

Concept Note

Global Refugee Forum – Online Tracking Dashboard on Pledges and Contributions

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) calls upon UNHCR to establish a mechanism for tracking the implementation of pledges and contributions made at the Global Refugee Forum (GRF), in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders (para. 103). UNHCR is therefore creating an online GRF Dashboard to facilitate the tracking of pledges and contributions announced prior to and at the first Global Refugee Forum in December 2019. The GRF Dashboard will also facilitate the tracking of pledges announced at the 2019 High Level Segment on Statelessness, which will be included in the outcome document of the GRF.

The GRF Dashboard will support the tracking of pledges and contributions in an **easily accessible and user-friendly visual format** and provide for comparative analysis based on a range of criteria, for example, thematic areas of focus, countries or regions, and pledging actors (including States, universities, NGOs, private sector). It will visualize pledges made at the High Level Segment on Statelessness and the Global Refugee Forum, allowing for disaggregation by various categories (State, area of focus, pledging entity, and others).

The GRF Dashboard will have a dynamic interface, meaning a user will be able to choose and apply filters to explore the data by categories. The landing page will show the pledges by the main categories, corresponding to the six areas of focus of the 2019 GRF. Additional pages / tabs will allow the user to explore the data in more depth, for instance, by stakeholder group; by region; and by direction of pledges (receiving vs. pledging State).

The GRF Dashboard will be housed on the [GCR Digital Platform](#) currently being developed by UNHCR.

Scope

The GRF Dashboard will provide a visualization of pledges and contributions made towards the 2019 Global Refugee Forum as well as the 2019 High Level Segment on Statelessness and will perform **two key functions**:

- Provide easy public access to information on the pledges and contributions announced by States and other relevant stakeholders at these two events.
- Facilitate tracking of support mobilized and progress made toward the implementation of the pledges, by collecting more detailed information on each pledge. This interface will also include information on pledges made at the Ministerial Intergovernmental Event on Refugees and Stateless Persons in 2011 and the Leaders' Summit on Refugees in 2016 for purposes of continuity.

The GRF Dashboard will contribute to overall efforts to measure progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the GCR. Information collected through the GRF Dashboard **will supplement efforts to measure overall progress** towards the achievement of the objectives of the GCR – through the GCR Indicator Framework and ongoing initiatives to measure the impact of hosting, protecting, and assisting refugees.

For example, information collected through the GRF Dashboard on progress made towards the implementation of pledges and contributions relating to enhanced access to education (in the form of policy or financial commitments, scholarships, technical support, etc.) will feed into narrative reporting on GCR Indicator 2.2.1 “Proportion of children enrolled in the national education system (primary and secondary)”.

Progress reports on pledges and contributions constitute **one of several data sources** that will inform the GCR Indicator Framework – not least because there will be ongoing and/or additional contributions towards comprehensive refugee responses that will be made outside the arrangements established by the Global Refugee Forum.

The following information will be provided on the GRF Dashboard:

1. Pledges and contributions

- From States
- From other relevant stakeholders including:
 - Refugees, host communities, and diaspora
 - Private sector
 - International organizations
 - Civil society organizations
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Local authorities/cities
 - Others (including parliaments, sports and cultural organizations, and academics)

2. Filtering categories

- *By year:* 2011, 2016, and 2019 (with the possibility to add further pledges and contributions from future Fora, as well as selected other events involving the announcement of pledges and contributions).
- *Areas of focus:* burden-sharing arrangements, education, jobs and livelihoods, energy and infrastructure, solutions (including resettlement and complementary pathways); and protection capacity. A list of sub-categories will be created to facilitate more detailed disaggregation and analysis. Additional areas of focus will be added as required. Each pledge will have an exclusive type assigned (2011, 2016, 2019, and then 2023) and multiple tags according to the specific areas of focus.

- *Types of pledges:* financial support, material and technical support, resettlement and complementary pathways, other actions in support of the objectives of the GCR.
- *Internal/external scope* (State pledges only):
 - Internal pledge (i.e. relating to persons of concern within the territory of the pledging State)
 - External pledge (i.e. relating to persons of concern outside the territory of the pledging State)
 - Joint pledges (i.e. from multiple actors) in support of:
 - *In-country* (e.g. government X and private sector from country X pledge to provide jobs for refugees in Country X);
 - *Other country* (e.g. several bilateral donors, private sector, pledge to undertake various actions to support access to jobs in Country X); or
 - *Specific regions or “situations”* i.e. several actors pledge to support regional response e.g. Somalia situation.

3. Status of pledge implementation

Two basic categories (“in progress” or “fully implemented”) will be used to track the implementation of pledges and contributions. Updates will be based on voluntary reporting by pledging and recipient entities.

4. Analysis through groupings

- global – number of pledges globally per area of focus (e.g. education)
- regional – number of pledges per region per area of focus (e.g. livelihoods)
- individual country (receiving) – total number of pledges;
- individual country (pledging) – total number of pledges;
- individual stakeholder (pledging) – total number of pledges;
- pledges by stakeholder group e.g. state, private sector, civil society (pledging)¹

¹ Analysis can be further disaggregated by area of focus for each category, e.g. total number of pledges on education to Country X.

Reporting

The GRF Dashboard will track progress on all pledges and contributions made at the 2019 High Level Segment on Statelessness and the 2019 Global Refugee Forum.

The GRF Dashboard is not a financial tracking or reporting tool. Data on financial commitments will be tracked through a variety of existing mechanisms to be determined by the type of financial pledge. These include mechanisms established by UNHCR to track financial contributions to the organization, OCHA's Financial Tracking System (FTS), the OECD Development Assistance Committee's Creditor Reporting System (CRS), and others. It is important to emphasize that the GRF Dashboard **does not** create additional financial reporting requirements for States or other stakeholders.

High-level progress updates (using the categories "in progress" or "complete") will rely on voluntary reporting by the pledging entity(ies). With reference to joint pledges, it is proposed that the primary convening/submitted entity will assume responsibility for the submission of regular progress updates on the implementation of pledges and contributions.

States and/or other relevant stakeholders, **who are "in receipt of" pledges and contributions**, will also be encouraged to report on progress on the implementation of pledges and contributions made towards their specific country (or countries in the context of regional pledges) – both for purposes of comparative analysis and in recognition of national ownership and accountability. In this regard, States are also encouraged to identify opportunities to organize more comprehensive multi-stakeholder reviews of progress towards the implementation of pledges and contributions at the country level to support planning and programming at the country level.

States and other stakeholders will provide a progress report to UNHCR on an annual basis. Progress reports will be submitted through a **simple online reporting tool**. States and other stakeholders would, where feasible, identify a focal point who would be responsible for the submission of annual progress reports. He/she should have substantive knowledge of the implementation of specific commitments. UNHCR Country Offices will be available to support the compilation of progress reports at the country level.

Available data will be consolidated and presented in the form of a **bi-annual global progress report** at the High Level Meeting and the Global Refugee Forum. Data on progress towards the implementation of pledges and contributions will also feed into bi-annual narrative reports on the GCR Indicator Framework.