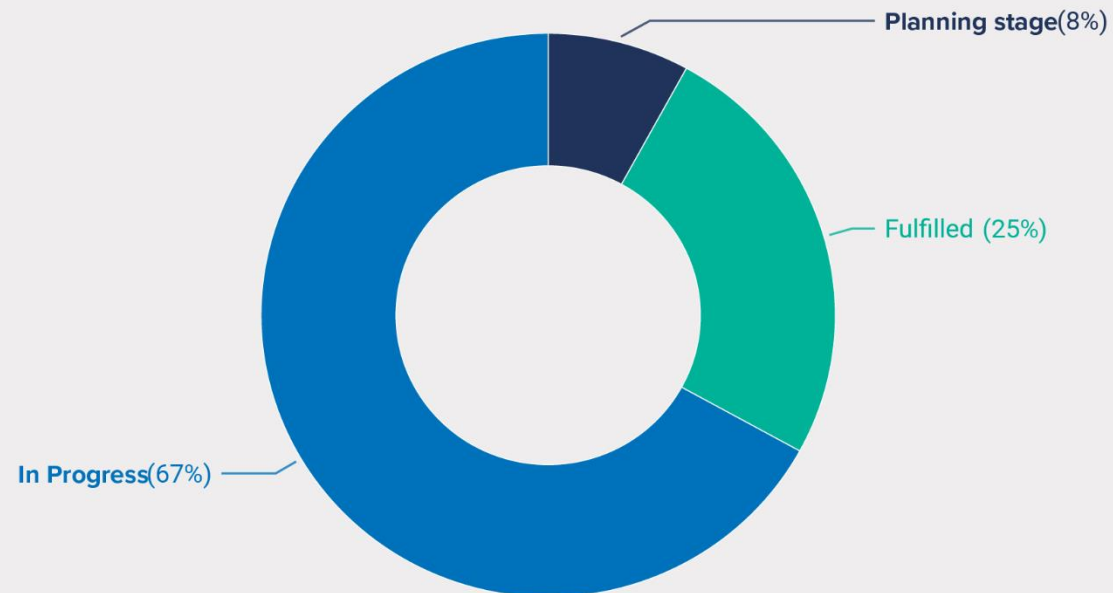
50% domestic/50% global

74% pledges by Government  
large number of joint pledges  
(Govt/NGOs)

## TOTAL PLEDGES BY AREA OF FOCUS



## PLEDGE PROGRESS UPDATE

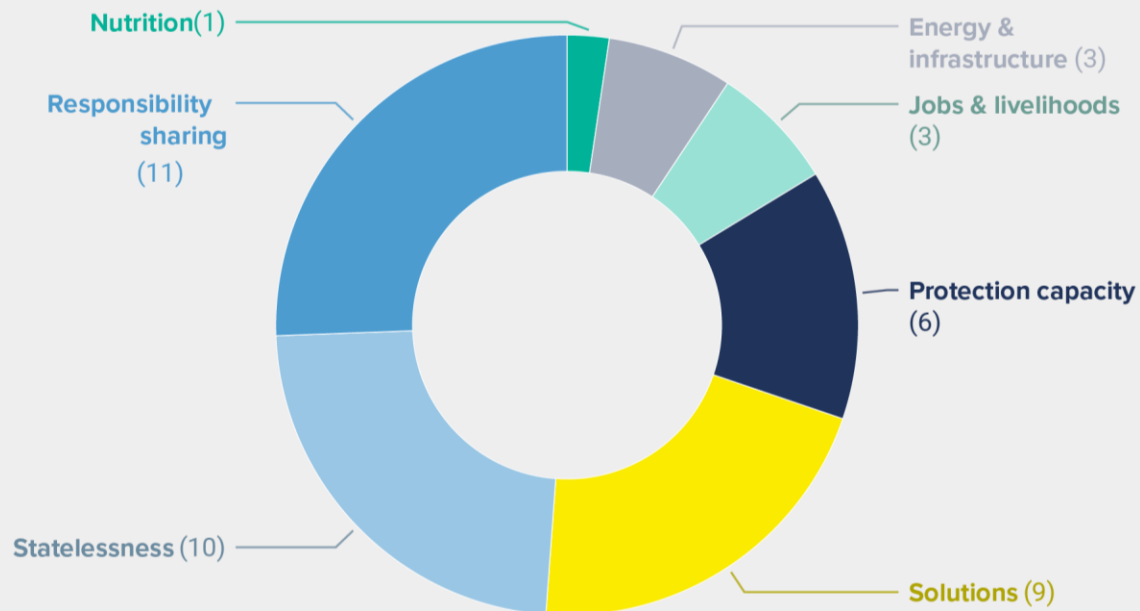


74% pledge updates

Regional **stock-taking exercises**:  
HIAS event, ASILE Conference,  
ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Event...

Stay the course!

## PLEDGES FULFILLED BY THEMATIC AREAS



- Important headways made on prevention and reduction of **statelessness**: 22% pledges implemented (new accessions, legislative reforms, etc.)
- **Solutions**: Expansion of community sponsorship initiatives, humanitarian corridors...
- **Integration and inclusion**: challenged by COVID but adjustments to integration programmes
- Support to effective **access to education**
- Efforts to enhance **right to work**
- **Resettlement and complementary pathways**: More needs to be done
- **ACSG**: in progress – good practice examples

# Middle East and North Africa

## Key Messages



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Long cultural and historical legacy of asylum. Countries in the region continue to host millions of refugees and displaced persons, despite complex local and regional dynamics, protracted conflicts, and evolving socio-economic challenges and vulnerabilities exacerbated by COVID-19. Much support has been received over the years, yet, needs still outpace resources available. Longer-term solutions are required.

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Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan pioneered meeting acute protection needs as well as resilience capacities of national authorities and host communities, adhering to the principle of “leave no one behind, and in line with the Global Compact on Refugees.

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Reinforcing impactful development partnerships, including with the World Bank, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, with a view to supporting sustained refugee inclusion in national development plans, social protection programs, and basic services, and wider opportunities for financing and resourcing.

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Substantive progress on a whole of society approach in the region, including additional emphasis and resourcing for multi-stakeholder engagement, and accelerating local stakeholders participation in the design thinking, as well as operational management, of refugee situations.

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GCR reiterated the need for continued solidarity and responsibility sharing and active identification of matching opportunities for the commitments and policy pledges made at the first GRF will be necessary to meaningfully demonstrate continued support to countries hosting large numbers of refugees.

# Snapshot of Regional Convenings in Follow-up to the GCR/GRF in MENA



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First Mayor's Forum on Inclusive Cities, held in November 2020 for over 50 participants from cities and municipal authorities in North Africa, together with civil society partners in November 2020, including key sub-regional city-led convenings, fostering discussions with the World Bank on expected next steps;

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First MENA GRF Multistakeholder Stock-taking and Second Annual MENA Civil Society Consultations in April 2021. 160 participants including multi-stakeholder partners from faith-based organisations, Islamic philanthropists, artists and cultural influencers, private sector, refugees, refugee-led organizations, INGOs, CSOs and NGOs. Partners provided updates on implementation of GRF pledges and discussed local, national, and regional level developments in relation to advancement of the multi-stakeholder “whole of society” approach.

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Third Regional Academic Roundtable, this year on the theme of Climate Change and Displacement, co-convened with Columbia University Global Center in Amman in June. 200 academics, experts, policy makers, civil society partners, and private sector. First opportunity to unpack intersection between 2 contemporary mega trends and to identify joint research and resourcing;

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Presentation to the General Secretariat and Member States of the League of Arab States Headquarters in Cairo on the GCR/GRF/HLOM on 8 June;

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Regional briefing on GCR/GRF for delegates from governments, academics, and NGOs from the region at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo on 21 June;



## East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes (EHAGL)

- **IGAD Support Platform:** IGAD member states took stock of progress at “1<sup>st</sup> Regional Technical Experts’ meeting on the Kampala Declaration on jobs, livelihood, and self-reliance for refugees, returnees, and host communities” (April)
- **EHAGL Regional NGO Consultations:** NGOs showcased GRF pledge implementation, challenges and needs for further support (June)
- **Poverty Alleviation Coalition side event:** to support 48,000 extremely poor households to be self-reliant more funding is needed - Funding level 23% (June)
- **Internal regional stocktaking:** desk-based review to ascertain support and coordination needs and implementation progress



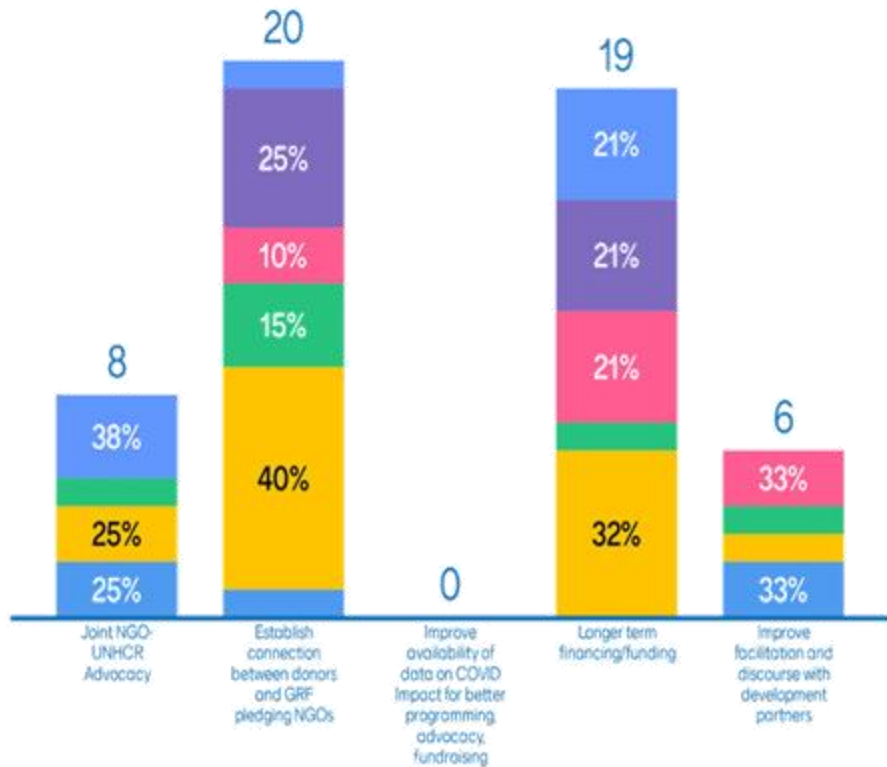


## GRF Highlights – EHAGL – Broadening the base

- **IGAD Support Platform:** showcases strong governmental and partner commitment for the **Sudan-South Sudan Solutions Initiative** to identify durable Solutions for IDPs and refugees and demonstrates the Nairobi Process in Action
- **EU-ACP joint Parliamentary Assembly, co-led with Special Envoy for East & Horn:** UNHCR highlighted progress vis-à-vis GRF partner and states pledges in Africa, discussed opportunities for engagement of the members of the European Parliamentarians, incl. potential mission to refugee hosting areas (May)
- **Country level progress:** considerable progress in developing national action plans, enhancing coordination between actors, pledge matching, e.g. *Somalia Durable Solutions Strategy*
- **Regional Inclusion Exchange East Africa:** establishes links between actors across humanitarian-development nexus supporting LH pledges (over 200 members)



## How can UNHCR support in addressing the challenges faced in implementing pledges effectively? (select up to 2)



What do you consider to be the greatest challenge faced by NGOs aiming to implement GRF pledges?

- Restrictive policy and legal framework
- Challenges in pledge funding/matching
- Covid-related restrictions and challenges to implementation
- Rapidly changing operational contexts redirecting focus to emerging emergencies
- Lack of adequate connection across the humanitarian development nexus
- Unknown

- **Recognize the challenges faced** by POCs and RLOs in participation and the needed for capacity building
- **Strengthen joint UNHCR-NGO advocacy** for funding but also for protection of refugees in sensitive contexts; legal barriers and social inclusion
- **Visibility of pledge progress:** newsletters, local efforts published at global level, platform to submit good practices
- **ReDSS research:** advocate for more bridge funding (grants) for humanitarian-development nexus



# Discussion

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Interventions from the floor





# Closing remarks

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**Ms. Gillian Triggs, *Assistant High Commissioner for Protection***