



NRC GRF Pledge
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Secure Access to Housing, Land and Property Rights for Refugees and Returnees

NRC's HLP Pledge for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum

Background

NRC, UNHCR and UN HABITAT have co-convened a **Multi-stakeholder Pledge to advance solutions through secure housing land and property rights**. The pledge aims to enable a more predictable, equitable and sustainable system of response to HLP challenges faced by refugees, returnees and host communities and to increase the proportion of forcibly displaced women, men and children with secure HLP rights. It builds on promising practices that reinforce adequate housing as a human right and secure access to land as enabler of durable solutions.

The Multi-stakeholder Pledge on HLP provides an actionable framework for change and a lasting impact on the lives of those affected by displacement. Commitments can be made on the following five key areas of focus:

1. Restitution of HLP
2. Documentation of tenure rights to HLP
3. Comprehensive strategies to secure HLP
4. Material support for HLP initiatives
5. Technical support for HLP initiatives

Guidance on how to join the HLP pledge can be found [here](#).

NRC's Pledge

Securing HLP rights for refugees and returnees through direct support to affected populations and technical assistance to duty bearers.

The Norwegian Refugee Council commits to supporting refugee hosting States and countries of origin in addressing the barriers to the enjoyment of housing, land and property rights for forcibly displaced women, children and men as cross-cutting imperatives for durable solutions and long-term development outcomes. This will include:

Providing technical assistance -including capacity building through training- to state actors, customary authorities and civil society organizations in Refugee Hosting Countries and Countries of Origin in their efforts to develop and enforce legislation and policies on HLP restitution and compensation. (Multi Stakeholder HLP Pledge focus Area 1)

Providing technical assistance -including capacity building through training- to state actors, customary authorities and civil society organizations in Refugee Hosting Countries and Countries of Origin in their efforts to develop and implement comprehensive strategies for securing housing, land and property rights. This includes processes for documentation of tenure rights that guarantee that customary and informal HLP rights are safeguarded. (Multi Stakeholder HLP Pledge Focus areas 2 and 3)

Promote HLP rights as critical component to progress towards durable solutions as a key area of collaboration when entering into partnerships with refugee-led organizations, national civil society, UN organizations and INGO peers and other nexus actors.

Provide information, counselling and legal assistance to refugees and returnees on avenues to secure access to housing land and property rights in Refugee Hosting Countries and Countries of Origin.

Co-convene one global event in 2025 and one in the 2027 GRF with practitioners from State Actors in Refugee Hosting Countries and

Indicators:

- o # of countries where NRC provides technical assistance to state actors, customary authorities and civil society organizations to:
 - 1) develop policies and legislation on HLP restitution and compensation
 - 2) to develop and implement processes for documentation of tenure rights including customary and informal tenure
- o # of individuals belonging to these groups that have participated in training
- o # of countries where strategies, policies and legislation have been developed
- o # of refugees and returnees receiving assistance to secure their HLP rights.
- o # of global events convened
- o # of technical guidance published
- o # of thought pieces published
- o # of capacity building activities implemented by the HLP AoR

Countries of Origin State authorities, UN System Partners, Development Cooperation Actors, INGOs, CSOs and Refugee-led Organizations to exchange experiences and discuss progress towards achieving the objectives in the key areas of focus of the multistakeholder pledge, primarily on HLP restitution and compensation and documentation of tenure rights.



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Regularly publish research, case studies, briefs and other thought pieces to illustrate the connection and impact between HLP and durable solutions.

Regularly publish research, case studies, briefs and other thought pieces to identify exiting barriers and potential solutions in Refugee Hosting Countries to secure access to adequate and affordable housing for displaced persons.

Working closely with the HLP Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR) at global, regional and country levels to promote the implementation of HLP as a key dimension of durable solutions through advocacy to humanitarian and nexus actors -including donor states- and by developing technical guidance and offering capacity building/training activities

Targeted populations

Primary target: refugee, returnee and host community individuals and communities.

Secondary targets: state authorities, UN entities, INGOs, national civil society, refugee-led organizations

Expected impact

Refugees and returnees in Refugee Hosting Countries and Countries of Origin will have improved access to their housing, land and property rights.

Links to other relevant information:

www.nrc.no/what-we-do/speaking-up-for-rights/housing-land-and-property-rights/

www.advancingsolutions.org/

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