

Meaningful Refugee Participation (MRP) Multi-Stakeholder Pledge co-leads' definition of MRP

Meaningful refugee participation (MRP) means that refugees – including organisations and networks led by forcibly displaced and stateless people – are equitably included and supported to influence decisions that affect their lives. MRP occurs when refugees – regardless of location, legal recognition, gender, identity, or demographics – are prepared for and participate in fora and processes where strategies are being developed and/or decisions are being made (including at local, national, regional, and global levels, and especially when they facilitate interactions with host states, donors, or other influential bodies), in a manner that is ethical, sustained, safe, and supported financially. This entails the active and safe participation of refugees and stateless people at all levels of policymaking and programme implementation, with access to the resources, information, and capacity they need; accountability to their diverse communities; and equitable partnerships that recognise and shift power toward refugee leadership.

Examples of what this might look like in practice, in the context of pledges:

1. Refugees and stateless people are directly involved in designing, implementing, and monitoring initiatives.
2. RLOs and refugee-led networks are resourced and supported as equal partners.
3. Refugees hold formal roles within advisory or decision-making bodies.
4. Refugees participate safely and substantively in local, national, and international forums.
5. Refugees and RLOs receive sustained capacity strengthening and mentoring to enable effective participation and leadership.