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GRF 2023 Outcomes: Event



+4000 participants,
50% of whom were
high-level attendees
(Ministerial-level
or equivalent).



**+320 forcibly
displaced and stateless
participants** who spoke
in **88%** of high-level events
and accounted for over **1/3**
of speakers announcing
multi-stakeholder pledges
in plenary.



573 speakers representing
governments (32%), forcibly
displaced and Stateless people
(19%), civil society (19%),
development actors (10%) and
the private sector (10%).

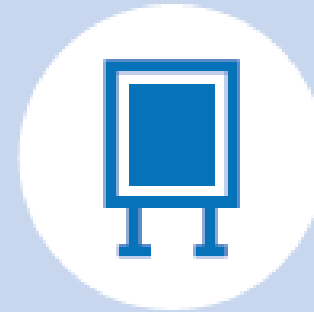
GRF 2023 Outcomes: Event



40 high-level events
covering multi-stakeholder
pledges, emergencies,
and regions.



+40 partners
and **governments**
contributed good practices
and progress on pledges
for the exhibition.



42 speakers' corner
presentations featuring
53 speakers.

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Event



14 refugee mentees
attended as part of the
UNHCR's **Journalism
Mentorship Programme**.



80 million views
online **GRF** content.



More than **60 VIPs** from
governments, the private sector,
UN agencies, refugees, and
Goodwill Ambassadors interacted
in the social media zone.

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Communications

Media coverage



6,285 pcs of global media coverage mentioning the GRF
118 coverage countries
46 coverage languages
Largest messaging focus on **partner pledges**

+600%
increase in volume
of content featuring
refugee voices
on UNHCR social media
channels

Social engagement



- **263,000** social posts mentioning the GRF
- Broad spectrum of governments, foundations, digital platforms, media outlets and charities / NGOs engaging on social platforms

UNHCR content highlights



- **4** global UNHCR press releases
- Live Blog posts across the three days
- **500+ pieces** of social content issued from global UNHCR social accounts
- VIP UNHCR **social media zone**
- **Media and content partnerships** with Al Jazeera, Reuters, The Guardian, BBC, TIME and Fox.

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Pledges

2023 PLEDGES OVERVIEW



1,750
pledges were made



1/3 by States

2/3 by non-state
actors

Number of non-state
actors pledging has
tripled since 2019

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Pledges



8 in 10 pledges
contribute to at least one
of the multi-stakeholder
pledges.



1 in 4 pledges
address economic
inclusion and social
protection.



158 pledges were
made in support of health
inclusion and **Mental
Health and Psychosocial
Support**.



More than **100** cities and **local
governments** pledged to support
refugee integration in urban areas.



Following the successful 2019
pledge, **116** stakeholders
from the global legal community
committed to provide
1,000,000
hours of pro bono legal advice.

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Pledges



47 UN country
teams



18 UN
agencies



ARE ENGAGED IN THE
UN Common Pledge 2.0

to advance refugee inclusion, provide support for host communities, and promote meaningful participation of refugees in UN planning and decision-making processes.



68 low and middle-income
countries made policy pledges.



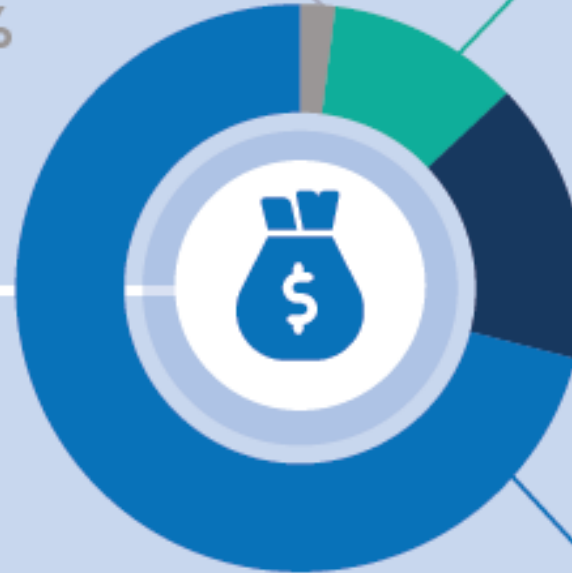
9% of all pledges include a
financial component.

GRF 2023 Outcomes: Pledges



USD 2.2 billion
in core financial
contributions were
made:

Civil society
2%



IOs
11%

Private sector
16%

National and local
governments
71%

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Framing multi-stakeholder pledges in support of the GRF key outcomes

GCR Objective 1: Ease pressure on host countries Focus: Quality financing and inclusion in financing policies and instruments, including for climate	GCR Objective 2 Enhance refugee self-reliance Focus: Strengthening systems for inclusion in basic services and economic inclusion	GCR Objective 3 Expand access to third-country solutions	GCR Objective 4 Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety & dignity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality humanitarian funding • OECD DAC INCAF Common Position • Inclusion in national climate adaptation plans • Refugee Environmental Protection Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Inclusion & Social Protection • Agriculture • Education (primary, secondary, tertiary and Connected Education) • Health inclusion and Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Systems • Connectivity • Statistical inclusion • Human Settlements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resettlement • Community sponsorship • Family reunification • Skills-based pathways • Machine-readable Travel Documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention • Housing, Land and Property rights • Hate Speech, Misinformation and Disinformation
Enabling measures to strengthen partnerships, localization, protection, and regional application across the four objectives			
Partnerships	Protection		Regional approaches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTs (UN Common pledge) • Sports organisation • NGOs (localisation, self-reliance) • Cities (Call to Local Action) • Academics (localisation) • Refugees (meaningful participation) • HDP nexus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asylum capacity support (ACSG) • Legal community pledge (PILNET) • Mixed movements (safety at sea, alternatives to detention, anti-trafficking) • Violence prevention, gender, and children’s rights • Statelessness 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGAD (climate, solutions), • Afghanistan (resilience and solutions) • Cartagena +40 • MIRPS (asylum capacity, integration, local governance) • Rohingya situation (resilience, solutions)

Reflections and recommendations

- GRF and HLOM are key benchmarks in the **GCR policy process** – more than events
- Focus on **key outcomes** we hope to achieve by the time of the HLOM
- **Low and middle-income host country and country of origin policy commitments** are the center of gravity for support
 - link to multistakeholder pledges

Reflections and recommendations

- Ensure **complementarity** between country, regional, and global-level follow-up
- Ensuring **pledges are SMART** and support transformative policy goals and targets
- Consider **pledging timeline from 2023-25** to accommodate different budgetary cycles
- Link to **multilateral processes** (SDGs, ExCom, HLPF, Summit of the Future, i.a.)

Roadmap to the High-Level Officials Meeting 2025

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Proposed roadmap to the HLOM

Analyse and prioritise pledges for follow-up

Follow-up plan with targets, benchmarks, modalities

Communicate progress, good practices

Inform HLOM programme

**HLOM
2025**

Reporting on pledges

The Salesforce system for pledges is continuously open for receiving at any time: **new pledges** and **updates on pledge implementation**

Twice per year, the GCR team will communicate a “snapshot” of where we stand: Pledging entities will receive a bespoke email informing them that we are getting ready to report on pledge progress, and encouraging them, if they wish, to submit updates to be reflected in the latest “snapshot”.

In-depth stocktaking on pledge progress will be conducted through the global thematic multistakeholder pledges, regional roundtables, and country-level multistakeholder mechanisms over the next two years.

UNHCR's facilitation role

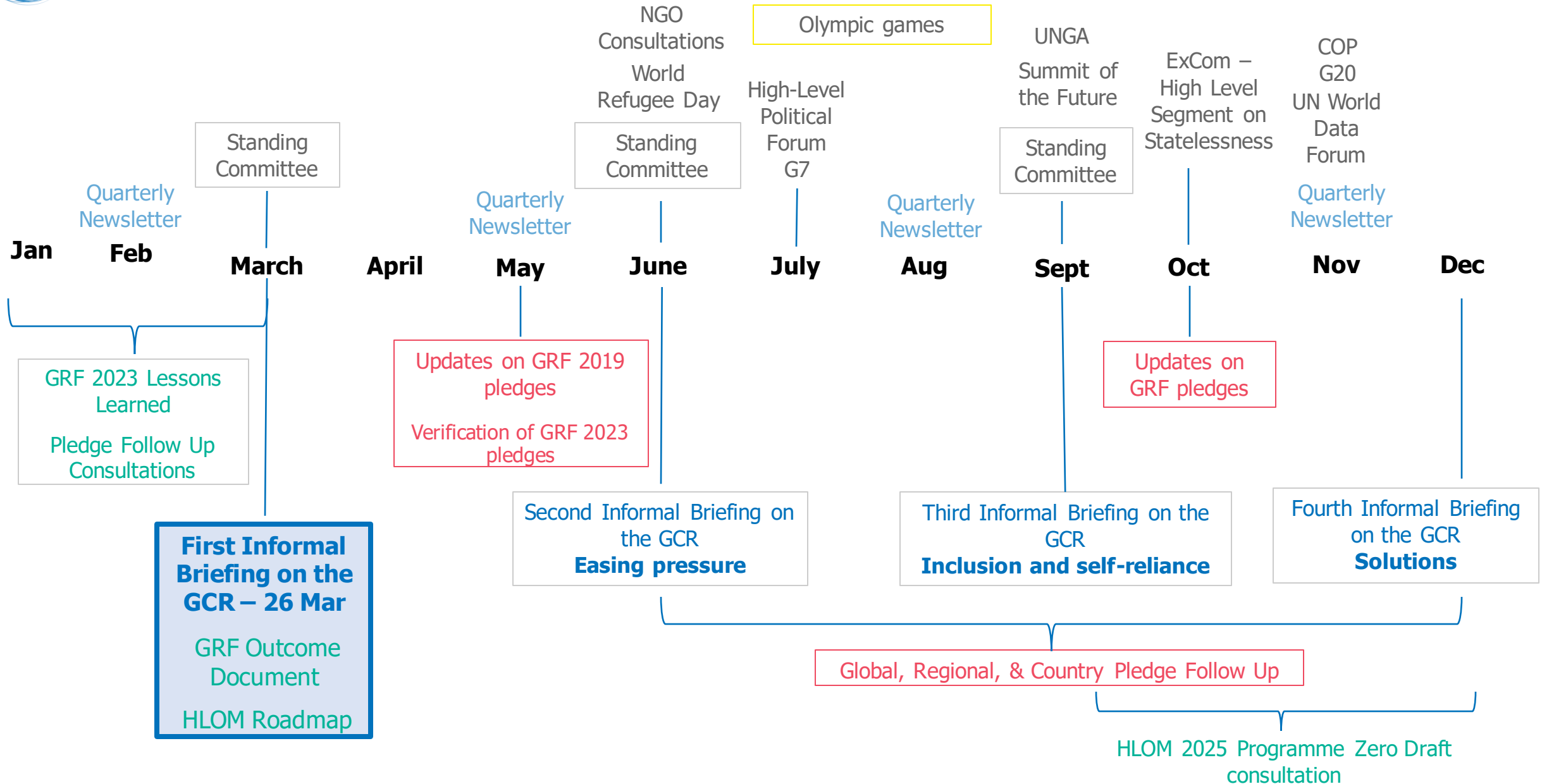
Together with the pledging governments and relevant stakeholders, UNHCR country offices, regional bureaux, and divisions facilitate:

- **Follow-up** at country level (for country-specific pledges), regional level (for region-specific pledges), and global level (for thematic global pledges)
- **Work planning** for pledge implementation and matching (country-level and multi-stakeholder discussions with governments)
- **Stocktaking** on progress, opportunities, and needs
- **Mainstreaming** GCR and pledge follow-up in multilateral and regional processes, protection and solutions strategies, and reporting
- **HLOM preparations** to ensure strategic content, regional and stakeholder diversity

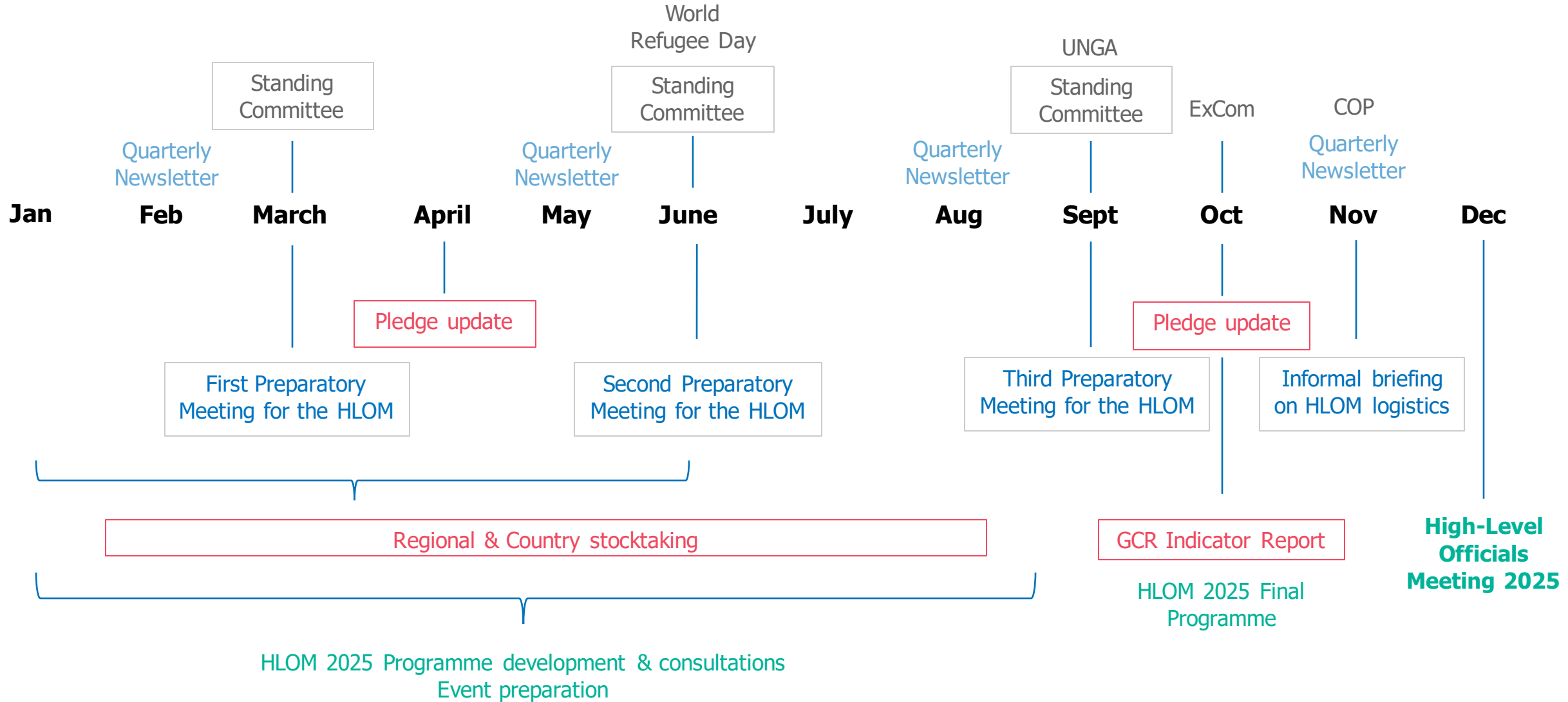
Pledge leaders' role

- **Engage in follow-up** at country level (for country-specific pledges), regional level (for region-specific pledges), and global level (for thematic global pledges)
- **Co-lead work planning** for pledge implementation and matching
- **Co-convene stocktaking** at country, regional, global levels
- **Mobilise further support and pledges**
- **Lead by example** in pledge implementation
- **Advocate** for GCR and pledge follow-up in multilateral and regional processes and reporting
- **Advise on HLOM preparations** to demonstrate outcomes and impact

Global timeline to the HLOM - 2024



Global timeline to the HLOM - 2025



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