

Second Informal Briefing on the Global Compact on Refugees

1 October 2026
10:00 – 12:00 CET

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Agenda

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Global Refugee Forum pledges

2,828

Pledges *post
archiving campaign*

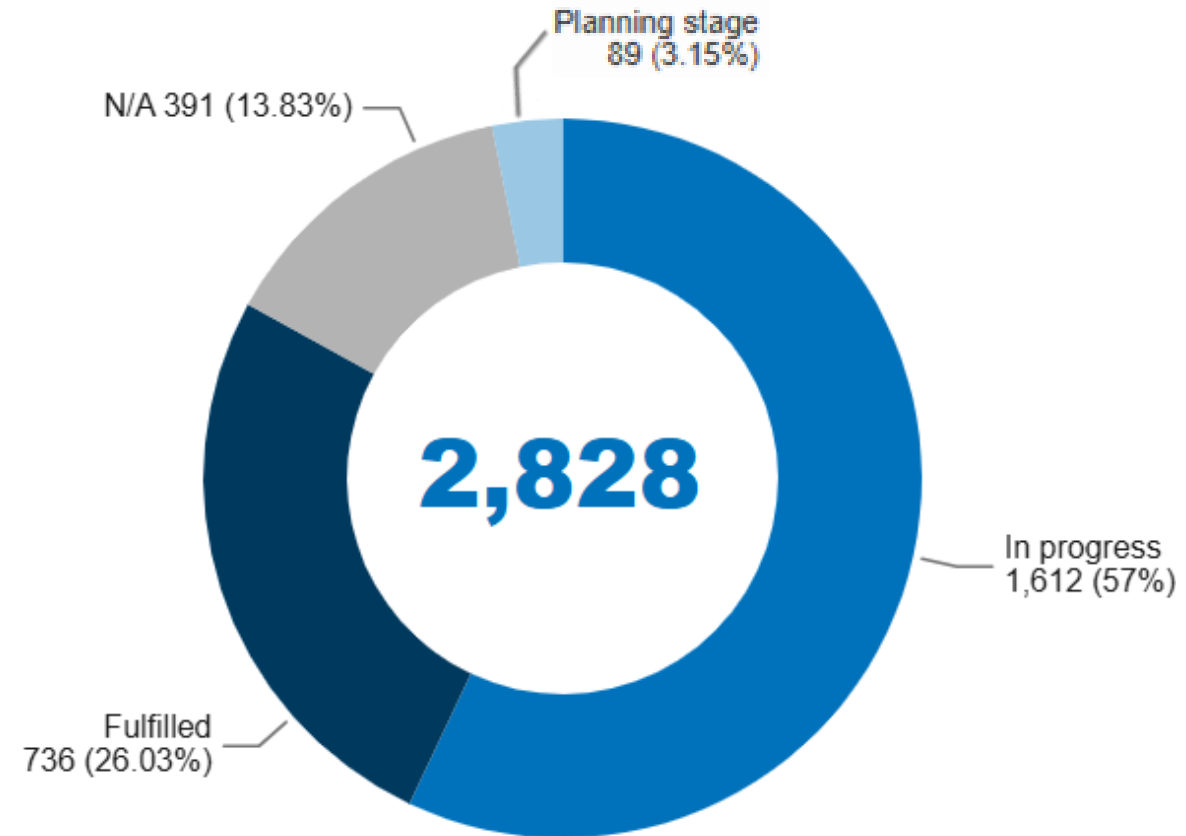
83%

Pledges in progress
or fulfilled

772

Archived pledges

- [Archiving exercise](#) from March: stronger data accountability and integrity.
- 100 pledge updates submitted since March
24 pledges have been fulfilled.
- Next pledge reporting campaign is planned for Q1, 2027.



GRF Progress Review follow-up

Pledging Framework 2.0: Accelerating progress

- **Optimized framework:** Clearer linkages to GCR objectives and 50 by 35 Vision. Minimum requirements to avoid ambiguity, facilitate implementation and matching, while preserving flexibility. **Impact-oriented.**
- **Pledge matching:** Continue collaborative efforts to identify concrete opportunities for matching.
- **Multi-stakeholder pledge review:** Ensure MSPs remain relevant, efficient, and well governed, clearly linked to the GCR objectives and useful as delivery frameworks.
- **Next steps:** Consultations, incl. discussions with MSP leads on opportunities for consolidation. Launch in Q1 2027.

GRF Progress Review follow-up

GCR Indicator Framework review

- **Purpose:** Strengthen the GCR Indicator Framework as a foundation for monitoring, reporting and communicating progress against the Compact's objectives, while contributing to the measurement and reporting of progress towards the 50 by 35 Vision.
- **What we want to achieve:**
 1. Greater relevance
 2. Better measurement
 3. Stronger statistical inclusion
 4. More accessible evidence
- **Approach:** Consultative and pragmatic, leveraging existing data sources and systems to improve the framework without increasing reporting requirements.



GRF Progress Review follow-up

Meaningful Refugee Participation



Release of report: [*Towards influence: How forcibly displaced and stateless people participated in the GRF Progress Review 2025*](#)

Recommendations of refugee participants have informed:

- Collective efforts in 2026 to **advance MRP across the pledge framework and implementation phases**
- **Co-development of four-year MRP vision & strategy across the GRF cycle (2027-31)**
 - Aim is to move beyond engagement around individual events toward sustained participation across GCR process
 - Co-design and finalization with refugee community and stakeholders in 2026
 - Launch of participation cohort of forcibly displaced and stateless people for next GCR cycle

Towards the Global Refugee Forum 2027

7–8 DEC 2026

High
Commissioner's
Dialogue

2027

Q2
Second
preparatory
meeting
on the GRF 2027

Q4
Fourth
preparatory
meeting
on the GRF 2027

Q1
First preparatory
meeting
on the GRF 2027

Q3
Third preparatory
meeting
on the GRF 2027

Q4
GCR Indicator
Report 2027

15–17

DECEMBER
2027

GLOBAL
REFUGEE
FORUM

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Consultations continue throughout the year, connecting each milestone to the Forum.

High Commissioner's Dialogue 2026

Date: 7-8 December 2026

Venue: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG),
Switzerland

Nature of event:

- Culmination of year of dialogues around 75th Anniversary
- Orientation around multi-stakeholder exchange and interaction
- Tangible outcome, to also inform GRF 2027 and pledging

Meaningful refugee participation:

- At least 50 forcibly displaced and stateless delegates sponsored
- All stakeholders encouraged to include refugees in delegations
> [Guidance available here](#)
- Forcibly displaced and stateless people co-shape discussions
- R-Space present at the venue



High Commissioner's Dialogue 2026: Emerging themes for discussion

- 1 75th Anniversary - year of dialogues on 1951 Refugee Convention
- 2 Policy responses to today's key asylum and protection challenges, including statelessness
- 3 Advancing route-based approaches
- 4 Digital technology, AI and protection
- 5 Delivering on 50 by 35 vision through access to rights and inclusion

For more information:

[High Commissioner's Dialogue 2026 Page](#)

[Concept Note](#)

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Additional relevant page:

[75th Anniversary Page](#)

Events around the anniversary

Upcoming

- **Seeking Sanctuaries: Stories of Movement, Acts of Welcome** – 22 July 2026 - 18 October 2026, Athens, Greece

Past

- **Stories of Seeking Safety and Hope** – 9 May 2026, Lesbos, Greece
- **Memory and Courage** – 17 - 19 June 2026, Athens, Greece
- **World Refugee Day/75th Anniversary High-Level Dialogue** – 18 June 2026, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- **Amanecer Theatre Play** – 18 June 2026, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- **Training Workshop on Strengthening Access to Asylum and Protection-Sensitive Systems** – 15 - 16 September 2026, Geneva, Switzerland
- **High-Level Side Event Commemorating 75 Years of the 1951 Refugee Convention** – 23 September 2026, New York, United States of America



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The GCR Indicator Brief

First thematic brief: Complements the biannual GCR Report, sharper lens on refugee children's specific needs and rights.

4 GCR objectives: Tracks progress using GCR indicators, supported by complementary measures

Burden- and responsibility-sharing: Measures of disparities among countries hosting refugee children and providing durable solutions

Support from IDAC: International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC)

Data limitations: Addressed by using statistical modelling, additional methodology and data sources



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**GLOBAL COMPACT
ON REFUGEES
INDICATOR BRIEF**

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

A generation growing up in displacement

Nearly 14 million

refugee children by end 2025,



Hosting responsibility is concentrated where resources are often most constrained.

2.4 million

children born as refugees, 2018–2025

A devastating toll
for children:



Progress is real, but uneven and fragile

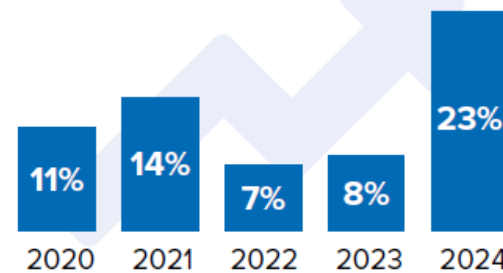
SIGNS OF PROGRESS

As of 2025,
51% of refugee children



were enrolled in public schools,
up from **48%** in 2022.

The share of child-focused ODA for
refugee situations channelled directly
through national actors rose in 2024,
the highest level recorded during
2020-2024.



Refugee child returns reached a ten-year
high in 2025, with an estimated

1.1 million children



accounting for around
two in five
of all refugee returns.

Approximately
**480 child-focused
pledges** have been made, with

nearly 90%

already being
implemented
or fulfilled.



Pressures on those gains

Child-focused ODA for refugee situations in LICs and MICs rose from

USD 2.6 billion
(18% of refugee-related ODA)
in 2020 to

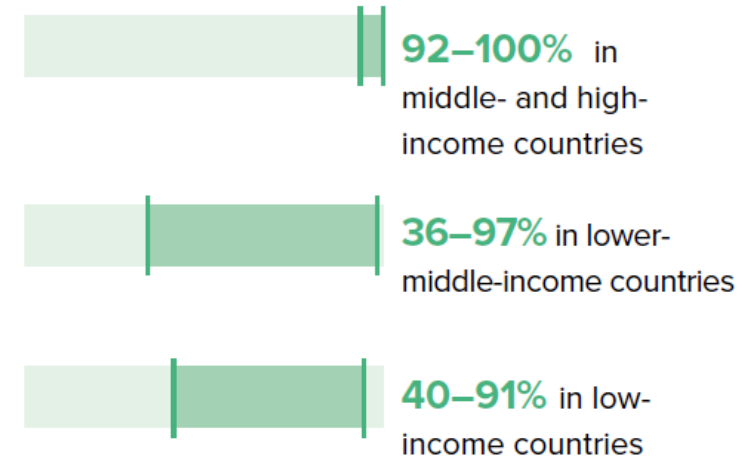
USD 3.6 billion
(24%) in 2023, before
declining to

USD 2.9 billion
(21%) in 2024



raising concerns about sustaining progress amid wider aid cuts.

Birth registration coverage among refugee children under five ranged from:



In 7 out of 10
countries with data,



3 out of 4

refugee children lived below the
international poverty line.

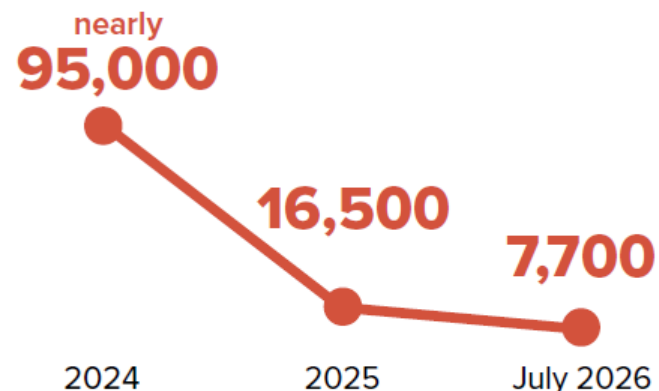
The solutions gap is widening



Between 2021 and 2024, an estimated

145,045 children
received permits, almost entirely for
family reunification purposes.

Resettlement opportunities for refugee
children collapsed after 2024, with
submissions to States declining sharply



Between 2020 and 2024,

only 3.2%
(USD 474 million)

of child-focused ODA for refugee
situations supported returnee children
and their communities of return.

What comes next

Policy recommendations: 12 key recommendations calling to **invest, include and expand solutions**

GRF 2027: Close the implementation gaps through targeted commitments, stronger accountability and additional partnerships and financing.

Other moments to discuss the Brief in depth:
Explore in more depth the key findings and recommendations, in cooperation with IDAC and UNHCR's child protection experts

Refugee Data Portal: Will include the underlying data for the Brief and a thematic page on forcibly displaced and stateless children





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GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES INDICATOR BRIEF

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Access the GCR Indicator Brief



 Also available [here](#).

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Thank you