



## Guidance for formulating commitments under the global level element of the UN common pledge 2.0

### Purpose

This guidance is intended to support UN entities participating in the UN common pledge 2.0 to begin defining global level commitments under the pledge. This is a living document and additional ideas or improvements are welcome at any time.

### What kind of commitments might UN entities consider?

The UN common pledge 2.0 is a joint, global reaffirmation of the commitment of the whole UN system to systematically promote and support refugee inclusion. Thus, the specific commitments for each organisation under the pledge should contribute to this overall goal. Inclusion of those at risk of being left behind is a cornerstone of the SDGs. Refugee inclusion can be understood in two ways:

- 1) Systematic inclusion of refugees in UN analyses and plans; and
- 2) Systematic promotion and provision of support by the UN family for refugees being included in national plans, budgets and systems.

The following questions might help to develop draft commitment(s) for your organization.<sup>1</sup>

### General

- What has your organization done so far to systematically promote refugee inclusion in all refugee situations where you are present, or at the regional / global level? Are there some successful approaches you might scale, or bottlenecks you might address? (It may be helpful to refer to your organisation's contribution to the [stocktaking report](#) on the 2019 pledge.)

### Human Resources

- Is there adjustment to your human resources (people, policies, processes) that might enhance your organisation's ability to systematically promote and support refugee inclusion? (Organigram, job descriptions, recruitment, induction, training, performance management...)

### Financial Resources

- How might mobilization or allocation of financial resources better enable your organisation to support refugee inclusion?

### Advocacy

- In what ways has your organization advocated and communicated on refugees and their inclusion, including social cohesion with host communities? How might you further strengthen this?

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<sup>1</sup> Whilst the questions focus on refugees, please note that commitments can be inclusive, aimed at achieving positive impacts for refugees, returnees and/or host communities.

## Programming

- How successful has your organization been in allocating technical, financial and programming support to host countries to achieve outcomes for refugees? How might you do more of this?
- Do your organisation's programmes tend to include refugees (in refugee contexts)? Is there a way to make this more systematically?
- In what ways do your organisation's analyses and plans consider refugees? How far do key technical resources and tools promote and enable action on refugee inclusion?
- In your RBM system, how can progress towards refugee inclusion be reflected? (indicators, targets, disaggregation...)
- How far does your organization use cross-cutting resources such as innovation expertise and funding, to strengthen action in support of refugee inclusion? Is there room to do this more?

## Evidence Base

- Can your agency play a greater role in contributing to the evidence base on refugee inclusion? (research, studies, evaluations, monitoring tools...)

## Meaningful participation

- If your organization engages with affected communities, does this include meaningful engagement with refugees? Could this be strengthened?
- How often does your organization partner with refugee led organisations? Might there be an opportunity to expand or systematize this?

For more information and inspiration, you can refer to the 10 accelerators on how to better deliver on refugee inclusion on pp 20-21 of the [2021 stocktaking report](#).

## Criteria for a strong commitment

Commitments from UN entities under the global level element of the UN common pledge 2.0 should meet as many of the criteria below as possible:

- ✓ Articulate measurable change(s) which are clearly linked to Refugee inclusion, in support of the SDGs, and which you can report on easily
- ✓ Be ambitious but achievable in 4 years
- ✓ Facilitate a measurable positive impact in the lives of refugees (e.g. it should be possible to make a logical link between the change outlined at global level and the lives of refugees in host countries)
- ✓ Help progress refugees' *inclusion in national systems* (e.g. national or subnational plans and / or budgets; national education, health or other service delivery systems; national datasets or registries; national social protection systems; access to decent work / livelihoods etc.)
- ✓ Support the work of UNCTs on refugee inclusion
- ✓ Be shaped by the perspectives of refugees from different backgrounds (e.g. refugees have meaningfully participated in developing the commitment, or the commitment is informed by prior engagement with refugees / an evidence base on refugees' perspectives), and
- ✓ Be able to be costed – so that additional resources required can be highlighted.

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## By when should UN entities' commitments be drafted?

First drafts of potential commitments are invited to be presented at the innovation lab in Geneva on 30-31 January 2023, in order to generate reflections from other stakeholders and facilitate comparison, inspiration and refinement. Final versions of commitments are required by mid-2023.

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