



# Putting Children at the Centre of the Global Refugee Forum

On December 16-18 the international community will convene in Geneva at the first ever Global Refugee Forum (GRF) which has been described by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees as “the biggest and most important meeting on Refugees ever to take place”. The Forum follows the 2018 adoption of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) by more than 180 UN Member States committed to equal responsibility sharing, refugee protection and self-reliance, and importantly the pursuit of durable solutions for refugees and host communities.

Children represent more than 52% of all refugees which is an increasing trend and they are profoundly affected by displacement, often losing their entire childhoods. Importantly, the Global Compact on Refugees outlines specific considerations and supports for all children affected by displacement that must be met. However, we know today that children affected by displacement remain unprotected, unheard, and without their rights.

The Global Refugee Forum represents a seminal moment for the international community to realise commitments made in the Global Compact on Refugees, including the protection and empowerment of all children. World Vision has been working alongside Governments, the United Nations, and partners to ensure that refugee children are heard, in the spirit of Nothing About Us Without Us. World Vision is pledging across a number of areas to ensure children are protected and their rights are realised.

## EDUCATION

## Pledge

As World Vision shifts its focus to a greater emphasis on fragile contexts, the organisation is adapting the way it programmes and fundraises to meet the challenges of working with the most vulnerable, including children on the move. By 2023, World Vision in at least 12 countries will:

1. In line with government objectives, and reflecting the Nurturing Care Framework, enhance our ECDE programmes by learning from current implementation in fragile and humanitarian contexts to ensure children and caregivers access quality, family-centred, sustainable ECDE programming.
2. Provide quality PSS/MHPSS and referral with a focus on caregivers and children with disabilities.
3. Involve children, parents and caregivers of host and refugee communities in design, implementation and assessment of all Education programmes, as well as in joint advocacy efforts.

4. Ensure our Education programmes are fully integrated with child protection, protection, MHPSS and gender programming; and where possible, pilot cash-based approaches.
5. Ensure our Education in Emergency programmes (formal and non-formal) align with INEE MS, CPMS, national standards, and fully support national system strengthening, focusing on sustainable refugee inclusion in quality education systems and within nationally accredited programmes.

*All our programmes take into consideration and focus on the specific needs of girls, boys, women, men, and of people with disabilities.*

## JOBS & LIVELIHOODS

# Joint pledge

*Interagency pledge with the Poverty Alleviation Coalition*

World Vision pledges to support 43,000 refugees on a pathway towards self-reliance in 8 countries

World Vision is a member of The Poverty Alleviation Coalition, launched in July 2019. It comprises UNHCR, The World Bank Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) and 13 non-governmental organisations. The NGOs are BOMA Project, BRAC, Caritas Switzerland, Concern Worldwide, the Danish Refugee Council, HIAS, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), GOAL, Mercy Corps, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Trickle Up, Village Enterprise, & World Vision.

1. The Coalition will work towards the common vision of increasing self-reliance, economic and social inclusion of refugees and host community households by sustainably increasing income-earning opportunities. Specifically, the Coalition aims to alleviate the poverty of 500,000 households (refugees and hosts) in 35 countries within the next 5 years (2020-2025). The Coalition will use the well-proven 'Graduation Approach' through an 18-36 month programme.
2. World Vision's aim is to support 85,000 those refugees on a pathway towards self-reliance in 22 countries at a cost of \$113 Million over five years
3. World Vision's Pledge is to scale up programmes to support 43,000 of those refugees across 8 countries to the value of \$68 Million in collaboration with coalition partners in the following countries: Iraq, South Sudan, Sudan, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

## CASH

# Joint pledge

*Interagency pledge as part of the Collaborative Cash Delivery Network*

Harmonised tools, approaches contributing to Health, Protection, Education, Livelihoods/market-based economy, durable solutions for Venezuelan migrants, refugees (especially vulnerable children) and inclusive of vulnerable host community (sharing).

The Collaborative Cash Delivery (CCD) Network Colombia includes 8 NGO members operating across nine regions, maximising different actor strengths. It commits delivering people-centric multi-purpose cash at scale (MPCA) in a coordinated, adaptable, harmonised, efficient way for improved impact, addressing critical needs of refugees, vulnerable migrants, host-communities.

1. Efficient, safe data sharing: CCD commits to use single-data management system, avoiding duplication of beneficiaries, ensuring referrals. CCD commits to data protection and members will sign a common Data Sharing Agreement.
2. Harmonised tools, approaches: With flexibility, speed in refugee response, CCD members will harmonise tools, processes, adopting same selection criteria for consistent, harmonised programming across Colombia. CCD members commit to learning through independent evaluations of CCD work, and VfM studies, monitor CCD data to improve selection criteria.

3. Longer term solutions, integrated programming: CCD Colombia strives to deliver an integrated service package, complementing MPCA, with access to health, education, protection for vulnerable children, and livelihoods for their families, facilitating durable solutions, socio-economic integration based on do-no-harm-principle. CCD aims at reaching populations “at last mile”, covering gaps in refugee response, strengthening referral pathways (e.g. to Government-led social protection) reducing vulnerability, exclusion, exploitation- ensuring MPCA creates a cash eco-system with market-based approaches for jobs and livelihoods.

## FAITH & CHILD PROTECTION

# Pledge

### Protection Capacity

We commit to working together as inter-faith and non-faith actors in an effort to meet the needs and rights of Children on the Move (CoM) contributing to Protection Capacity:

1. Enhance capacity of local faith actors to apply child protection and safeguarding by:
  - Systemised Training for Local Faith Actors on child rights.
  - Supporting faith actors to respond to children on the move (or in situations of displacement/high vulnerability) and support their needs.
  - Sharing of context-appropriate methodologies with faith leaders to increase the protective environment for children.
2. Enhance training for faith actors working with children on the move by:
  - Training faith actors on Do No Harm concepts, acceptance of difference, building resilience and humanitarian, diversity and gender, and child protection approaches.
  - Working with 1 or 2 country programmes to pilot effective approaches in delivering faith-sensitive psychosocial support to children on the move.
3. Contribute to the continuum of protection by providing support for resettlement and complementary pathways with a specific focus on at-risk groups including unaccompanied minors by:
  - Leading advocacy initiatives and providing resources related to refugees’ movement and rights.
  - Working with governments, local authorities and faith leaders to protect and support to refugees.
  - In Burundi – working with national and local government, international agencies and local faith communities to prepare for resettlement of refugees from Tanzania.

### Burden and Responsibility

We commit to working together as inter-faith and non-faith actors in an effort to meet the needs and rights of children on the move, contributing to Burden and Responsibility Sharing.

1. Generate and disseminate evidence about the activities and contributions of local faith actors on refugee and host community needs and rights and on engaging local faith actors in the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.
2. Where possible, support, safe opportunities for interaction between children and young people from refugee and host communities to combat xenophobia & support solidarity.

## *World Vision's pledge as part of the Faith Action for Children on the Move Coalition*

We commit to working together as inter-faith and non-faith actors in an effort to meet the needs and rights of Children on the Move contributing to Protection Capacity and Burden & Responsibility Sharing.

1. Enhance capacity of local faith actors in at least 10 contexts to apply standards of child protection and safeguards; including the creation of safe spaces and specific supports for at-risk groups including young and adolescent girls and children with disabilities.
2. Develop modules on spiritual (inter-faith) support for caregivers and faith actors:
  - Train faith actors on providing faith-sensitive psychosocial support in line with the inter-faith MHPSS guidelines developed in conjunction with UNHCR and a fully age, gender, and diversity-sensitive approach.
  - Train aid actors on spiritual support and services available for children on the move.
4. Contribute to the continuum of protection by providing support for resettlement and complementary pathways with a specific focus on at-risk groups including unaccompanied minors.
5. Generate and disseminate evidence about the activities and contributions of local faith actors on refugee and host community needs and rights and on engaging local faith actors in the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.
6. Support, where possible, safe opportunities for interaction between children and young people from refugee and host communities to combat xenophobia and support solidarity.



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