

Update on the Progress of Pledges made by the Republic of Liberia at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum

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EDUCATION/Human Resource Development

❑ Pledge 1

- ❑ **Inclusive Education Policy to enable education management and delivery services to respond to the diverse needs of refugee learners.**

Progress

Refugees children are now enrolled at various schools in the settlement while the Ministry of Education National curriculum is enforced. The targeted number of 2,000 refugees and host communities school going children in both primary and junior high school in counties hosting refugees.

❑ Pledge 2

The inclusion of the Liberian workers into the government payroll will be done progressively, subject to the availability of funds. The anticipated timeframe for this exercise was 2020/2021.

Education/Human Resource Development cont`d

❓ Progress:

❓ The Government of Liberia has incorporated qualified Liberian and Refugees' educational personnel into the government payroll and is currently providing oversight of refugee education by the inclusion into Education Management Information System (EMIS), ensuring supply of school materials. Currently, the Liberian government has incorporated some teachers and health workers into governments payroll and more efforts are being made to include others by 2022.

❓ Reference to TVET, there have been challenge in this area.

Jobs and Livelihood

**❓ Pledge 3:
Job creation and the provision of livelihood.**

Progress

❓ The Government of Liberia has ensured over the years that skilled refugees are issued work permits to enable them secure jobs and earn their livelihood.

❓ Pledge 4;

❓ Access to land for locally integrating Ivorian refugees to aid socio-economic integration into Liberia. In progress -

❓ Progress:

❓ The Government of Liberia with support from UNHCR has secured 1011.13 acres of land in Nimba and Grand Gedeh Counties for the purpose of local integration and agricultural activities.

Implementation of the Local Integration Strategy (2019S-2023)

❓ Pledge 5:

❓ Government of Liberia's commitment to implement Multi-Year and Multi-Partner (MYMP) Local Integration Strategy (2019-2023) for legal and socio-economic rights of Ivorian refugees in Liberia.

❓ In line with the national development plan, the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), based on the current laws and regulations such as the Land Right Act, the Government of Liberia has negotiated with the host communities and local authorities for the provision of land for agriculture activities which will contribute to the improvement of food security and economic activities as well as cater the housing needs of integrated refugees. The Government of Liberia's commitment to implement Multi-Year and Multi-Partner local integration strategy(MYMP) 2019-2023 .

❓ The Government of Liberia has created conditions for the full implementation of the local integration strategy.



Protection Capacity

Pledge 6

- ❑ **Strengthening existing laws and policies to improve refugee access to rights and services including documentation to aid sustainable local integration.**

Progress:

- ❑ **The Government of Liberia has established corridor for continuous engagement with all relevant stakeholders involved with the harmonization/ passage of all relevant laws and policies to provide protection capacity for refugees.**
- ❑ **Some details of this commitment was made at the 70th Session of EXCOM in Geneva 2019. There are also ongoing efforts by the Government of Liberia to ensure that the commitments and contributions made are realized.**



Protection Capacity cont1d

The Government of Liberia with support from the UNHCR has reviewed and finalized the amendment of existing national laws and policies such as

The 1993 Liberia Refugee Act,

The 1974 Alien and Nationality Law,

The adoption of the IDP Law,

The Statelessness Action Plan and

Incorporation of refugees in the National Human Rights Action Plan.

All integrating refugees has access to civil documentation such as National ID Cards, work and resident permits or naturalization for those may opt for it.