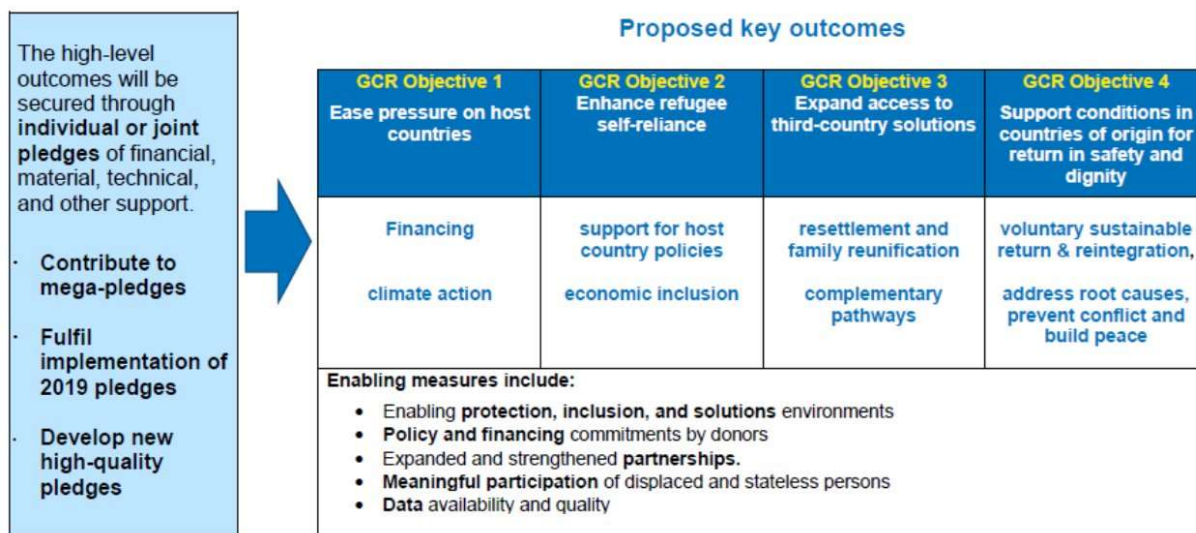


Pledging guidance 2023

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) will facilitate the announcement of concrete pledges and contributions, and consider opportunities, challenges, and ways in which burden- and responsibility-sharing in support of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) can be enhanced.

Priorities in the lead-up to the GRF 2023 include progressing on the implementation of pledges announced since 2019, as well as the development of new pledges in line with the [key outcomes](#) expected for the GRF 2023 and the GCR objectives and principles. UNHCR facilitated, together with States and multi-stakeholders, including refugees, the identification of the expected key outcomes based on main priorities identified for pledging at the country, regional, and global levels within the framework of the 2021 High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM) [recommendations](#). UNHCR will continue to provide regular global briefings to update all stakeholders on these priorities and provide support and guidance in the pledge development.



What constitutes a pledge?

Pledges towards the GCR objectives may include:

- **Financial,¹ material, and technical assistance;**
- [Resettlement places and complementary pathways](#) for admission to third countries; and

¹ See for example the Global Compact on Refugees paragraph 32 on Funding and effective and efficient use of resources, including “efforts to expand the support base beyond traditional donors”.

- **Other actions** that States have elected to take at the national level in support of the Compact's objectives, such as making inclusive policy commitments,² joining or developing initiatives, or monitoring and research. Policy commitments could include a commitment to include refugees in national development plans, statistical systems, and services; to include considerations of refugees and host communities in bilateral financing, policies, plans, and programmes; and to advocate for the inclusion of refugee and host community considerations in multilateral policy fora and financing instruments to ensure sustained engagement and support.

Each pledging entity will need to [submit their pledges](#) individually, including their individual contributions in support of a thematic or regional [multi-stakeholder pledge](#) and may reach out to UNHCR (hqgcr@unhcr.org) for further guidance.

Building on lessons learned from the first GRF, a high-quality pledge is:

- ✓ **Additional**, providing new support, allocations of resources, policies, or engagement to enhance and sustain burden and responsibility sharing. Programmes and pledges demonstrating positive impact can be included as pledges if there is a commitment to sustain or increase the programme beyond the GRF 2023. Otherwise, these could be shared as either pledge updates on the [pledges and contributions dashboard](#) or as [good practices](#) on the GCR digital platform, and can be shared during the GRF.
- ✓ **Quantifiable** and measurable, providing, where possible, an implementation timeline, costs, beneficiary data, and details of support provided or needed for implementation of the pledge, to facilitate and demonstrate positive impact.
- ✓ **Needs-driven**, aligning the pledge with the [key recommendations](#) and the GCR principles and objectives and, where possible, matched (financial, material, and technical support for the implementation of policy commitments made by host countries).

A [pledge matching portal](#) to facilitate **matching of policy pledges made by host countries since 2019 with financial and material support** for their implementation is available on the [GCR Digital Platform](#). UNHCR is available to facilitate discussions with Governments and other relevant stakeholders to secure matching in advance of the 2023 GRF.

When developing a pledge, where possible, stakeholders would:

- ✓ **Use the multi-stakeholder and partnership approach** set out in the GCR to enhance burden- and responsibility-sharing, ideally through the [multi-stakeholder pledges](#) under development. Multi-stakeholder pledges involve multiple stakeholders, including refugees, that leverage their complementary strengths to support the implementation of current or new [host country policy pledges](#) and common priorities at the country, regional, or global level, in line with the HLOM [key recommendations](#). A list of current multi-stakeholder pledges is under development. Each stakeholder contributing to a multi-stakeholder pledge will make an individual pledge submission through the GRF pledges [dashboard](#), indicating how they will specifically contribute to the pledge. Stakeholders can learn more about how to get involved in developing and contributing to multi-stakeholder pledges by emailing the contact person(s) indicated for the pledge on the righthand side of each pledge page on the website.

² See examples of [policy commitments announced by major host countries](#) and the [common United Nations pledge](#).

- ✓ **Consult with refugees and affected communities, and consider age, gender, and other diversity³ in the design, planning, and implementation of the pledge** to ensure effective responses that are appropriate, accessible, and inclusive.

How will new pledges be recorded?

A multi-language [pledge submission form](#) is available on the GCR digital platform to ensure that pledges are aligned with the key elements of a high-quality pledge outlined above. Where pledges do not fully align with these elements, UNHCR will follow up with pledging entities to consider adjustments and determine the next steps. New pledges may be submitted at any time leading-up to and following the 2023 GRF. Pledging entities are encouraged to share information about the pledges they are considering or working towards during the global briefings on the GRF in 2023 to facilitate matching in advance of the GRF and build momentum.

³ Please consult the [AGD Tip sheet](#) for further guidance.