

## Global Refugee Forum 2023

### Accelerate and better leverage the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus approaches in forced displacement settings

#### Multi-stakeholder pledge guidance

#### Rationale

As global displacement hits **unprecedented levels** and the **overwhelming majority of forcibly displaced are hosted in low and middle-income countries**, there is need for more innovative approaches to ensure **sustainable solutions for people forced to flee** and **prevent and mitigate the impact on host communities**.

#### HDP nexus approaches in forced displacement settings

##### KEY STATISTICS:

- At the end of September 2023 there were over **114 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, 28 percent more** than when the first GRF was held in **December 2019** ([UNHCR 2023](#); [UNHCR 2019](#)).
- **Fragile contexts host 64 per cent** of the world's **forcibly displaced population**. And **78 percent** of all forcibly displaced persons have **fled fragile contexts** ([OECD 2022](#)).
- Some **67 percent of refugees** at the end of 2022 were in **protracted situations** and there were **57 protracted refugee situations in 37 different host countries** ([UNHCR 2022](#)).

While it is essential to promptly provide **humanitarian assistance**, this must be coupled with scaled up mid- to long-term **development investments** in support of both community-driven and government-led initiatives and policies, at national and local levels, to **ease pressure on host communities, enhance self-reliance and build resilience**. It is equally critical to invest in **peacebuilding efforts**, which remain instrumental to tackle the root causes and to enable solutions to forced displacement.

Complementary three-pronged **Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) nexus approaches** in cooperation with various partners are needed to:

- I. Meet the **immediate needs and protect the rights of displaced people** through comprehensive humanitarian, early development, peace support and climate action.
- II. Enhance **self-reliance and build resilience of the forcibly displaced and wider displacement-affected communities** through integrated development responses that ease pressure on host and return communities, in particular by including forcibly displaced persons in national and local development strategies and processes, as well as in climate planning, support national and local service delivery systems and capacities, and expand basic infrastructure and socio-economic opportunities for displaced people and host communities.
- III. Promote **social cohesion, address the recurring drivers of forced displacement by preventing further conflicts** through complementary peace-related initiatives and support solutions to displacement crises.

Applying HDP nexus approaches is needed to support **governments and ensure national ownership** of displacement responses whilst also fostering **complementarity of actions between all stakeholders**

- national and local governments, civil society, private sector, humanitarian and development partners
- based on well-coordinated planning and implementation of HDP nexus approaches.

Cooperation on **prevention** through addressing the drivers and root causes of conflicts, violence and disasters that cause displacement (e.g., conflict prevention, disasters risk reduction, climate adaptation, early warning, economic development, good governance and rule of law) should also be encouraged as part of HDP nexus approaches.

More joined-up humanitarian, development and peace initiatives will realize **human security** for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and host communities, and ensure **sustainability** through responsibility-sharing around the globe.



### Opportunity of the second Global Refugee Forum to promote HDP nexus approaches

*.. [A]verting and resolving large refugee situations are also matters of serious concern to the international community as a whole, requiring early efforts to address their drivers and triggers, as well as improved cooperation among political, humanitarian, development and peace actors.*

#### Global Compact on Refugees, 2019

HDP nexus approaches are not new but there is increased recognition of their importance in forced displacement settings. With growing numbers of forcibly displaced worldwide, the second **Global Refugee Forum** (GRF) can be a milestone in the promotion of the HDP nexus for solutions to forced displacement, while addressing various needs of displaced and host communities in protracted situations.

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### Recommendation 4: Make better use of combined humanitarian, development, and peace capacities to achieve the GCR objectives.

- Enhance cooperation and coordination between political, humanitarian, development, and peace actors to support refugees, returnees, stateless persons, and host communities, with protection needs at the centre of programming and development.
- Strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance, development, and peacebuilding efforts and between local communities and governments to ensure that persons of concern are included in national development plans.
- Improve reporting and analysis across engaged development actors. Gaps and blind spots prevail in addressing forced displacement, which could be minimised with better coordination between and within other partners, hosting countries, and non-governmental partners.
- Ensure more predictable collaboration between humanitarian, development, and peace actors to bring integrated approaches to solutions, including local integration, inclusion, and voluntary return and reintegration in countries of origin.

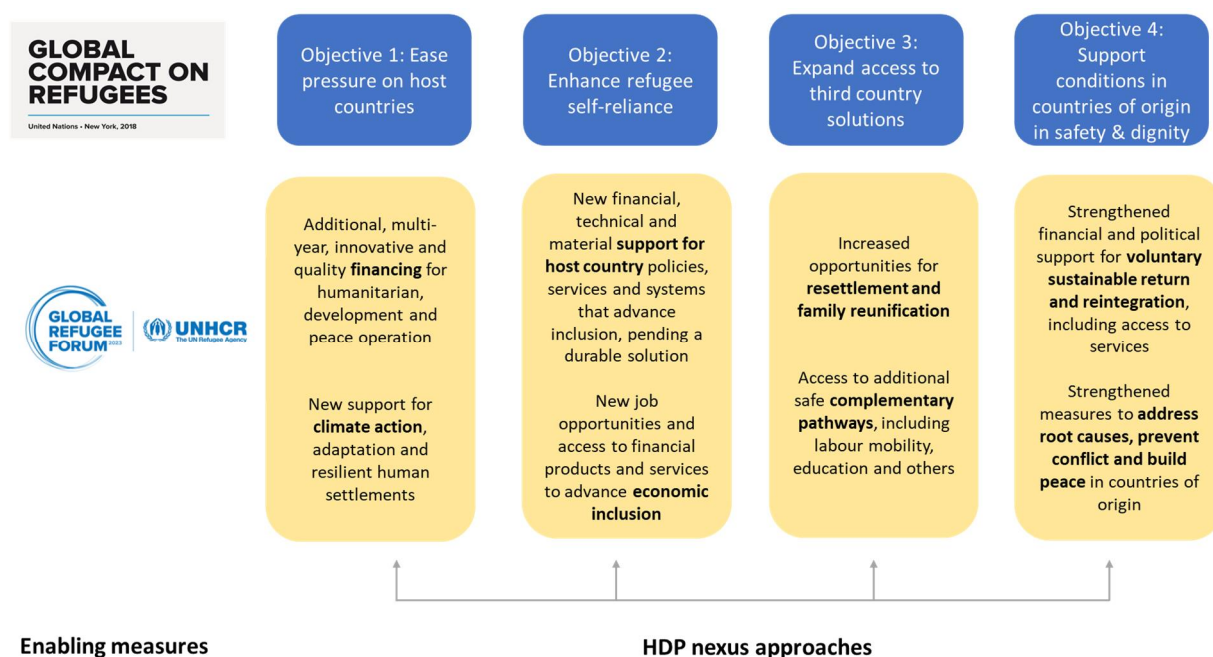


## Goal (objective)

The approaches and the ambitions of this multi-stakeholder pledge are to **address barriers and accelerate and better leverage HDP nexus approaches in forced displacement settings** over the next four years.

**Objective: Enhanced use of Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus approaches in forced displacement settings to maximize progress towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, while realizing human security for refugees and host communities.**

In this way the HDP nexus multi-stakeholder pledge can support all the four Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) objectives and the eight high-level outcomes of the second GRF.



## Pledge modality

This multi-stakeholder pledge, co-convened by the **Government of Japan** and **UNDP**, serves as an **umbrella under which all stakeholders, including governments, international organizations, civil society, refugee-led organizations, and the private sector**, can bring together their strengths and put in place overarching political commitments and effective initiatives and mechanisms for burden and responsibility sharing to address displacement crises across the nexus.

All actors joining this **multi-stakeholder pledge will take actions in areas in which they can best use their strengths**. This could include but not exclusively, easing the pressure on host countries/communities, enhancing self-reliance, as well as creating a conducive environment for safe, dignified and voluntary return through complementary humanitarian, development

**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLEDGES**

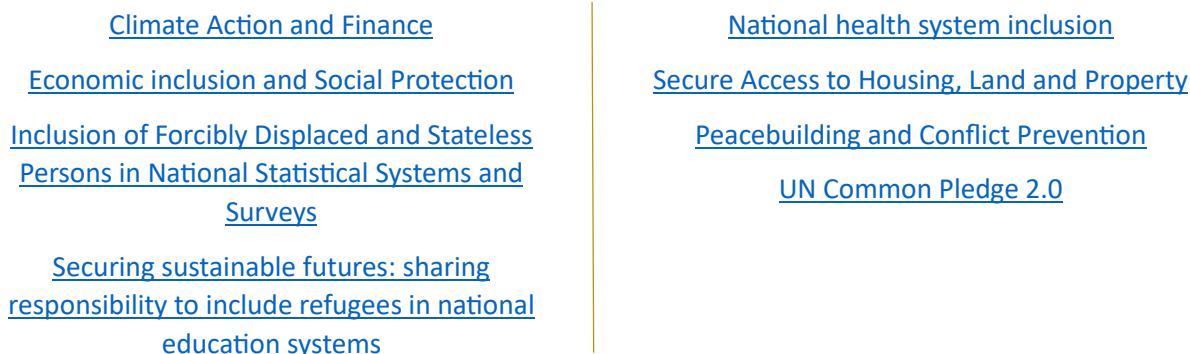
**What are multi-stakeholder pledges?**

UNHCR has defined multi-stakeholder pledges as “joint pledges with a large-scale reach, working towards an ambitious common goal. They aim to be transformational, putting in place long-term arrangements that advance burden and responsibility sharing, drawing from a clearly defined resource base, donorship, or financial instrument linked to implementation”.

For more information please see: [Global Compact on Refugees | Multistakeholder pledges for the Global Refugee Forum 2023](#).

and peace efforts. In this way, this pledge embodies the **whole-of-society approach and serves as platform** where each actor can contribute its respective capabilities to support the achievement of the GCR towards the next GRF in 2027.

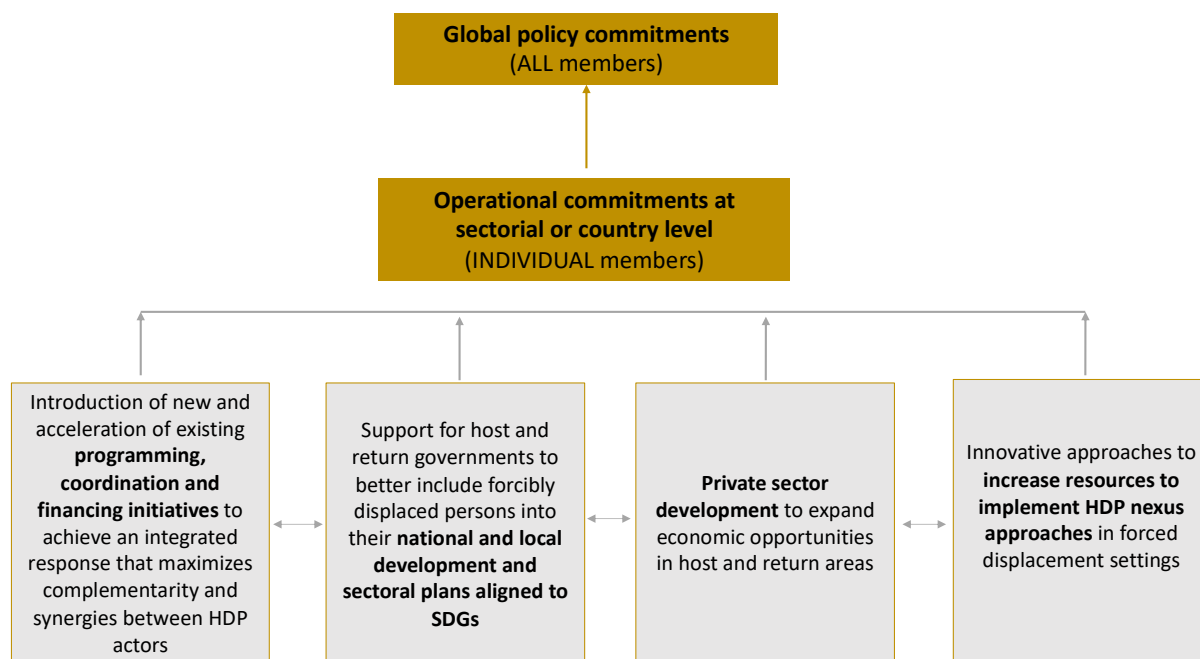
Commitments under this pledge can therefore be through **individual contributions** in the spirit of HDP nexus approaches or in **sectors that complement the existing GRF multi-stakeholder pledging architecture** such as:



Pledges under this multi-stakeholders may also have linkages to the enabling pledges on partnerships, protection, localization, or regional pledges. The Common Position of DAC-INCAF members supporting the GCR on forced displacement with a comprehensive HDP Nexus approach also supplements this multi-stakeholder pledge, and those countries supporting the Common Position are also welcomed to join this MSP.

**Pledge description**

The HDP multi-stakeholder pledge is envisaged across two levels: **global policy commitments (all members)** and **operational commitments** at sectoral and/or country level (**individual commitments**):



**Global commitments:**

1. **Promote HDP nexus approaches to forced displacement** to reduce burden on host/return countries, enhance self-reliance of refugees build resilience of hosting communities and create conducive environment for safe, dignified and voluntary return, address the root causes of forced displacement, and **better leverage humanitarian, development and peace efforts with all stakeholders towards the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
2. **Highlight challenges of forced displacement and mainstream and leverage HDP nexus approaches in global development and peace-related fora**, as well as **policy dialogues in regional bodies, host and return countries**.

**Operational commitments at sectorial and country level:**

*Guidance/examples of possible commitments from members*

**Introduction of new and acceleration of existing programming, coordination and financing initiatives to achieve a well-coordinated response that maximizes complementarity and synergies between HDP actors, including through:**

- Leading or funding research and data initiatives aimed at generating comparable socio-economic data on forcibly displaced and host populations, informing development and peace-building programming in host/return areas.
- Supporting countries of origin for creating conducive environment for safe, dignified and voluntary return through enhanced development and/or peace related interventions.
- Initiating or funding well-coordinated programmes at sub-regional, country and/or area-based level implemented in forced displacement settings including by supporting local actors and refugee-led organizations to actively participate in analysis, programming, coordination and the development of relevant policies and frameworks.
- Fostering government leadership in strategy development, coordination mechanisms and complementary programming at country and sub-national levels, foreseeing regular interactions between HDP actors in all response phases, including situation analysis, monitoring, and reporting.
- Promoting strong, measurable and scaled-up policy collaboration between humanitarian, development and peace actors, in line with the Common Position of DAC-INCAF Members supporting the Global Compact on Refugees on Addressing forced displacement with a comprehensive Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus approach.

**Support host and return governments to better include forcibly displaced persons into their national and local development and sectoral plans aligned to SDGs, for instance by:**

- Providing technical expertise or enhancing capacity development to governments in host/return countries in planning and coordinating as well line ministries or government entities covering forced displacement responses to support development planning processes and strategies inclusive of forced displacement
- Allocating financial and technical assistance for the inclusion of refugees in national statistics.
- Providing financial contribution to infrastructural, capacity building and other components of national development and/or sectoral plans to be implemented in host and return areas.

**Promote private sector development to expand economic opportunities in host and return areas, such as:**

- Supporting government efforts to enhance enabling environments to allow refugees access to employment and/or start a business.
- Establishing targets for recruitment of refugee/IDP employees in private sector companies in forced displacement-affected areas.
- Enhancing the scale-up of refugee-owned enterprises.

**Foster innovative approaches to increase resources to implement HDP nexus approaches in forced displacement settings, including through:**

- Providing technical support to governments and partners through secondments and other capacity development resources.
- Increasing the relevant mechanisms and adaptable tools to catalyze and implement a HDP nexus approach.
- Conducting operational research, evaluations and policy dialogues that build the evidence/base for HDP approaches, key lessons learned and measure its impact.

## Indicators to track progress and impact

Progress of this multistakeholder pledge would be monitored through several key indicators with examples including:

- Increase in the # of coordinated humanitarian, development and peace projects including forcibly displaced populations.
- Increase in the # of government national and local development/sectoral plans financed and supported by development and peace actors that include forced displacement in terms of prevention, early response and solutions.
- Increase in the # of global, regional and country-level fora focused on development and peace, referring to forced displacement.
- Increase in the # of capacity development programmes by humanitarian, development and/or peace actors for host and return countries' efforts to better support and find solutions to forced displacement.
- Increase in the # of development and peace actors having dedicated strategies, financing or responsibility-sharing commitments to support countries and communities affected by forced displacement.
- # of financing instruments available to promote HDP nexus approaches to forced displacement.
- # of matching pledges between host/return and donor countries that adopt an HDP approach.
- # of evaluations and research conducted that analyze the application of HDP nexus approaches, learning and recommendations shared.
- Measurable decrease of the overall forcibly displaced/returnees/host communities requiring humanitarian assistance following integrated HDP approaches in target locations.

## Proposed governance arrangements

To support more joined up action under this multi-stakeholder pledge the Government of Japan and UNDP will set up a '**Group of Friends of the HDP nexus pledge**'. This group composed of members of the pledge will meet on a **bi-annual basis** to create a platform where governments and all partners can share key learning and exchange on HDP nexus approaches in forced displacement settings and jointly monitor progress towards the implementation of the pledge.

## Joining the HDP nexus multi-stakeholder pledge

The Government of Japan and UNDP welcome a wide range of stakeholders to join this pledge including governments and humanitarian and development partners including UN agencies, civil society, refugee-led organizations, the private sector and academic and research institutions.

We would welcome expressions of interest to join the pledge via email to focal points from the Government of Japan and UNDP. If appropriate, please answer the following three key questions briefly when you indicate your intent to join. Otherwise, you can respond to them later. These will help us to map out interest as well as how individual commitments can contribute to the broader goal of the HDP nexus pledge:

- In terms of the global policy commitments do you have any specific offers based on your areas of focus of how to promote HDP nexus and mainstream and leverage the HDP nexus in development and peacebuilding fora?

- Based on your broader pledges at the GRF as an institution and/or through other multi-stakeholder pledge(s) please can you highlight any specific commitments that your agency can contribute towards any of the four areas of operational commitments?
- Would you like to be part of governance arrangements moving forward? If yes, can you please nominate a focal point from your agency for future communication.

## JOIN US

### How to join the HDP nexus pledge?

All stakeholders wishing to join this pledge must submit an **individual pledge** through the [Global Compact on Refugees | Pledges & Contributions pledge portal](#).

UNHCR has prepared a [step by step instructions](#) for how to submit a pledge including how to link your pledge to multi-stakeholder pledges.

**We encourage all stakeholders to consult the UNHCR guidance in preparing to submit your pledge.**

## CONTACT US

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