TECHNICAL GUIDANCE NOTES: DATA & EVIDENCE

Background

Data and evidence pledges will support strengthened planning, effective programming, and inclusive law and policy-making through the provision of tools, expertise, and data to advance measurement and build the evidence base related to self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection outcomes.

Goal

Expand quality data and evidence, disaggregated by age and sex at a minimum, to promote effective programmes and policies for economic inclusion and social protection that integrate the perspectives and needs of refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities.

Over the next four years, research will be undertaken to address key evidence and knowledge gaps identified through existing efforts and agendas on self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection.

Aspirational outcome

A robust evidence base on self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection for refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless people, and host communities is accessible and used to design, implement, measure, and scale effective policies and programs.

Impact indicators

1. Amount of monetary investment provided for research related to economic inclusion and social protection, law, policy, and programming, disaggregated by whether the research focuses on i) economic inclusion, ii) social protection, or iii) both.

2. Number of research or data collection projects or initiatives linked to identified research priorities on self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection, disaggregated by

whether they focus on i) economic inclusion, ii) social protection, or iii) both.

3. Number of research or data projects or initiatives related to self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection that integrate refugees' perspectives and needs as a central design component, disaggregated by whether they focus on i) economic inclusion, ii) social protection, or iii) both.

4. Number of refugee-led research or evidence products produced on self-reliance, economic inclusion, and social protection topics, disaggregated by whether the research focuses on i) economic inclusion, ii) social protection, or iii) both.

Pledging Guidance

1. Data and Evidence Pledges should be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timebound) and linked to one or more impact indicators.

2. We encourage synergy and complementarity between pledging partners for the development of quantifiable multi-year, multi-stakeholder pledges where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Multi-stakeholder pledges can be made at the local, country, regional, and international levels. For accountability and reporting purposes, the contribution of each stakeholder to a multi-stakeholder pledge should be clearly defined. Multi-stakeholder pledge development and pledge pre-matching can be facilitated under the framework of this pledge.

3. Pledges should outline the learning objectives of the supported research or data collection initiative(s) and specify how research and/or data collection will feed into law and policy development and/or programming/initiatives that support economic inclusion and social protection.

4. Pledges can be made for economic inclusion and self-reliance, social protection, or both.

5. If pledges are in-kind, e.g. provision of software or research tools, the pledge should outline the parameters related to the in-kind contribution (e.g. # of licenses provided, timeframe of the support, intended recipient, etc.).

6. Pledge commitments shall seek a "do no harm" approach and endeavor to assess risks and mitigate potential negative effects of their actions.

Illustrative Examples of Pledges

(Please note: This is a non-exhaustive list of illustrative examples for pledges, and pledges will need to be adopted for specific contexts and research objectives.)

(Name of organization/business) pledges to provide (specific number of) pro-bono services, tools and/ or software licenses for a period of (specific number of months or years) to support data collection by (specific number of) agencies on refugee skills and labor market supply and demand to facilitate matching in (specific number of) countries.

(Name of research institution) pledges to complete (specific number of) research projects or initiatives that support data and evidence gaps articulated by state actors to facilitate law and policy reform efforts as they relate to economic inclusion.

(Name of research institution) pledges to complete (specific number of) research projects or initiatives that support data and evidence gaps articulated by state actors to facilitate law and policy reform efforts as they relate to social protection.

(Name of donor) pledges to grant (specific amount of financial support) over a (specific number of months/ years) for individuals and institutions conducting research on (economic inclusion, social protection, or both) including to support at least (specific number of) refugee-led research initiatives or collaborations that include researchers with lived displacement experience.

(Name of donor) pledges to provide funding or technical assistance to (name of) platform that connects researchers with policy needs of states, and which share data and knowledge between private sector, government, humanitarian, and development actors to inform policy making, programming and technical support and promote use of evidence on economic inclusion.

(Name of donor) pledges to provide (specific amount of financial support) to support (specific number of) grants that incorporate partnerships between researchers, policymakers, and implementing agencies on livelihoods for displacement-affected populations.

(Name of donor) pledges to incorporate (specific number of) guidelines that support (economic inclusion outcomes, social protection outcomes, or both) into (specific number of) strategic documents, grant guidance, and/ or calls for proposals.

(Name of donor) pledges to provide (specific amount of) investment in funds that promote refugee-led research, evaluation of host country policies, longitudinal evaluation of interventions, and experimental evaluations of self-reliance programming.

(Name of donor) pledges to provide (specific amount of funds) to promote peer-to-peer sharing of

knowledge, experience, and good practice among hosting governments with the goal of sharing at least (specific number of) best practices or supporting (specific number of) convenings between state actors on supporting displaced entrepreneurs.

Pledge Matching Guidance

2019 GRF Pledges: 2019 State pledges that still require matching can still be matched by following the guidance available on Matching Pledges | The Global Compact on Refugees | UNHCR (globalcompactrefugees.org).

Matching new pledges under development for the 2023 GRF: In line with the initial 2023 GRF pledging guidance, and the Note on Pledge Matching in the Context of the GRF 2023 | The Global Compact on Refugees | UNHCR (globalcompactrefugees.org), States are strongly encouraged to ensure that all pledges developed are concretized and pre-matched in advance of the next GRF, to the extent feasible. The multistakeholder pledge on economic inclusion and social protection provides the space to facilitate consultations between stakeholders, notably donors and hosting States, for the pre-matching of relevant pledges as they develop.

Related Pledges

There are several complementary pledges related to data and evidence being developed. Please consult these pledges when deciding whether to submit a commitment under this multistakeholder pledge, to determine where your commitment best fits:

- Multi Stakeholder Pledge: Shifting Power - Advancing Localization of Research and Elevating the Voices of Host and Forcibly Displaced Communities Globally
- Multi stakeholder Pledge: Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons in National Statistical Systems and Surveys
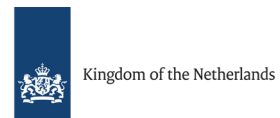
Definitions

- Economic Inclusion entails access to labor markets, assets, finance, entrepreneurship, and economic opportunities for all, including non-citizens in addition to vulnerable and under-served groups. Economic inclusion contributes to the self-reliance and resilience of refugees, empowering them to meet their needs in a safe, sustainable, and dignified manner; avoids aid-dependency and negative coping mechanisms; contributes to their host economies; and prepares refugees for their future whether they return home, integrate in their country of asylum, or resettle in a third country.

- Social protection refers to a nationally defined system of policies and programmes that provide equitable access to all people and protect them throughout their lives against poverty and risks to

their livelihoods and well-being.[1]

Resources

- [Joint Data Center Forced Displacement Literature Review](#)
- [Self-Reliance Evidence Review](#)
- [Refugee Self-Reliance and the Global Compact on Refugees: Unpacking Barriers and Opportunities for Success](#), Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative, Global Refugee Youth Network and Refugee-Led Research Hub, 2021
- [IPA and J-PAL Displaced Livelihood Initiative](#)
- [Building Evidence on Forced Displacement Program](#)
- [UNHCR Microdata Library](#)
- [Refugee-Led Research Hub](#)
- [Age Gender and Diversity Tip Sheet (ENG) - Helping to ensure AGD inclusive pledges and good practices for the GRF | The Global Compact on Refugees | UNHCR (globalcompactrefugees.org)](#)
- [The International Data Alliance for Children (IDAC)](#)

[1] For more details, see: the Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (USP2030).

For updates, pledging technical guidance notes, contributing pledge initiatives, a calendar of events and information about how to get involved, visit:

refugeeselfreliance.org/EISPpledge