GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM 2023

Multistakeholder Pledge on Economic Inclusion and Social Protection

Instruction Guide: How to Join the NGO-led Pledge on Promoting Holistic Self-Reliance

To start this process, please visit this link and fill out the form with the instructions below.

CONTACT DETAILS (PAGE 1/3)

PLEDGING ENTITY
- Name of entity submitting this form: *Enter your NGO's name and Contact information in this section*
- Street: [Insert Address]
- City: [Insert City]
- State/Province: [Insert State/Province]
- Zip/postal code: [Insert Zip/Postal Code]
- Country: [Insert Country]
- Institutional (departmental) general email address: [Insert Email]
- Office type: Headquarters
- Submitting entity type: Civil Society (if NGO)

CONTACT INFORMATION
- Salutation: [Insert Salutation] *Enter your name and contact information in this section*
- First name: [Insert First Name]
- Last name: [Insert Last Name]
- Position: [Insert Position]
- Email: [Insert Email]
- Work phone: [Insert Work Phone]

STAKEHOLDERS (PAGE 2/3)
- Is this pledge in support of a multi-stakeholder pledge?: *Yes*
- Select the name of the multi-stakeholders pledge(s): *Economic Inclusion and Social Protection*

- Other: *Promoting Holistic Self-Reliance for refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities*

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLEDGE (PAGE 3/3)

- Summary heading for your pledge (max. 120 characters): *Promoting Holistic Self-Reliance for refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities*
- Pledge description: *(COPY AND PASTE THE DESCRIPTION BELOW. PERSONALIZE THE ITEMS IN RED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION.)*

[Below is a joint NGO-led pledge, followed by *(YOUR NGO)'s* specific commitments within the pledge.]

In alignment with Objective 2 of the Global Compact for Refugees, this pledge is committed to two primary aims:

1) To evidence, advocate for and expand holistic programming that enhances self-reliance for refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities and better prepares them for progress towards durable solutions.

2) To promote and accelerate the instrumental role of local actors in realizing progress towards self-reliance outcomes for refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities.

We encourage the advocacy for and implementation of area-based approaches, emphasizing partnership with local actors and within local systems. These strategies are guided by our understanding of self-reliance as 'the social and economic ability of an individual, a household, or a community to meet its needs in a sustainable manner.' The aim is to decrease displacement-specific barriers, needs, vulnerabilities, risks, and dependencies on humanitarian aid for greater sustainability, while also taking steps to address the legal needs of individuals as part of a comprehensive approach to self-reliance.

By signing this pledge, all signatories commit to,

Participation and Accountability: We commit to the strategic and meaningful engagement of local actors, including local authorities, civil society organizations, private sector entities, and the target populations themselves.

Holistic Programming: We commit to adopt an increasingly holistic approach in all

new programmes that have self-reliance outcomes as the goal, incorporating layered interventions that go beyond livelihoods and recognizing the multi-dimensional nature of self-reliance. This may include addressing the material, physical, social, and legal needs of displaced individuals.

Exit Strategy and Sustainable Interventions: We commit to utilizing systems-based approaches aimed at decreasing dependencies on humanitarian aid and promoting the sustainability of interventions. Programming will be time-limited with a clear exit strategy.

Evidence Generation: We commit to fostering a culture of evidence-based decision-making by prioritizing the collection, analysis and use of high-quality evidence to inform decisions. This includes sharing lessons learned, best practices, and relevant data with stakeholders to enhance the impact of interventions and to scale effective approaches. It also includes contributing to the body of evidence through the measurement and analysis of self-reliance programming outcomes (using the Self-Reliance Index and/or other tools).

Measurable Outcomes:

To ensure the effectiveness and accountability of our pledge, we have identified two pillars of commitment. Signing actors are committing to at least one of the pillars.

NAME OF NGO commits to supporting *[INSERT NAME OF PILLAR YOU WILL BE SUPPORTING]*.

Holistic, Self-Reliance Programming Reach:
Understanding Holistic Programming: In the context of this pledge, 'holistic' encapsulates an integrated approach that aims to address the multi-faceted needs of refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities. To achieve the intended outcomes, holistic self-reliance programming provides more than livelihoods support, and considers other domains as captured for example in the Self-Reliance Index (SRI) (e.g. housing, food, health, education, psychosocial support, physical safety, social capital, etc.).

Holistic programming fosters collaboration across various sectors and engages a diverse range of stakeholders, all while incorporating the insights and contributions of local actors and systems.

Indicator: The number of individuals reached through self-reliance programmes that

incorporate at least two distinct sectors, such as health and education or legal aid and livelihoods. Joint target for NGO signatories: 2 million individuals reached.

Use of the Self-Reliance Index to measure the indicator is encouraged but not compulsory.

Evidence Gathering and Knowledge Sharing:
Scope: This pillar focuses on the generation and use of evidence for adaptive programme design and management, advocacy purposes and policy reform.

Types of Activities: This can encompass a range of knowledge gathering and sharing activities such as research studies, impact assessments, training, informational events for knowledge exchange, community of practice meetings, resource libraries, dashboards, etc.

Indicator: Number of research or data collection projects or initiatives linked to evidence gathering, advocacy or dissemination of best practices for self-reliance programming.

Target for Signatories: Each signatory aims to produce at least one knowledge-sharing activity as outlined above.

This pledge will support the agency of those we seek to assist while improving the relevance, quality, transparency and accountability of that assistance. We furthermore commit to sharing lessons and best practices from the implementation of this pledge at subsequent Global Refugee Forums and/or high-level officials' meetings.

[NAME OF NGO] pledges to uphold and execute the commitments outlined in the NGO shared pledge above. To further elaborate, the specific activities of *[NAME OF NGO]* in fulfillment of this pledge between 2024-2027 will include: *[INSERT ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS HERE.]*

· Expected impact of the pledge in one sentence: The pledge aims to significantly elevate and expand the self-reliance of refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities through evidence-based, holistic programmes executed with local actors and within local systems, thereby enhancing inclusion.

· Is this pledge in support of a host country policy pledge? No. The intention is that it

will ultimately match several host country pledges, but these are unknown at this time.

- Targeted population(s): *[Insert based on those applicable to your work]*

- Number of targeted beneficiaries (if known): *[NOTE: Fill in agency specific number here, IF the agency is committing to work under Pillar one. If you are only contributing to pillar two, then leave blank.]*

- Timeline for implementation: 2024 - 2027

- When would you like your pledge to be made public: *[DATE]*

- Receiving entities: *[NOTE: Optional, can be left blank. This is in reference to financial pledges.]*

- Location of receiving entity: *[NOTE: Optional. Insert if applicable.]*

- Receiving entity name: *[NOTE: Optional. Insert if applicable.]*

- Receiving entity type: *[NOTE: Optional. Insert if applicable.]*