

## The Global Refugee Forum 2019

### Template for Pledges and Contributions

States and other stakeholders may use this template to indicate the pledges and contributions ['contributions'] that they plan to announce at the first Global Refugee Forum in Geneva, Switzerland on 17 and 18 December 2019.

States and other stakeholders are encouraged to complete the template **as early as possible**. This would facilitate UNHCR's collation of contributions in time for the Forum. However, as necessary, templates may still be sent to UNHCR at any time in advance of or during the Forum. Contributions will be collated for showcasing at the Global Refugee Forum and inclusion in the outcome document for the Forum.

Once completed, this template can be e-mailed (preferably in Word format) to [hqgrf@unhcr.org](mailto:hqgrf@unhcr.org)

#### Background information

**Name of entity announcing the pledge/contribution:**

Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative members - Caritas Czech Republic in Zambia, Center for Global Development, Danish Refugee Council, HIAS, IKEA Foundation, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Refugees International, RefugePoint (RSRI Co-Chair), Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat, Samuel Hall, Trickle Up, Women's Refugee Commission (RSRI Co-Chair).  
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#### Pledge and contribution information

The second page of this template provides you with the opportunity to provide details of the contributions that you would like to announce as part of the first Global Refugee Forum.

If you would like to announce additional contributions, please copy and paste the entirety of the page 2 for each further contribution.

Further information can be found in the Guidance Note: Pledges and Contributions and Good Practices ([here](#)).

Member States and other stakeholders who have further questions can contact UNHCR in their country/region or email the Global Refugee Forum Coordination Team at Headquarters in Geneva at [hqgrf@unhcr.org](mailto:hqgrf@unhcr.org)

## Pledge or Contribution

**Name of pledge or contribution:**

Please give your pledge or contribution a title of no more than 10 words.

**Promoting Refugee Self-Reliance through Measurement, Programming, and Advocacy.**

**Is this an individual or joint pledge or contribution?**

- Individual  
 Joint

The Global Refugee Forum will encompass individual contributions, which are made by a single State or other stakeholders, and joint contributions made by multiple States and/or stakeholders in partnership or towards a common goal.

Further information can be found in the Guidance Note: Pledges and Contributions and Good Practices ([here](#)).

**If this is a joint pledge or contribution, please list the States or other stakeholders who are also making a joint contribution linked to this one.**

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**Details of the contribution:**

Please provide a succinct description of the contribution (no more than 200 words). If your contribution is part of a joint contribution, please provide information specifically about your part of the contribution. Where relevant, please note the specific refugee populations and host countries and communities that the contribution is intended to benefit. Where possible, please also quantify the contribution (for example, approximate value of financial assistance, number of refugees to be included in national systems, or number of resettlement places to be provided).

[The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative](#) (RSRI) is a collaborative effort composed of non-governmental organizations, multilateral organizations, funders, government agencies, private sector actors, research institutions and civil society focused on promoting opportunities for refugees to become self-reliant and achieve a better quality of life. The initiative aims to reach five million refugees with self-reliance programming in five years and help usher in a needed paradigm shift in refugee response. The coalition is built on three mutually reinforcing strategies including programming, measurement, and advocacy, with the aim of building an evidence base for effective programming and promoting successful refugee self-reliance strategies among key decision-makers and responders.

**Pledge**

The pledge highlights an initial two year commitment to expand the use and support for the [Self-Reliance Index](#) to measure self-reliance, increase access to self-reliance programming and advocate to ensure an enabling environment conducive for self-reliance. This pledge aims to improve standards of practice for refugee assistance and will contribute to the overall objective of the Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative to reach five million refugees in five years with self-reliance programming for households, inclusive of girls, boys, women, men, and LGBTQI+ persons, including those with disabilities, in all their diversity.

The RSRI will provide technical assistance to requesting humanitarian organizations on measuring the impact of their programs on refugee

self-reliance through the use of the RSRI-developed Self-Reliance Index<sup>1</sup>.

In doing so, the RSRI will build the evidence base on which programs work most effectively to achieve refugee self-reliance.

Over the next two years the RSRI will reach 250,000 refugees with self-reliance programming through the work of 5 – 10 partner agencies in at least 5 countries.

RSRI partners will advocate for enabling environments conducive to achieving self-reliance and the full realization of refugee rights. Partners will also support advocacy through research that emphasizes the benefits of and pathways to self-reliance.

**Has the contribution already been announced, in whole or in part? If yes, please provide further details.**

NO

*States and other stakeholders are encouraged to make contributions that are new or additional (which also could include strengthening and building upon good practices or ongoing commitments, particularly since 2016, when the development of the Global Compact on Refugees commenced).*

**Please indicate the anticipated timeframe for follow-up on this pledge/contribution.**

- First mid-term senior officials' meeting (2021)
- Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)
- Other:

*The Global Compact on Refugees provides for follow-up on the implementation of contributions at subsequent Global Refugee Forums (which will take place every four years) and during the mid-term senior officials' meetings (which will take place between forums).*

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<sup>1</sup> The Self-Reliance Index is a tool for measuring the progress of refugee households toward self-reliance. The SRI measures status changes within a refugee household across twelve domains associated with socioeconomic inclusion: Housing, Food, Education, Healthcare, Health Status, Safety, Employment, Financial Resources, Assistance, Debt, Savings and Social Capital.