

High-Level Officials Meeting

“Reflecting on progress and charting the future”



The High-Level Officials' Meeting (HLOM) in 2021 will be an opportunity for the international community to take stock of progress towards translating the ambitions of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) into improvements in the lives of refugees and host communities, and will chart the direction for the future.

In the lead-up to the HLOM, UNHCR is convening regional, thematic, and stakeholder-specific stocktaking events and producing the first GCR indicator report to identify both progress and the areas where more efforts are needed, particularly in light of the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priorities for the first HLOM:



Expanding support for refugees and the countries who receive them.

Broadening the engagement of States, the private sector, and development and other actors is critical to achieving the goals of the GCR. Participants at the HLOM will reflect on progress made and consider how to:

- bring more actors to the table to increase support for refugees and host communities;
- facilitate innovative approaches to partnership and solidarity;
- strengthen national arrangements to address refugee situations comprehensively; and
- leverage further regional arrangements, such as the support platforms, to mobilize greater support and concrete outcomes for refugee and host communities.



Advancing implementation of the pledges made at the first GRF.

At the first Global Refugee Forum (GRF), States and other actors made pledges to increase support, self-reliance, and solutions for refugees in line with the GCR. Participants at the HLOM will reflect on progress made and consider how to:

- advance on the implementation of pledges and address the challenges faced;
- ensure that general or thematic pledges are directed to specific refugee situations; and
- ensure that pledges made by host countries to protect and include refugees can be implemented with financial, technical, and material support.



Identifying areas in need of further support.

Participants at the HLOM will identify where future action is needed to address challenges, opportunities, and gaps, including through:

- the further implementation of current pledges;
- the development of new pledges, including joint pledges, that could be announced at the next GRF;
- the cultivation of new partnerships and engaging new actors; and
- strengthened engagement in refugee situations.