



World Health Organization

WHO Statement Formal Consultations on the Global Compact on Refugees
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Thank you, Chair,

WHO welcomes the Zero Draft Global Compact on Refugees and commends the leadership, inclusiveness and efforts UNHCR has undertaken.

WHO is in the mist of realigning its Global Program of Work (GPW13) with an aim at measuring deliverables and increasing accountability to all stakeholders.

In this effort, WHO takes responsibility as the directing and coordinating authority on the health sector especially from a global as well as national perspective. The GPW13 aims to Promote health | Keep the world safe and most importantly serve the most vulnerable populations.

With a commitment to achieve Goal 3 of SDGs, which calls on all stakeholders to “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages,” WHO is leading a transformative agenda that supports countries in reaching all health-related SDG targets. In this context this new program of

work provides a vision, rooted in Article 1 of WHO's Constitution: " A world in which all people attain the highest possible standard of health and well-being".

At a practical level WHO is currently updating its MoU with UNHCR that includes preparatory work, assessment of local health systems, support to fill gaps and continuity of care, including filling those areas such as disability and ageing that may not be high in the priority list.

We also aim to strengthen collaborations with UNHCR in field operations by sharing procedures and mobilizing all our levels to converge in providing support.

We look forward to be an active partner in these formal consultations in the coming months, as the world health assembly requested our DG to ensure that the compact includes the health dimension and addresses refugees' health needs based on one UN concept.

Thank you