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The refugee crisis is truly a CHILDREN and YOUNG PERSONS' crisis.

Their health, education and protection matter to ALL of us.

To their countries. To our future. To the peace of our world.

That's why UNICEF, UNHCR and our many partners are working with host governments to provide the services and support — the help and the HOPE — that children-on-the-move need.

Our collective pledge¹, on behalf of the Inter-agency Standing Committee, reflects this importance.

One — The IASC member agencies commit to work with UNHCR to support refugees and host governments, to put the needs of refugees and returnees at the CENTRE of humanitarian and development projects.

¹ Joint IASC Pledge

Two — On behalf of the development agencies, we will work with host governments to ensure refugees' access to national services — in countries of origin, countries of transit and host countries.

And three — Across the system, we will work to provide technical, financial and programming support to host countries as they support ALL children and young people within their borders.

For our part, UNICEF and UNHCR² have agreed to EXPAND AND TRANSFORM our collaboration in support of refugee children and their families.

This includes focusing on actions that will ensure refugee children are protected and have access to quality education and basic services like water, sanitation and hygiene. And to do so in a way that builds on the expertise and comparative advantages of our two agencies.

And at UNICEF³ specifically, we are committed to the objectives of the Global Refugee Compact.

² UNICEF and UNHRC joint pledge

³ UNICEF-only pledge

We will work with host countries and host communities as they absorb newcomers and those in transit, and put their needs at the heart of our country programmes and plans, and our preparedness efforts.

This includes in our data-collection and analysis, so we can better target our work.

We will support children in host communities AND refugee children alike, and help integrate them in local education, health and protection systems.

We'll work to combat xenophobia and discrimination against refugee children — and protect ALL children, including unaccompanied and separated children, and those living with disabilities.

We will work to help KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER, and support countries as they develop practical alternatives to detention.

And throughout, we will work with children and young people, including refugees, to ensure their voices are HEARD.

As you leave this Forum, please consider these young voices.

HEAR their calls for help and support. And ACT on them.

UNICEF is proud to walk this path with you, as we support these young lives in their hour of need.

Thank you again for your ideas and commitment.
