

ANNEX 4

UNHCR's roles in facilitating sponsorship-based pathways

- 1 **Provide credible and publicly available information** about existing programmes to refugees and sponsors.
- 2 **Inform host country authorities about ongoing/planned sponsorship pathway programmes.**
- 3 **Confirm biodata and registration status for persons registered with UNHCR and/or issue attestation letters for third-country authorities.** UNHCR will be launching the [Digital Gateway](#) to the PRIMES registration system in 2024, which will permit refugees to share their data and registration status with UNHCR partners holding data-sharing agreements.
- 4 **Initiate Best Interest Procedures** in situations where the custody of children travelling with one parent needs to be clarified and where support is requested by third-country authorities.
- 5 **Advocate and cooperate with destination country actors to:**
 - share knowledge of the refugee population and their protection needs/profiles;
 - raise awareness around integrity risks and proper safeguarding; and
 - support the construction of effective monitoring and evaluation systems that capture protection outcomes such as the attainment of durable solutions, access to rights and services, integration levels, etc.
- 6 **Support authorities (national and local) and communities to design and implement integration programmes in destination States,** including community sponsorship programmes. These initiatives provide the bedrock for developing sustainable third-country solutions.