

**Intervention at preparatory roundtable on “Burden and responsibility sharing:  
what have we achieved and where do we go next?”  
(16 November 2021, 14:00 hrs)**

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Thank you, Madam Moderator.

I appreciate UNHCR for convening the roundtables in preparation for the Official High-Level Meeting in December.

We recognize that the GCR Indicator Report is important, particularly in the context of the first Global Refugee Forum's focus on burden-and responsibility sharing. We stress that implementation of the GCR should be forward-looking and result-oriented. This requires full consideration of the views of the host countries built upon common and specific challenges on the ground.

The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the already overwhelming burden of the host countries. In the face of this challenge, we witnessed the shortage of humanitarian funding, diversion of resources and unequal supply of medicine, vaccines and therapeutics to the host countries. While the HLOM will take stock of implementing the pledges made in the first GRF, challenges and best practices, it is necessary to have a full consideration of the existing and emerging challenges of the host countries. With this in mind, we would like to make the following points:

**First**, we have to identify the obstacles to the full implementation of the principle of equitable burden and responsibility sharing in spirit and practice.

**Second**, the ongoing and post-pandemic difficulties of the host countries must be taken into full consideration, and their overloaded burden is to be shared by others by scaling up additional humanitarian measures.

**Third**, the COVID-19 and other health-related emergencies must be addressed through a timely and equitable supply of vaccines, medicines and therapeutic as a package of humanitarian assistance.

**Fourth**, UNHCR's emergency support mechanism needs to remain fully equipped with financial and other material supports for immediate response to unforeseen emergencies to lessen the host countries' burden.

To conclude, we would like to see that the High-Level Official Meeting focuses on an innovative and renewed approach to the burden and responsibility sharing, addressing the above issues.

I thank you.