

What is statistical inclusion of forcibly displaced and stateless people?

Often, refugees, internally displaced and stateless people are excluded or not appropriately accounted for in national data collection systems, making them invisible in official statistics.

Statistical inclusion is a deliberate effort to accurately capture forcibly displaced and stateless people in censuses or nationwide household surveys to allow for the computation of sound, policy relevant and comparable statistics on their socioeconomic conditions and that of their host communities. As such, statistical inclusion is a mechanism to help assess the progress towards the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and is key to keeping the central promise of the 2030 Agenda to leave no-one behind.

Why is it important?

- With a growing number of forcibly displaced people in protracted situations, governments will not realize national development plans if they do not address the plight of these vulnerable populations with development programs, humanitarian responses and policies that are based on accurate data and evidence.
- The inclusion of forcibly displaced persons in censuses and national surveys helps to ensure that governments leave no one behind as they pursue the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

What is a pledge?

In general, a pledge is a commitment made by a Member State or any other stakeholder to advance the objectives of the GCR. Pledges are often formally announced during the Global Refugee Forum (GRF), which is also used to assess the progress made by stakeholders in implementing existing pledges. In 2019, more than 1400 pledges were announced during the first GRF.

During the next GRF in 2023, progress towards achieving the 2019 pledges will be assessed and new pledges announced in line with the twenty key recommendations identified at the 2021 High-Level Officials Meeting. **Recommendation 7** calls for States and stakeholders to “**Enhance the data available to support effective action and investment in refugee situations**”.

Who can make a pledge towards statistical inclusion?

Pledges towards statistical inclusion are any actions or initiatives developed in response to the Recommendation 7. Concretely, such pledges can be made individually or jointly by:

- Member States through their national statistics offices, agencies in charge of refugee affairs
- Regional and internal organizations, humanitarian and development actors
- Civil society organizations, refugee groups
- Donors, private sector entities.

For further information about how to develop such a pledge, please contact the Innovation Lab at beguy@unhcr.org.

How can you submit a pledge?

Submit concrete actions for refugees, IDPs and stateless people through [the online GRF platform](#).

For more information about the pledging process, please contact UNHCR country/regional representation and/or the GRF Coordination Team at UNHCR HQ in Geneva at hqgrf@unhcr.org.