WEBINAR
Multi-Stakeholder Pledge on Child Rights
17 OCTOBER 2023
Welcome
Webinar outline

- Introduction
- GRF update
- Child Rights pledge overview
- How to Engage with the Child Rights pledge
- Q and A
- Close
About the Child Rights pledge
About the Child Rights pledge

THE GOAL OF THE CHILD RIGHTS PLEDGE

Promote a collaboration between stakeholders with a common objective:

Ensuring children’s non-discriminatory inclusion in and access to quality national and local systems and services

so that children: are

- protected from violence, abuse and exploitation;
- can meaningfully participate in decisions that affect their lives;
- have access to early years, primary, secondary and tertiary education in a protective environment;
- have access to social protection, healthcare and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).
About the Child Rights pledge

The Child rights pledge is a platform to facilitate opportunities for matching pledges, coordinate, share learning and good practices and bring together resources and commitments with and for children.

Children’s lives are not siloed into different sectors and their needs and rights must be considered holistically.

By promoting pledges for children and coordinating with other pledging initiatives, the child rights pledge will serve as the ‘home’ for commitments with and for children.
GRF Team Update
The key outcomes will be secured through individual or joint pledges of financial, material, technical, and other support:

- Fulfill implementation of 2019 pledges
- Develop new high-quality pledges
- Contribute to “mega-pledges”

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>GCR Objective 1</th>
<th>GCR Objective 2</th>
<th>GCR Objective 3</th>
<th>GCR Objective 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ease pressure on host countries</td>
<td>Enhance refugee self-reliance</td>
<td>Expand access to third-country solutions</td>
<td>Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional, multi-year, innovative and quality financing for humanitarian, development and peace cooperation</td>
<td>New financial, technical and material support for host country policies, services and systems that advance inclusion, pending a durable solution</td>
<td>Increased opportunities for resettlement and family reunification</td>
<td>Strengthened financial and political support for voluntary sustainable return and reintegration, including access to services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New support for climate action, adaptation and resilient human settlements</td>
<td>New job opportunities and access to financial products and services to advance economic inclusion</td>
<td>Access to additional safe complementary pathways, including labour mobility, education and others</td>
<td>Strengthened measures to address root causes, prevent conflict and build peace in countries of origin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Enabling measures include:

- Enabling protection, inclusion, and solutions environments
- Policy and financing commitments by donors
- Expanded and strengthened partnerships
- Meaningful participation of displaced and stateless persons
- Data availability and quality to inform policy and action
Child Rights Pledge Overview
Areas of focus of the pledge

CHILD PROTECTION

Key priorities on child protection in the Child Rights Pledge

- We commit to facilitating children’s non-discriminatory inclusion in and access to quality national and local child protection systems and services to ensure refugee and displaced children are protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence, including gender-based violence and harmful practices. Our concrete commitments include a focus on:

  - **Legal and Policy Framework** - Addressing barriers in the legal and policy framework to protecting children, with specific measures to tackle discrimination based on their displacement status, gender, disability and other forms of diversity
  - **Financing** - Making commitments to predictable multi-year, flexible financing for inclusive child protection services
  - **Workforce Capacity** - Investing in and increasing the capacity of the social service and child protection workforce
  - **Services and links** - Strengthening prevention and response services that support refugee, displaced and host community children who are exposed to or at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation, separation and violence

Child Protection pledges can be made through the Child Rights Pledge.
Areas of focus of the pledge

CHILD PROTECTION

- **What would success look like?** In the next four years at least 15 States - with the support of relevant stakeholders - strengthen laws and policies, multi-year investments, workforce capacity and key services on child protection.
- **Child Protection pledges can be made through the Child Rights Pledge.**
- Other pledging areas where child protection can be supported are:
  - [Gender Equality and Protection from Gender-Based Violence](#)
  - [Supporting Refugee Family Reunification](#)
Areas of focus of the pledge

CHILD PROTECTION

See the pledge documents for some concrete examples

Legal and policy framework

- In [country], the [government] commits to ending child immigration detention by including a prohibition in law and policy integrating the elements needed to bring this prohibition into practice in relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning frameworks; and by increasing the capacity of child protection and social welfare services to provide non-custodial family or community-based reception and care for children and families and full access to services. This pledge will be implemented with support from civil society, donors and other key actors.

Increasing capacity of the workforce

- In [country] the [Government, civil society, donor] commits to supporting the recruitment, training and deployment of at least [number] social service/social welfare/child welfare workers, including refugees, to directly serve vulnerable refugee, displaced and host community children in [number] refugee-hosting [locations] by [year].
EMPOWERMENT AND CHILD PARTICIPATION

Key priorities on empowerment and child participation in the joint pledge

We commit to creating accessible, inclusive, child-friendly and safe platforms and processes to support children and young people to meaningfully participate in the design, implementation, and review of refugee responses to ensure that children are empowered and participate in decisions that affect them. We commit to ensuring child friendly communication and accountability mechanisms are in place in all pledges.

We also pledge to ensure the meaningful participation of refugee and displaced children and young people in the lead-up to and during the GRF, with clear timeframes and financial commitments and resources. Our concrete commitments focus on:

- **Legal and Policy Framework** - Addressing policy, practical and gender-specific barriers to the meaningful engagement and inclusion of children and young people in refugee and host communities
- **Financing** - Taking targeted actions to raise and respond to children and young people’s voices, views and concerns and mobilizing increased investment in refugee, women-led and youth-led organizations as partners in the response
- **Workforce Capacity** - Strengthening capacities at subnational and national level to improve the meaningful engagement of refugee and host community children and young people as partners in the design of inclusive laws, policies and solutions
- **Programmes and implementation** - Ensuring that the views of refugee and host community children and young people are systematically used to review, inform and adapt policy and investments, using trusted, safe, confidential and child- and youth-friendly feedback mechanisms
Areas of focus of the pledge

EMPOWERMENT AND CHILD PARTICIPATION

- **What would success look like?** In the next four years at least 15 States - with the support of relevant stakeholders will have a funded plan to support the meaningful participation of refugee and displaced children including through establishing platforms, training adults and supporting children to organize themselves and inform the development of policies and responses and hold governments accountable.

- **Pledges to support the Empowerment and the Participation of children can be made through the Child Rights Pledge.** Stakeholders are also encouraged to mainstream meaningful child participation in other multi-stakeholder pledges.
Areas of focus of the pledge

EMPOWERMENT AND CHILD PARTICIPATION

Pledge examples

**Strengthening capacities**

- In [country] the [Government, civil society, donor] commits to funding and skilled staff [provided by] to support child-friendly accountability mechanisms that enable children to hold duty-bearers accountable for [specify].

**Increased investment**

- In [country] the [Government, civil society, donor] commits to flexible, multi-year financing for refugee- and youth-led organisations, in particular girl-led organisations, making sure the financing reaches the most vulnerable in under-resourced areas.
Access to Key Services, Including Social Protection, Healthcare and MHPSS

We commit to ensuring children’s non-discriminatory inclusion in and access to key services, including social protection, healthcare and mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS). This will help refugee and displaced children to integrate and thrive in the communities they live in, strengthen their resilience against shocks, and support their and their family’s security and stability, protecting them from poverty and exclusion. This contributes to ensuring sustainable solutions for children. Our concrete commitments include a focus on:

- **Legal and Policy Framework** - Ensuring the legal and policy framework, national development plans, budgets and programmes are child-sensitive and inclusive of refugee and displaced children in all their diversity so that children can access social protection and other key services
- **Financing** – Ensuring that the transitioning to predictable multi-year financing for social protection/ other key services includes the cost of child friendly services
- **Workforce Capacity** - Strengthening national and subnational capacities to plan and deliver services that meet the needs of refugee and displaced children
- **Services and Coordination** - Strengthening linkages between key social services for children, including social protection programmes, health services, MHPSS, gender-based violence, family reunification, child protection and education, including by creating or strengthening referral pathways and case management
Areas of focus of the pledge

ACCESS TO KEY SERVICES, INCLUDING SOCIAL PROTECTION, HEALTHCARE AND MHPSS

- **What would success look like?**
  Over the next four years, reach xx refugees, forcibly displaced and stateless children, and members of host communities with holistic economic inclusion and broader **social protection** to effectively address poverty and vulnerabilities.
  Over the next four years at least xx countries make pledges to strengthen **healthcare mental health and psycho-social support services**, that are inclusive of and explicitly address the specific needs of refugee and host community children.

  **Commitments on child rights and Social Protection, Healthcare and MHPSS** can be made through the child rights pledge or by addressing the specific needs of children in related multistakeholder pledges, including:

  - Multistakeholder Pledge: Economic Inclusion and Social Protection.
  - Multistakeholder Pledge: National health system inclusion
  - Multi-Stakeholder Pledge on MHPSS
Areas of focus of the pledge

KEY SERVICES, Including SOCIAL PROTECTION, HEALTHCARE AND MHPSS

Pledge examples

- By [year] the [Ministry responsible for social protection] in [country] commits to integrating refugee and displaced children in existing/ new social protection programmes.

- By [year] the [Government, donor] in [country] commits to foster equal access to quality health services that respond to the specific needs of children and their families, in line with the principles of primary health care and universal health coverage. This commitment will entail supporting national health systems to facilitate inclusion through policy changes, aided by financial, material and capacity strengthening.

- By [year] the [Government, donor] in [country] commits to allocate resources for the expansion of mental health and psycho-social support services that are inclusive of refugee and host community children and their families, and to strengthen proactive outreach and targeted approaches to overcome barriers.
Areas of focus of the pledge

PROTECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Key priorities on protective and inclusive education in the Child Rights Pledge

We commit to promote refugee and displaced children’s non-discriminatory inclusion in and access to quality and accredited learning and skills training in a safe and protective environment that promotes access to and inclusion in quality early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary national education and learning systems (in line with the 15by30 goal), as well as protection, gender equality, dignity and participation and equips them with the skills to succeed in school, work, and life. Our concrete commitments focus on:

- **Legal and Policy Framework** Addressing barriers in legal, policy and administrative frameworks to ensure access for refugee and displaced children to national education systems and learning without discrimination on the same terms as the host community.

- **Financing** Making predictable multi-year financing for refugee and displaced children's access to the national education system and its integration with child protection provision and other key services.

- **Workforce Capacity** - Investing in and improving the recruitment, retention and continuous professional development of the education workforce, including refugee and community-based teachers and facilitators. This includes providing the necessary resources for and training on child protection to respond to the needs of refugee and displaced children.

- **Services and Coordination** Integrating education with key services such as child protection, social protection, MHPSS, and healthcare, including by creating or strengthening referral and case management.
Areas of focus of the pledge

PROTECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- **What would success look like?**
  Over the next 4 years, with the support of donors and other stakeholders, at least 15 hosting countries will ensure refugee and displaced children’s non-discriminatory inclusion in and access to a **safe and protective learning environment** where education is coordinated with services that support children’s needs and children can access well-funded quality and accredited learning and skill training.

Commitments on Protective Education can be made through the child rights pledge or by supporting children’s access to a protective learning environment in the related multistakeholder pledges on education:

- [Sharing Responsibility to include refugees in national education systems](#)
Areas of focus of the pledge

PROTECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Pledge examples

- By [year] the [Government, donor] in [country] commits to developing a specific national child protection policy for educational settings and to making child protection formally part of the education agenda and that this is applied in practice, including through monitoring and reporting mechanisms and adopting an all-hazard approach to keeping children safe in and around schools.

- By [year] the [Government, civil society, donor] in [country] commits to strengthening the capacity for child protection in educational settings to provide a protective environment for children and young people. This will include teacher training, awareness-raising including trauma-sensitive training, information-sharing and the provision of materials on child rights and child protection.
How to engage with the Child Rights pledge
How to engage with the Child Rights pledge

- Become a Child Rights Champion
- Support the Child Rights pledge and its priority areas.
- Talk with others
- Join the movement
- Engage children
- Talk about child rights at the Global Refugee Forum

Join us at our next events to further develop our pledges for and with children:
- Early November: Focus on concrete commitments for and with children
- Late November: focus on what children are telling us
- 14 December 2023: High Level Parallel Event at the GRF
Q and A and discussion
Next steps and closing
THANK YOU