

Global Refugee Forum 2023 Pledges

Framework document



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Community Sponsorship

OVERARCHING GOAL

The Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI) calls on members of the global community, its partners, States and civil society networks to come together to pledge to increase the number, scale and diversity of community sponsorship programs in different countries.

Community sponsorship programs empower groups of individuals to welcome refugees and others in need of international protection into their communities. Community sponsorship programs operate as a public-private partnership and include a variety of partners, including national governments, local authorities, UNHCR, and local civil society organisations (CSOs).

This whole-of-society approach to refugee settlement can improve integration outcomes, strengthen local communities, and expand pathways to protection. Community sponsorship has demonstrated value in sustaining resettlement and complementary pathways.

This document has been prepared by the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative and contains ideas for pledge building around community sponsorship. The list is by no means exhaustive and is meant to inspire actors interested in making a pledge.

You can express your interest in making a pledge or being connected with other actors through [this form](#) or by scanning the QR code.



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LAWS, POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS THAT GROW SPONSORSHIP

- **Enact laws, policies, strategies, and frameworks** that allow national and local authorities and communities to create and implement new community sponsorship programs, including in the context of complementary pathways.
- **Commit to scale** existing community sponsorship initiatives by better leveraging sponsors motivation, engaging local authorities and removing formal or informal barriers to access.
- **Provide peer support** to States, CSOs or other actors that are implementing Community Sponsorship programs, including as part of the GRSI networks.

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IMPROVE DATA AND EVIDENCE

- **Ensure monitoring and evaluation frameworks** are included in community sponsorship design.
- **Ensure regular monitoring** and evaluation of programs and pilots using a participatory assessment model and other [monitoring and evaluation tools](#).

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FUNDING

- **Provide funding** at a national and regional level to support Community Sponsorship programs.
- Support the establishment of the new [Global Sponsorship Fund](#) that will pool funds globally to grow community sponsorship programs at a national level.

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INCLUDE REFUGEES

- **Ensure** grassroots initiatives, including those led by refugees, are fostered and inform policy design and implementation.

- **Establish co-creation and advisory mechanisms** at different levels to assist in the planning, implementation and monitoring of community sponsorship programs which are inclusive of and facilitate leadership of refugee and immigrant communities.
- **Enhance refugee participation** in programs by enabling them to become active sponsors.