

NGO statement for GRF Briefing of 11 June 2020

- Thank you Chair,
- NGOs appreciate UNHCR's continued GRF engagement through such meetings and regular publications, including the long awaited Outcome Document.
- While we find it useful, NGOs expected a more detailed analysis, particularly on the GRF additionality and the pledges' content. AGD considerations, refugee participation and Statelessness could have received more attention, given their critical importance for more inclusive and effective responses.
- We understand that a deeper analysis is planned, particularly on matching and prioritizing pledges, and we expect NGOs and refugees to be associated.
- We fully agree with the document's conclusion: "there is no room for complacency" and NGOs are actually at work implementing pledges. For example:
 - The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative – a community of practice including NGOs – has reached a major milestone with the launch of the Self-Reliance Index, the first-ever global tool to measure refugees progress towards self-reliance.
 - In Africa, the Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat supports its NGO members, partners and authorities in operationalizing GRF pledges through country-level engagement strategies.
 - NGOs have also followed-up on refugee participation, working with refugee-led networks and organizations on the collective way forward.
- The Roadmap should highlight a predictable approach, identifying regional and national follow-up mechanisms, and detailing engagement options. It should be developed collectively, including with refugees.
- NGOs also welcome UNHCR efforts in tracking pledges and encourage all stakeholders to contribute to this evolving accountability mechanism. We also request clarifications on the timeline for producing the first GCR monitoring report and wonder if the Digital Platform could be the basis for a global community of practice.
- On the GRF initiatives, we welcome efforts to implement the Three-Year strategy and the new ACSG document. Further details on the Support Platforms would be appreciated.
- NGOs also highlight the need to mobilize GCR mechanisms in the COVID-19 response, including through channeling much needed additional resources to NGOs.
- Finally, reiterating the importance of working on solutions in the current context, we wonder how this will feature at the [High Commissioner's Dialogue](#), given its focus on the pandemic.
- A detailed version of this statement is available on icvanetwork.org
- Thank you.