



Informal Briefing on the Global Compact on Refugees and the High-Level Officials Meeting

8 September 2021, 10:00-11:30 hours (EST)



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Agenda

Opening remarks

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Discussion and interventions

Moderator

Ms. Ruven Menikdiwela,
Director of the UNHCR New York Office

Closing remarks

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To date, UNHCR received updates on more than

600 pledges:

75%+
of the pledges are
in Progress



and around
9% in the planning stage.

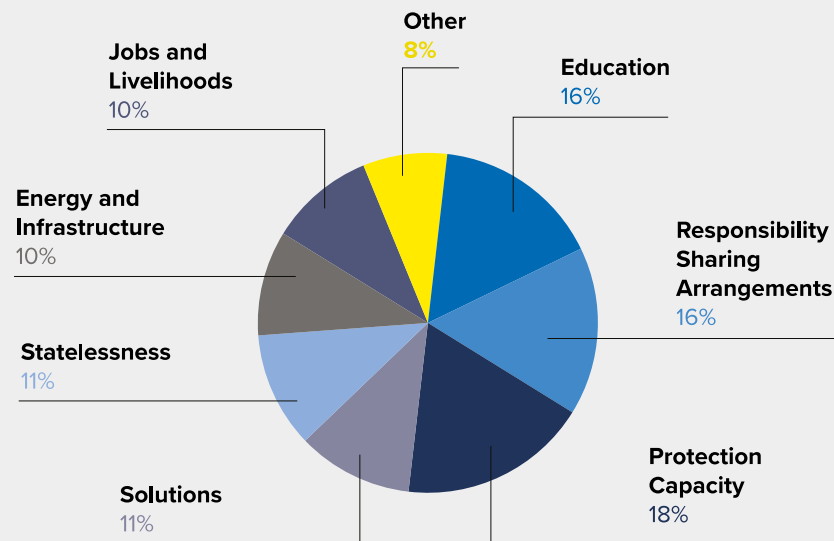
16% of pledges reported - close to 100 pledges - have now been fulfilled since the Global Refugee Forum.

Protection capacity topped the most fulfilled, followed closely by **Education** and **Burden and responsibility sharing.**

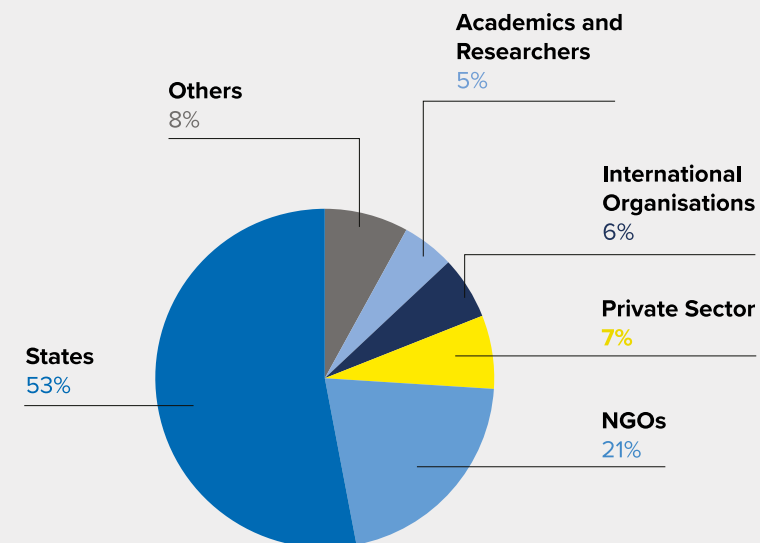
Close to **80 new pledges** have been received this year.

2/3 of the last round of pledge updates reported having an **Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) component.**

PERCENTAGE OF 'FULFILLED' PLEDGES BY AREA OF FOCUS:



NUMBER OF 'IN PROGRESS' PLEDGES BY SUBMITTING ENTITY TYPE:



High-Level Officials Meeting

Purpose: To assess **progress and identify challenges, opportunities, and areas in need to support** towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

This assessment will be key to **charting the way forward**, including with a view to developing pledges for the next Global Refugee Forum.

The **GCR indicator report** as well as **analysis of pledge implementation and progress on GCR initiatives** will contribute to the evidence base needed to make this assessment, but this is only the beginning of a process.

More engagement by governments and other actors in building and strengthening data collection systems will be critical to developing a more comprehensive assessment of progress and needs.



Reflecting on progress and charting the future

Priorities areas for the High-Level Officials Meeting include:

- **Expanding support for refugees and host countries:**
 - broadened engagement of States, the private sector, and development actors, i.a.
 - strengthened and innovative approaches to partnerships and solidarity
 - national and regional arrangements (i.e. support platforms, CRRF, inter alia)

- **Advancing implementation of pledges made at the first GRF:**
 - implementation, including through an Age, Gender, Diversity lens
 - specification of global pledges towards specific refugee situations
 - matching of financial and policy pledges

- **Identifying areas in need of further support:**
 - further implementation of current pledges
 - development of new pledges for the next GRF
 - new partnerships and engaging new actors
 - strengthened engagement in refugee situations

Date and Time	Virtual Preparatory Roundtables
16 November 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST	Launch of the GCR indicator report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data considerations, challenges, and future needs ▪ Burden and responsibility sharing: what have we achieved and where do we go next?
22 November 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST	Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development partnerships and financing ▪ Innovative financing
25 November 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST	Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New partnerships ▪ New ways of working with partners ▪ National and regional arrangements
29 November 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST	Self-reliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inclusion and resilience ▪ Peaceful co-existence ▪ Protection
2 December 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST	Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resettlement and complementary pathways ▪ Local integration and local solutions ▪ Voluntary repatriation and reintegration

Date	Draft programme for the High-Level Officials Meeting
13 December	Advance side events for stakeholder groups and GCR initiatives
14 December Plenary	<p>Opening of the High-Level Officials Meeting</p> <p>Panel on priority 1: Expanding support through responsibility sharing</p> <p>Lunch: Spotlight session on the role of the GCR in the medium to long-term response to the pandemic</p> <p>General Debate</p>
15 December Plenary	<p>Panel on priority 2: Advancing implementation of pledges</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>Lunch: Spotlight session on the role of the GCR in climate action and displacement</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>Closing dialogue on priority 3: Identifying areas in need of support and directions for the future</p>

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Discussion

Interventions from the floor



Closing remarks

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