

# Group of Friends Health The Global Refugee Forum 2023

## Roadmap

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) will provide an opportunity for (1) stocktaking, (2) announcing pledges, and (3) sharing good practices and lessons learned in support of comprehensive responses that advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

### Purpose of the Global Refugee Forum

Ease pressures, enhance self-reliance, expand third-country solutions, support conditions for return facilitated through **comprehensive responses**

#### Stocktaking

Progress towards the GCR objectives assessed through the GCR indicator report and reporting on pledge and initiative implementation

#### Pledging

High quality, pre-matched, joint pledges and initiatives implemented or announced in support of the 20 key recommendations from the High-Level Officials Meeting

#### Learning

Good practices, opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned shared to inform future action in support of the GCR objectives

Multi-stakeholder and partnership approach and meaningful refugee participation

## Purpose of the group

Good health is central for every person's wellbeing and every person has the right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health, including refugees and their surrounding host communities. As part of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), states and relevant stakeholders have committed to contribute resources and expertise to expand and enhance the quality of national health systems to facilitate effective access by refugees and host communities. Since the affirmation of the GCR in 2018, individuals, private businesses, organisations and governments have made pledges to advance the health of refugees.

Building upon this, the Health Group of Friends is an effort by states, individuals, private sector, NGOs, and international organizations from all over the world to mobilise high quality, joint pledges and contributions to foster sustainable access to quality health services at all levels, at affordable costs, for refugees and host communities alike to achieve lasting change. The Group will further leverage the Global Refugee Forum in December 2023 as a key advocacy moment to advance these objectives.

## Objectives of the roadmap

**Describe the key pledges which will be implemented, mobilised, and/or matched for the next GRF, including a description of how they respond to an identified need and are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timebound), as set out in the [GCR Concept Note](#). If there are specific countries for which the group wishes to mobilise pledges, please indicate these, as well.**

### Draft proposed for discussion with the group:

Building on the recommendations from the High Level Officials Meeting in December 2021, the multistakeholder group aims to foster refugees' sustainable access to health services at affordable costs by working together to mobilise joint pledges. The group aims to mobilise joint pledges bringing together refugee-hosting countries, donor countries, multilateral donors, foundations, NSA and academia to effectively strengthen health systems and ease the burden on host countries. in the following core areas:

- Support to national health systems to facilitate inclusion of refugees through policy changes to advance on inclusion, supported by financial, material and capacity strengthening, to foster access to quality health services for refugees and host communities.
- Systematically integrate mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in humanitarian and development programmes.

Specific pledges example for exploration may be:

- Enabling sustainable inclusion of refugees in national social health protection schemes in countries A, B, C.
- Refugees in all countries have free access to vaccination in line with the national immunisation schedules

Additional areas for pledges may include:

- Expansion of non-state actor programmes for refugee-inclusive service to bridge gaps where national health services are not fully available or accessible
- Enable refugees to join the regular health workforce, including through related policy changes.
- Expansion of the use of innovative technologies to enhance access to health services by using digital health approaches.
- Research related to refugees' access to health services, refugee-responsive health policies and other related topics worsen

## Workplan

- Quarterly meetings
- Meetings with small groups/ individual organisations to support development of individual/ group pledges
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Health of Refugees and Migrants (WHO, IOM and UNHCR; June 2023)

## Communications and proposed events

**Describe the communications plan to convey the roadmap and its outcomes, including key modalities envisioned (sharing during a preparatory meeting or briefing, social media content, articles, interviews or stories on the digital platform or on other channels, speeches, etc.). Support and guidance on this can be requested from UNHCR's GCR Coordination Team.**

The road map will be communicated through the formal and informal preparatory meetings leading up to the GRF in December 2023. The purpose of the group will be made public on the UNHCR GRF webpage. Once pledging areas agreed by partner those will be added as well on the webpage. The group of friends will also be promoted through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Consultation on Refugee and Migrant Health, co-organised by WHO, UNHCR and IOM in June 2023.

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