

# GRF Pledges Analysis: Meaningful Participation of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons

GRF 2019 to present

This analysis provides an overview of pledges relating to the meaningful participation of forcibly displaced and stateless persons that were made at the **2019 and 2023 Global Refugee Forums** based on information available from the GRF Pledges [Database](#) as of 12 July 2024.\* For the purpose of this overview, pledges relating to meaningful participation are broadly defined as pledges that make explicit reference to supporting the participation of refugees and other forcibly displaced and stateless persons in decision-making processes that affect them.

\* The meaningful participation pledge analysis from the GRF 2019 can be found here: <https://www.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/legacy-pdf/61b6f44f4.pdf>

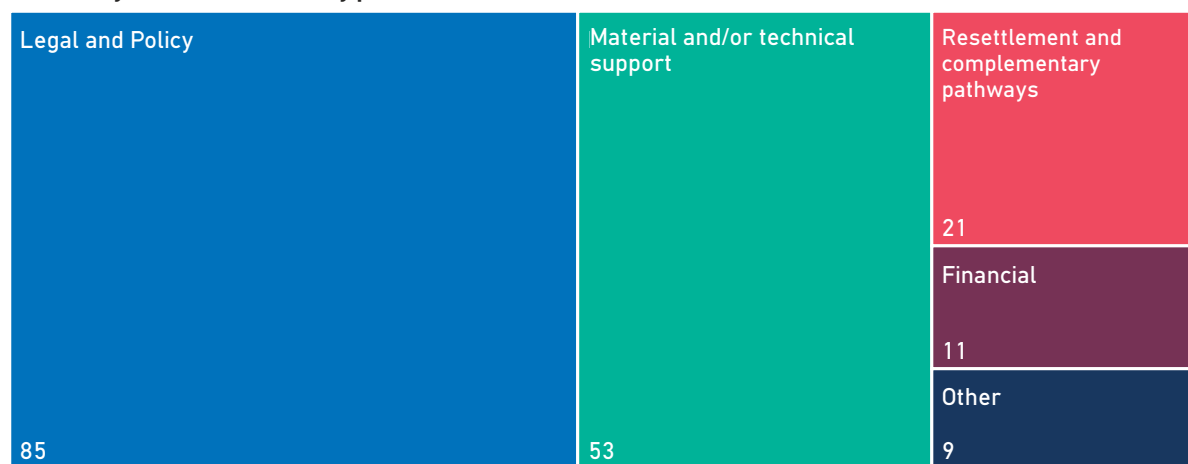
**180**  
Pledges related to meaningful participation since the GRF 2019

**128**  
Entities pledging towards meaningful participation since the GRF 2019

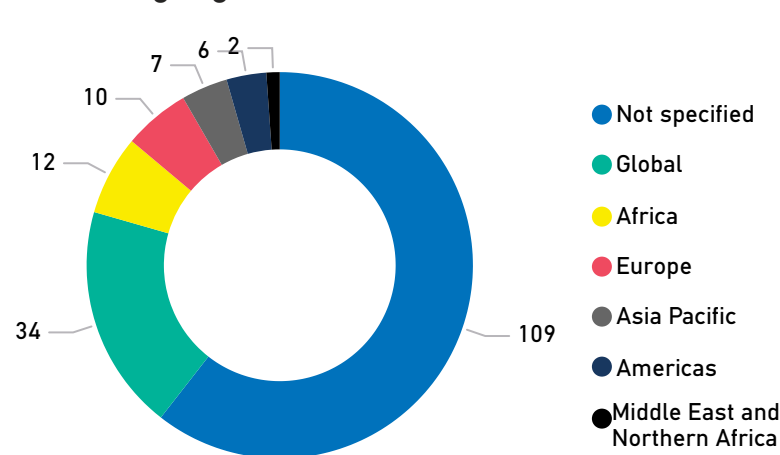
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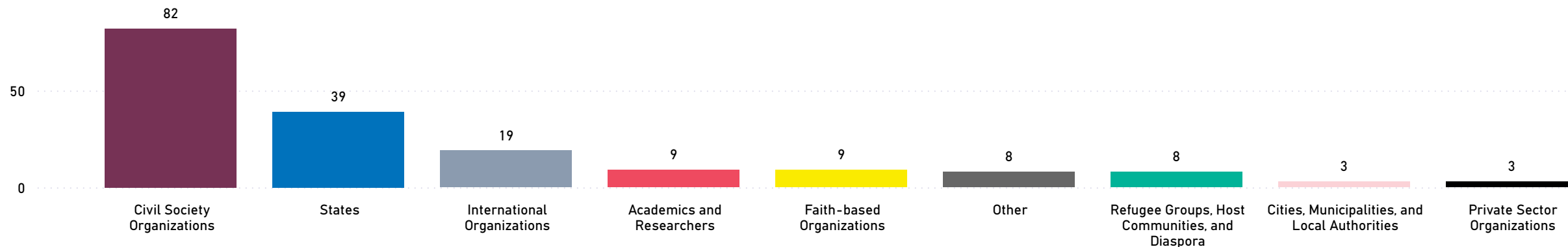
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# GRF 2023 Meaningful Participation Pledges Overview

In the context of the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023, **112 new pledges that relate to meaningful participation** were presented by 88 different pledging entities. **80 pledges** were tagged by pledging entities as contributing to the [multi-stakeholder pledge on Refugee Participation](#).

112

New pledges relating to meaningful participation

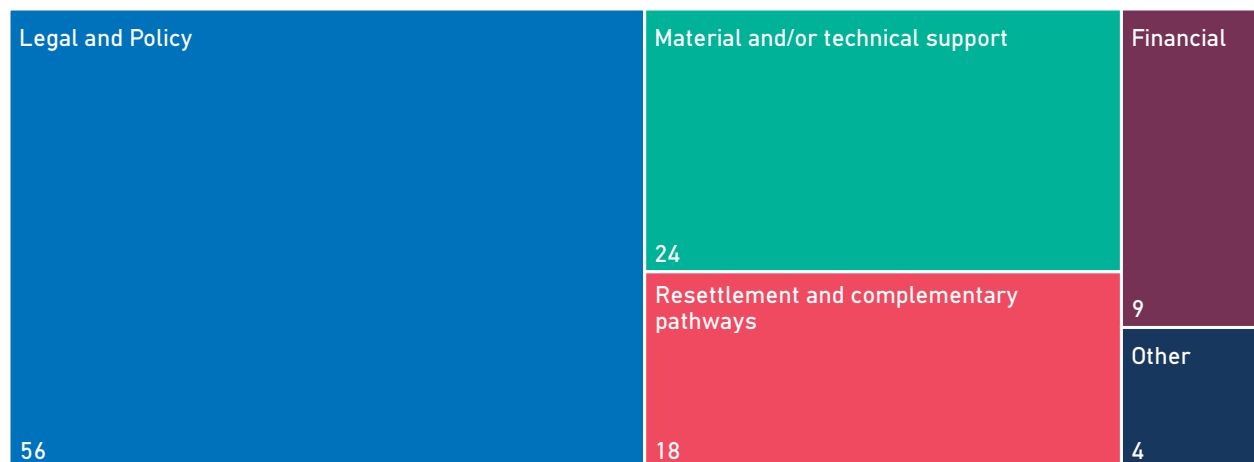
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Pledging entities

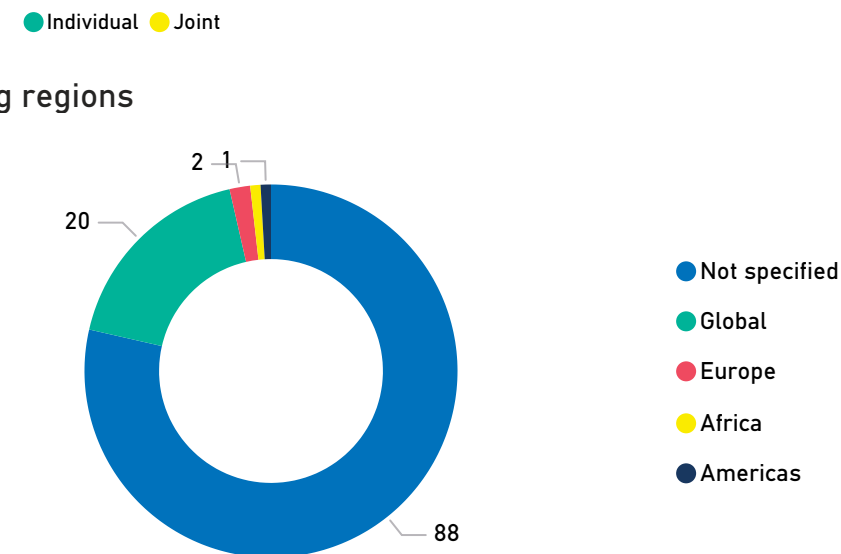
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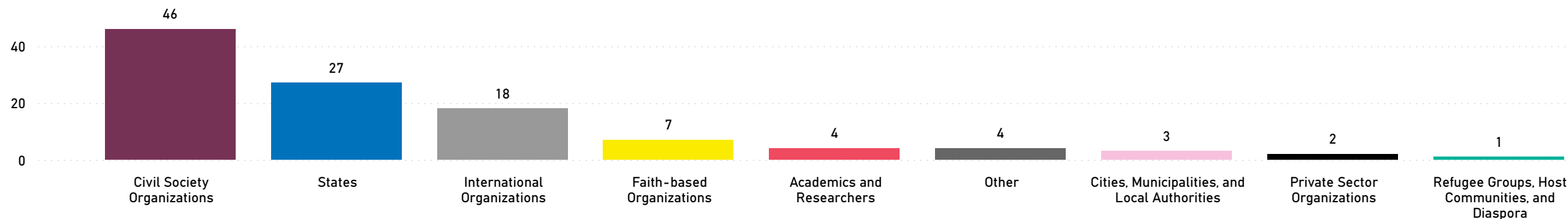
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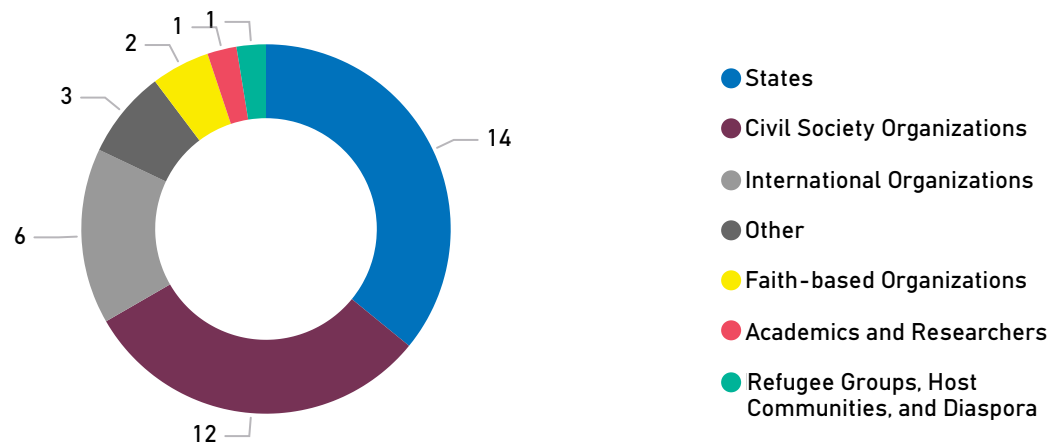
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## Focus: GRF 2023 Pledges Specifically in Support of Organizations led by Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons and National Advisory Mechanisms

UNHCR identified **39 pledges** specifically aimed at **supporting organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless persons**. For this analysis, "support" includes training and capacity building, partnerships, and funding. These pledges were made by **31 pledging entities** committed to enhancing the meaningful participation of organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless persons in local, regional, and international fora. The **majority of these pledges specifically target women- and youth-led** displaced and stateless persons organizations.

### Submitting entity type



Among the various pledges towards meaningful participation, stakeholders committed to multiple actions aimed at increasing the participation of forcibly displaced and stateless persons in decision-making processes that affect them. Notably, at the GRF 2023, **three governments (Brazil, Germany, and Switzerland) committed to create a refugee advisory mechanism at the national level**, joining States such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States of America, which are already in the process of or have completed the establishment of such mechanisms.

Entity	Pledge ID
Government of Brazil	GRF-08143
Government of Germany	GRF-08648
Government of Switzerland	GRF-09487

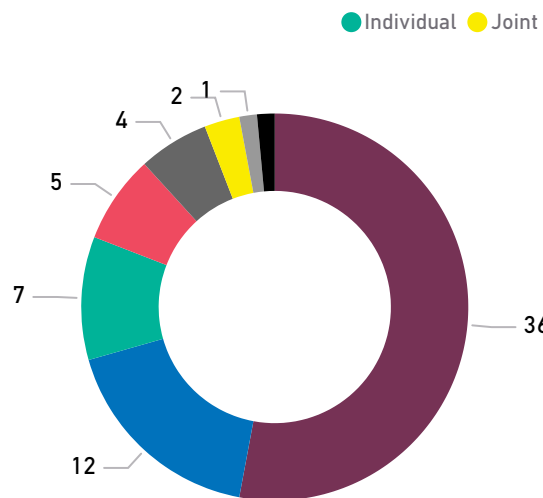
Pledging entity (individual pledges)	Pledge ID
Youth with Refugees Platform	GRF-08935
YOUNGO Climate Change and Migration Working Group	GRF-08896
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	GRF-07657
United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	GRF-09289
United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	GRF-09350
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	GRF-08217
Platform for Vendors (PLAVU) Kampala	GRF-07371
Plan International	GRF-08222
PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law	GRF-08360
Oxfam International	GRF-08790
Oxfam Denmark	GRF-08622
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	GRF-07981
Nationality for All	GRF-08340
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)	GRF-07804
HINGO Uganda	GRF-08038
HIAS	GRF-07911
HIAS	GRF-08014
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GRF-08030
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Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GRF-10289
Government of the Netherlands	GRF-08612
Government of Norway	GRF-08599
Government of Norway	GRF-08616
Government of Ireland	GRF-08588
Government of Germany	GRF-08617
Government of Germany	GRF-08658
Government of Germany	GRF-08675
Government of Denmark	GRF-08579
Government of Chile	GRF-07896
Government of Brazil	GRF-08143
Government of Belgium	GRF-07542
Endam Home of Hope	GRF-08777
Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law - International Institute of Humanitarian Law	GRF-09868
Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law - International Institute of Humanitarian Law	GRF-09869
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	GRF-08885
Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action	GRF-07406
Church World Service	GRF-08169
CARE International	GRF-10250
Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)	GRF-08528

# Comparison GRF 2019 and GRF 2023: Meaningful Participation Pledges

As of 12 July 2024, UNHCR identified a total of **180 pledges related to meaningful participation**, including those from 2019 and 2023, regardless of their association with the multi-stakeholder pledge on Refugee Participation. Compared to the first GRF in 2019, the GRF 2023 saw a **65% increase in pledges made** towards meaningful participation. While civil society organizations remain the largest submitting entity type, the GRF 2023 witnessed a significant **increase in meaningful participation pledges made by States**. Additionally, while the majority of meaningful participation pledges made in 2019 were individual pledges, pledging entities submitted **more joint meaningful participation pledges in 2023**.

## GRF 2019

68 meaningful participation pledges



### Submitting entity type

- Civil Society Organizations
- States
- International Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Academics and Researchers
- Other
- Cities, Municipalities, and Local Authorities
- Private Sector Organizations
- Refugee Groups, Host Communities, and Diaspora

## GRF 2023

112 meaningful participation pledges

