

Annex to NGO statement – Third GRF preparatory meeting, 14 November 2019: examples of NGO pledges and contributions for the GRF

The below annex compiles examples of pledges and contributions emanating from Non-governmental Organizations worldwide. It provides a snapshot of NGOs engagement towards a first Global Refugee Forum that delivers tangible contributions to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and sets an ambitious standard for future refugee response.

Further pledges are in preparation within the NGO community, related to a wide range of themes including: refugee self-reliance; Age, Gender and Diversity, especially refugee youth; education and child protection; Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV). Accordingly, this document will be updated on a rolling basis until the Forum on ICVA website. Other stakeholders are encouraged to use this annex particularly to establish joint and matching pledges. NGOs also call on other actors to replicate this level of transparency so that we can collectively work towards an impactful Global Refugee Forum, that brings additionality.

NGO name(s): Act for Peace

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Act for Peace is preparing to pledge, over a 4-year period, to review and strengthen its policies, procedures, strategies and practices in order to maximize its contributions, under a whole of society approach, to the co-creation of sustainable enabling environments for the leadership and meaningful participation in all decisions affecting their lives of people with living and lived refugee experience, forced migration experience, host communities and other affected people. Our approach will be inclusive, ensuring that our policies, procedures, strategies and practices support the meaningful participation and leadership of women, youth, elders, LGBTIQ people, people with disability, people from ethnic and religious minorities and other groups including people in vulnerable situations. We commit to a process of mutual capacity-strengthening with existing partners, to sharing lessons learned, to striving to model good practice, and to developing and reporting against indicators. We further pledge to contribute to the development of a joint Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR) and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) position paper on ‘the co-creation, under a whole-of-society approach, of sustainable enabling environments for the leadership and meaningful participation of refugees and other affected persons’, and to advocating jointly on this with diverse actors.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Act for Peace proposes to join or match the pledge made jointly by Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) and Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR), titled ‘*Co-create enabling environments for refugees’ and affected others’ meaningful participation*’. Act for Peace also welcomes

similar pledges and collaborative initiatives launched by refugee-led networks and other NGOs and is actively exploring synergies and partnerships.

NGO name(s): Act for Peace

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Act for Peace is preparing to pledge, over a 4-year period, to build upon its programmatic and policy work with existing partners, including refugee-led organisations, across diverse contexts, to strengthen informed refugee decision-making and more effective preparedness, by refugees and other actors, for multiple refugee futures. Amongst other elements, this will include: strengthening AGD-responsiveness, in particular our focus upon women's empowerment and gender equity, in our programming, policy and advocacy work in this area; ensuring that the leadership and meaningful participation of refugees is promoted and enabled to the maximum extent in all of our programming, policy and advocacy work in this area; and extending our existing focus upon informed refugee decision making and refugee preparedness for safe and dignified voluntary repatriation and reintegration to include further work on informed refugee decision making and diverse actor preparedness for all durable solutions and alternative pathways. Our planned pledge will incorporate financial, technical and other commitments and will proactively seek to broaden the base of support for innovation, replication and scaling in this area. Act for Peace will develop and report against indicators and commits to sharing lessons learned.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Act for Peace will be inviting existing NGO operational partners, including refugee-led organisations, to join this pledge. Act for Peace will also be exploring potential partnerships on this initiative with other civil society organisations and networks and other interested actors, including those which may be interested in contributing technical, financial or other supports.

NGO name(s): Amal Alliance

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Support the psycho-social wellbeing of refugee and host community children through social emotional learning curricula. This holistic non-formal educational approach was designed and implemented with feedback from refugees and the local community, addressing the specific needs of girls and young women, boys and young men. Our versatile programming allows for localization, easing the transition into communities and the formal education system. Implemented in Greece, Lebanon, and Turkey, with potential expansion to Mexico and beyond, it can be applied to various learners within ECD and primary, as well as in emergency response settings. Our trauma informed training builds capacity by strengthening and investing in teachers in crisis contexts to ensure adequate

psycho-social support. With a goal of reaching approximately 50,000 children (25,000 in ECD & 25,000 in primary) and 3,000 teachers trained by 2020, we call on others to join our commitment, as well as a funding partner.

Submitted or planned: submitted.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Matching, Joint Pledges, Strategic Partners, Funding Partners.

NGO name(s): Asylum Access Headquarters

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Enacting Meaningful Refugee Participation

Submitted by: Emily on behalf of AAHQ and Board

Type of Organization: International

What area of focus does this support: Other; Broad refugee participation supports the overall success of refugee responses across all thematic areas.

Type of Contribution: Policy, Financial, Material/Technical Support

We believe that refugee participation is meaningful when refugees are prepared for and participating in fora and processes where strategies are being developed and/or decisions are being made, in a manner that is sustained, safe, and supported financially.

We also believe that when refugees are participating meaningfully, that responses at local, national and global levels are most likely to lead to refugees living safely, moving freely and working legally.

Asylum Access's Global Headquarters therefore pledges:

- To establish recruitment and hiring practices that increase the number of refugee applicants in our pipelines.
- To fill **at least 50%** of open staff *and* leadership positions with a member of the refugee community between now and 2023.
- To offer **twice annual advocacy trainings in both English and Spanish** to any refugee-led initiative between now and 2023.
- To offer at least **4 refugee-led initiatives at least 15 hours each of pro bono consulting** in advocacy skills development and positioning between now and 2023.

Asylum Access's Board of Directors pledges **that 50% of all new board members** will be members of the refugee community between now and 2023. At least **1 officer** will be a member of the refugee community by 2023.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Individual pledge.

NGO name(s): Asylum Access Thailand

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Enacting Meaningful Refugee Participation

Submitted by: Nai on behalf of AAT

Type of Organization: Civil Society

What area of focus does this support: Other; Broad refugee participation supports the overall success of refugee responses across all thematic areas.

Type of Contribution: Policy, Material/Technical Support

Pledge Content:

We believe that refugee participation is meaningful when refugees are prepared for and participating in fora and processes where strategies are being developed and/or decisions are being made, in a manner that is sustained, safe, and supported financially.

We also believe that when refugees are participating meaningfully, that responses at local, national and global levels are most likely to lead to refugees living safely, moving freely and working legally.

Asylum Access Thailand therefore pledges:

- To establish recruitment and hiring practices that increase the number of refugee applicants in our pipelines.
- To fill **at least 50%** of open staff positions with a member of the refugee community between now and 2023; at least **1 person per department** will be from the refugee community. We will seek to hire refugees from across refugees communities and demographics.
- To establish a “Refugee Network” in Thailand, and offer training and capacity building opportunities so that refugees can lead their own advocacy in Thailand by 2023.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): **Asylum Access Malaysia**

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Enacting Meaningful Refugee Participation

Submitted by: Hui Ying on behalf of AAM

Type of Organization: Civil Society

What area of focus does this support: Other; Broad refugee participation supports the overall success of refugee responses across all thematic areas.

Type of Contribution: Policy, Financial, Material/Technical Support

Pledge Content:

We believe that refugee participation is meaningful when refugees are prepared for and participating in fora and processes where strategies are being developed and/or decisions are being made, in a manner that is sustained, safe, and supported financially.

We also believe that when refugees are participating meaningfully, that responses at local, national and global levels are most likely to lead to refugees living safely, moving freely and working legally.

Asylum Access Malaysia therefore pledges:

- To establish recruitment and hiring practices that increase the number of refugee applicants in our pipelines.
- To facilitate refugee **participation in all levels of advocacy**, whether or not they are sitting staff.
- To identify and build the capacity of at **least two new refugee advocates** from the community by 2021.

To provide funding and logistical support for **two refugee advocates** to attend regional/international fora during 2020 and 2021.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): **Asylum Access Mexico**

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Enacting Meaningful Refugee Participation

Submitted by: Ale on behalf of AAMX

Type of Organization: Civil Society

What area of focus does this support: Other; Broad refugee participation supports the overall success of refugee responses across all thematic areas.

Type of Contribution: Policy

We believe that refugee participation is meaningful when refugees are prepared for and participating in fora and processes where strategies are being developed and/or decisions are being made, in a manner that is sustained, safe, and supported financially.

We also believe that when refugees are participating meaningfully, that responses at local, national and global levels are most likely to lead to refugees living safely, moving freely and working legally.

- To **establish recruitment and hiring practices** that increase the number of refugee applicants in our pipelines.
- To sponsoring **at least two refugees to study Spanish** whether or not they are sitting on staff, during 2020-2023.
- To facilitate **broad refugee participation across communities at national/regional forums during 2020-2021** (Especially in regarding to the follow-on to the Brazil Plan of Action).

To identify and build the capacity of **at least two new refugees advocates** from the community by 2020-2021.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): Asylum Access Global

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Increasing Access to Legal Support for Refugees Worldwide

Submitted by: Emily on behalf of entire organization

Type of Organization: International (with all orgs listed)

What area of focus does this support: Protection Capacity

Type of Contribution: Material/Technical Support

Pledge content:

Most refugees **do not have access to legal support**. As such, most refugees do not have the information, individualized situational analysis and legal expertise they need to access immediate protection and long-term solutions, to assert their rights under national and international law, or to make informed decisions about many aspects of their lives.

Asylum Access seeks to fill this gap by:

- Expanding our use of innovative community-based legal models to increase our annual reach from 14,000 individuals to 20,000 individuals between now and 2023.
- Advocating for adequate funding for legal empowerment initiatives globally in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16, equal access to justice for all, so that the more than 50+ legal empowerment organizations around the world have access to the resources needed to continue and expand legal support for refugees.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): Asylum Access Global and partners

Short description of the pledge, including timeline:

Name: Instigating collaboration within the Global Legal Community to Increase Refugee Access to Legal Support Worldwide

Submitted by: TBD

Type of Organization:

What area of focus does this support: Protection Capacity

Type of Contribution: Material/Technical Support

Pledge content:

Most refugees do not have access to legal aid or other pro bono legal support. As such, most refugees do not have the information, individualized situational analysis and legal expertise they need to access immediate protection and long-term solutions, to assert their rights under national and international law, or to make informed decisions about many aspects of their lives.

Together, we the pledgers will address this gap by instigating and engaging in a discussion with the global legal community including law firms, law societies, bar associations, law schools, and legal empowerment organizations.

This discussion will seek to leverage material and financial resources, including pro bono hours, that can dramatically increase the number of refugees around the world who have a personal lawyer in important legal and protection matters, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16, equal access to justice for all.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): We are looking to add as many members of the legal community as possible to this collaboration pledge. Right now, we think it's likely to be important civil society partners.

NGO name(s): Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR) and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Over a 4-year period, APRRN and APNOR pledge to strengthen, develop and implement internal network policies, procedures, strategies and practices which maximize our contributions, under a whole of society approach, to the co-creation of sustainable enabling environments for the leadership and meaningful participation in all decisions affecting their lives of people with living and lived refugee experience, forced migration experience, host communities and other affected people. Our approach will be inclusive, ensuring that our policies, procedures, strategies and practices support the meaningful participation and leadership of women, youth, elders, LGBTIQ people, people with disability, people from ethnic and religious minorities and other groups including people in vulnerable situations. We commit to practicing mutual capacity-strengthening, sharing lessons learned, striving to model good practice, and developing and reporting against indicators. We further pledge to develop a joint position paper, informed by consultation, on 'the co-creation, under a whole-of-society approach, of sustainable enabling environments for the leadership and meaningful participation of refugees and other affected persons', and to advocating jointly on this with diverse actors.

Submitted or planned: submitted.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): APNOR and APRRN invite other actors to contribute to this initiative, through matching pledges, the contribution of financial or technical supports and/or associated joint advocacy. APNOR and APRRN are aware of and welcome similar pledges and collaborative initiatives launched by refugee-led networks and NGOs and are actively exploring synergies and partnerships.

NGO name(s): Education for All Coalition

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: We pledge to provide a global network of experts in learning & literacy, psycho-social/emotional wellbeing and trauma support practice, curriculum development, social justice, and teacher preparation to address the needs of refugee children at all education levels through meaningful and sustainable engagements and opportunities. We furthermore pledge to share experiences on the implementation of this pledge at subsequent Global Refugee Forums and/or high-level officials' meetings.

Submitted or planned: submitted.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Educators or healthcare providers with similar expertise or passion to facilitate access to education and well-being of refugee children.

NGO name(s): Good Neighbors International

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Good Neighbors commits to support market-based economic activities for the peaceful coexistence between refugees and host community by facilitating the participation of refugees to local labor markets and creating new livelihood opportunities to host communities.

In order to protect and empower the most vulnerable groups in humanitarian situation, Good Neighbors commits to provide psychosocial support to women and children and strengthen their socioeconomic capacity through innovative, sustainable, rapid, and quality services.

Good Neighbors commits to increase its budget for refugee support at least by 10% for the next 4 years from \$1.5 million in 2019 to \$2.2 million in 2023 responding from 3 to 6 humanitarian crisis and providing support to PoCs from 6 to 10 countries in the area of livelihood and protection.

- 1) Humanitarian crisis: Rohingya, DR Congo, Burundi, Syria, Sudan and South Sudan
- 2) Countries of Operation: Bangladesh, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda, Jordan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Chad, and Niger.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): This pledge will be put forward together with other Korean NGOs in the form of Joint Pledge.

NGO name(s): HIAS

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: In the interest of ensuring refugee survivors of sexual and physical violence can access services, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, HIAS pledges to expand GBV Case Management services to 12,000 survivors in 10 countries over the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned and provide technical support to other organizations and states in order to scale up access to GBV Prevention and Response programming for refugees around the world. Funding in the amount of \$1M has been secured to assist 2000 new survivors in 2020, and further funding will be sought to meet the needs of 2000 new survivors per year, across 5 years.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): HIAS

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: In the interest of ensuring that refugees can access legal status, jobs and livelihoods, education, protection, and inclusion, HIAS pledges to expand legal protection programming to impact an additional 100,000 (or 600,000 total) refugees and asylum seekers over the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned and provide technical support to other organizations and states in order to scale up access to legal services for refugees and asylum seekers around the world. Funding has been secured to assist 100,000 refugees and asylum seekers in 2020, and further funding will be sought to meet the needs of 125,000 refugees and asylum seekers a year across the next four years.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Other NGOs

NGO name(s): HIAS

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: HIAS pledges to implement poverty alleviation programming using the graduation approach to target 18,000 households across 7 countries within the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned from this implementation and provide technical support to other organizations and states scaling up the graduation approach, starting with Africa and Latin America. Funding in the amount of \$2 million USD has been secured to target 2,000 households in Ecuador, and further funding will be sought to implement other aspects of this pledge.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): International Disability Alliance

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: In IDA 's strategic framework 2020-2023, the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in situation of risks and humanitarian emergencies, including the rights of refugees with disabilities, will become part and parcel of our core strategy with sustained efforts to influence humanitarian action frameworks and processes, including mechanism and agendas

related to refugees. While keeping on advocating for political commitments to be in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, IDA will work on opening new partnership opportunities to ensure the effective enforcement and accountability of those commitments. Meaningful participation and leadership of all constituencies of refugees, in particular the most underrepresented, are key to bring about concrete results at the GRF and in all related processes.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): IDA is seeking to strengthen its human and technical capacity, including through partnership with donors, to provide technical guidance and resources to its members Organizations of Persons with disabilities, to reinforce their capacity to deliver inclusive humanitarian agenda towards the effective mainstreaming of the rights of refugees with disabilities across existing policies, tools and working practices.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] Trial women's economic empowerment programming that draws on the evidence generated by research in Niger, Kenya and Germany. In particular, the research explores displaced women's own definition of women's economic empowerment and uncovers the barriers they face to pursuing economic opportunities. The research will be completed by end of Q1 2020.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): The research is funded by BlackRock, a financial investment company.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] Expand the evidence base on strategies deployed by displaced populations to achieve financial inclusion. The findings will inform policy influencing and programming in Jordan, Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda as well as global advocacy. The research will be completed by end of Q2 2021.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): Funded by Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Open Society Foundation. Partnering with The Fletcher School of Tufts University, USA and Catholic University (KU) Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] Assess the legal and regulatory barriers to refugee women's labour markets access – building on IRC's RescueWorks refugee gender pay gap report [Unlocking Refugee Women's Potential](#). The research will be completed by end of Q1 2020.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): DLA Piper, a law firm.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] Co-lead the Business Refugee Action Network, a private sector initiative to drive business-led advocacy and innovation. BRAN has launched a [Business Refugee Action Statement](#) calling for refugees to be included in governments' SDG reporting and help create an enabling environment for companies to hire refugees. IRC will continue to lead BRAN's advocacy and innovation work alongside founding partners. Timeline: end of Q2 2020 and beyond subject to funding.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): BRAN's founding members are the B Team, Ben&Jerry's, Virgin and the Tent Foundation.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] IRC will continue to expand its private sector partnerships focused on jobs and livelihoods programming in line with the model outlined in [Building economies and communities that thrive: the case for investing in refugee workforce development](#). Timeline: tbc.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): tbc.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Jobs and livelihoods] Explore the establishment of a multi-stakeholder **Global Refugee Women and Work Commission**. The Commission's goal would be to assess the particular legal, social and financial barriers to economic opportunities facing displaced women, to develop recommendations to promote refugees' right to work, access to finance and protection from gender-based violence, in order to close the gender-pay and decent-work gaps among refugees. Timeline: tbc.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): tbc.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Solutions/joint pledge] IRC has confirmed its contribution to a joint pledge by the Self-Reliance Refugee Initiative. The pledge is on *Promoting Refugee Self-Reliance through Measurement, Programming, and Advocacy*.

Submitted or planned: submitted.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): [Self-Reliance Refugee Initiative](#), a coalition of NGOs, government agencies, foundations and research institutes.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Solutions/resettlement] In line with the timeline foreseen by the three year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways which forms part of the implementation of the Global Compact, IRC will support efforts to expand the quantity and quality of EU resettlement, including through the adoption of a Union Resettlement Framework, by providing policy advice and carrying out advocacy based on our programmatic expertise.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): other NGOs tbc.

NGO name(s): International Rescue Committee

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: [Solutions/integration] With a view to ensuring a demonstrable improvement in integration outcomes within the mandate of the new EU institutions ending in 2024, IRC will support the evaluation, renewal and implementation of a new EU Action Plan on Integration, particularly with regard to actions promoting refugee women's labour market integration, by providing policy advice and carrying out advocacy based on our programmatic expertise.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): other NGOs tbc.

NGO name(s): Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: As part of our global MoU LWF & IRW commit to holding a conference in late 2020 in Europe, bringing together local faith communities from third country resettlement contexts and refugee hosting contexts who are implementing aspects of the Global Compact on Refugees and the UNHCR's 3year Resettlement & Complementary Pathways Strategy. Conference invitees will be drawn from a diversity of faiths and will take a robust intersectional and inclusiveness approach. Aims of the Conference: to share practice on welcoming the stranger, building inclusive societies, improving solidarity and shaping non-discriminatory public discourses AND link similar existing initiatives more concretely with GCR implementation across the world.

Submitted or planned: Not yet submitted – in final stages of confirmation – aim is to submit pledge formally by 30 November.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): local faith communities, international organizations working on refugee issues, and UNHCR.

NGO name(s): Japan Forum for UNHCR and NGOs (J-FUN)

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: J-FUN is organizing a national multi-stakeholder consultation in Japan in the lead-up to the Global Refugee Forum. The multi-stakeholder consultation will take place on November 15, 2019 in Tokyo bringing together a broad range of traditional and non-traditional actors involved in refugee protection supporting refugees inside and outside Japan, such as: the Government, civil society (including NGOs, faith based organisations and private foundations), educational and academic institutions,

private sector as well as refugees themselves. This multi-stakeholder consultation aims to share good practices and lessons-learned from various sectors and to discuss opportunities for further collaboration among diverse actors, thereby also promoting reflections on and charting the way forward for realising “whole-of-society approach” to supporting refugees in Japan and beyond.

Submitted or planned: Not applicable as this is not a pledge.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): J-FUN is an open forum established to promote active exchange, networking and collaboration among humanitarian and refugee support organisations in Japan. For organising this multi-stakeholder consultation, 3 members of J-FUN (Japan Platform, Forum for Refugees in Japan and UNHCR Office in Japan) are working in partnership to provide logistical and facilitation support.

NGO name(s): Oxfam

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Oxfam supports the Global Refugee-led Network’s pledge to meaningful engage refugees themselves in all processes and decisions which affect them.

At the first GRF we pledge to:

1. Support refugee-led organisations to become robust organizations that continuously improve their role and share in the overall global humanitarian response by increasing and supporting multi-year investment in the institutional capacities of local and national responders, including refugee-led organisations.
2. Involve refugees and host communities in the design of programmes from the outset and enable them to participate in decisions and monitoring of Oxfam’s programmes and partnership policies;
3. In communications to the international and national media and to the public, Oxfam will promote the role of local actors, particularly refugees and host communities, and acknowledge the work they carry out.
4. Advocate for the inclusion and participation of refugees in national development plans and NRVs for the SDGS (supports IRC initiative)
5. Include local and national responders, including refugees and host communities, in international, national and local coordination mechanisms.
6. Advocate for improved leadership and governance mechanisms at the level of the humanitarian country team and cluster/sector mechanisms to ensure engagement with and accountability to refugees and host communities affected in refugee crises.
7. Strengthen local dialogue and harness technologies to support more agile, transparent but appropriately secure feedback to refugees and host communities.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.):

NGO name(s): The Lutheran World Federation

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) will continue to support refugees to access their rights through a rights-based approach, linking international human rights mechanisms to national level accountability and grass-roots action, with the aim of achieving concrete impact for refugees at local level. LWF commits to: Enabling refugees worldwide to engage in international mechanisms like the UPR and CEDAW; working with civil society at country level, so refugee rights are fully represented in the human rights platforms and networks, resulting in policy formulation and implementation at national level; working with refugees themselves as the primary rights-holders to engage with local duty-bearers and in collaboration with relevant partners, enabling specific concrete changes to improve their well-being.

Submitted or planned: submitted.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): host communities and refugees, national and international NGOs, UNHCR, governments at the local, regional and national level, inter-governmental bodies, UN special procedures and treaty bodies.

NGO name(s): Plan International

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Strengthening refugee response, systems and policy to be more responsive to age, gender and Diversity: Plan International commits, within our mandate, technical and financial resources to help improve refugee response and systems at local, national, regional and international level to better understand and address the impact of displacement on the access of needs and through an age, gender and diversity approach. We commit to invest resources in refugee responses to conduct gender and age sensitive analysis and needs assesment, seeking to work with partners and in direct consultation with girls and boys to understand and address the intersecting factors affecting their needs and access to rights.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): Plan International

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Plan International will commit to invest technical and financial resources to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence against girls in refugee settings in line with minimum standards for child protection and gender-based violence. In addition, Plan International will fill a gap in the sector by working with adolescent girls and their families to design a programme model to tackle child marriage in humanitarian settings. The development of this model will be designed and piloted in two refugee contexts.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): N/A

NGO name(s): Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: Promoting Refugee Self-Reliance through Measurement, Programming, and Advocacy. The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative (RSRI) is a collaborative effort composed of organizations, government agencies, foundations, and research institutes focused on promoting opportunities for refugees to become self-reliant and achieve a better quality of life. The initiative aims to reach five million refugees with self-reliance programming in five years and help usher in a needed paradigm shift in refugee response. The coalition is built on three mutually reinforcing strategies including programming, measurement, and advocacy, with the aim of building an evidence base for effective programming and promoting successful refugee self-reliance strategies among key decision-makers and responders.

The pledge is focused on a two-year commitment to expand the use and support for the Self-Reliance Index to measure self-reliance, increased access to self-reliance programming and advocacy to ensure an enabling environment conducive for self-reliance.

Submitted or planned: planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): We welcome NGOS, refugee led organizations, private sector entities, philanthropies, hosting and donor governments to join the pledge to promote refugee self-reliance.

NGO name(s): RefugePoint

Short description of the pledge, including timeline: RefugePoint and private sector donors, in partnership with UNHCR, will provide resettlement and complementary pathways casework capacity in up to three priority situations in Africa and the Middle East, leading to approximately 500 additional refugees being referred for third country solutions each year. To help ensure that resettlement and complementary pathways are available to those refugees who need them most, this additional capacity will target specific populations of refugees, such as unaccompanied and separated children, and other children at-risk

Submitted or planned: Not yet submitted; but planned.

If you are looking to partner with others, please provide details (which type of actors, matching or joint pledges, etc.): We would be pleased to partner with any resettlement country interested in accepting these particular referrals.