

MHPSS Pledge for People on the Move

UNHCR Area of Focus: Protection Capacity

HIAS Signature Approach: Community Based Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Joint (Private Sector: Dr. Lynne Jones OBE, FRCPsych. PhD-Independent Consultant, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University; International Organizations: HIAS (US), Save the Children UK, MHPSS Collaborative (Denmark), Danish Red Cross (Denmark), Terr des hommes (France), UNICEF; Other: Members of IASC MHPSS Thematic Group for People on the Move (a subgroup of IASC MHPSS RG)

Receiving Entities: State(s); Refugees, host communities and diaspora; International organizations

Timeframe: First midterm senior officials meeting (2021)- IASC MHPSS Thematic Group for People on the Move pledges to adapt the existing IASC MHPSS Emergency Guidelines through 2021, and develop a multi-agency guidance note to share in 2020.

HIAS Contact: Annie Bonz, Director, Resilience Programs (annie.bonz@hias.org)

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) is an integral and critical part of UNHCR's protection mandate. Emergencies place significant psychological and social stress on entire communities, including People on the Move. MHPSS services are lifesaving for individuals and families exposed to extreme stressors – but services must continue over time, and across multiple geographies, to positively impact migrating and displaced people with mental health concerns and psychosocial distress. The IASC MHPSS guidelines developed to date are focused on the provision of emergency MHPSS services in refugee and IDP settings, camps as well as host communities. In the interest of ensuring People on the Move can access and receive appropriate MHPSS, the IASC MHPSS thematic group for People on the Move pledges to adapt the existing IASC MHPSS Emergency Guidelines over the next two years to provide technical guidance to agencies and volunteers supporting People on the Move, including the development of a multi-agency guidance note in 2020. The agencies involved in the IASC MHPSS thematic group for People on the Move further pledge to share best practices and capacity building material between themselves as well as with local actors to improve the quality and coordination of MHPSS services to People on the Move.

Increasing Access to Legal Protection for Refugees

UNHCR Area of Focus: Protection Capacity

HIAS Signature Approach: Legal Protection

Geographical Scope: Latin America, Africa, Europe

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Individual pledge

Receiving Entities: Refugees seeking asylum and legal status, particularly in Latin America, Africa and Europe

Timeframe: Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)

HIAS Contact: Jessica Therkelsen, Director, Legal Protection (jessica.therkelsen@hias.org)

In the interest of ensuring that refugees can access legal status, jobs and livelihoods, education, protection, and inclusion, HIAS pledges to expand legal protection programming to impact an additional 100,000 (or 600,000 total) refugees and asylum seekers over the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned and provide technical support to other organizations and states in order to scale up access to free legal services for refugees and asylum seekers around the world. Funding has been secured to assist 100,000 refugees and asylum seekers in 2020, and further funding will be sought to meet the needs of 125,000 refugees and asylum seekers a year across the next four years.

Increasing Access to Services for Survivors of GBV

UNHCR Area of Focus: Protection Capacity

HIAS Signature Approach: Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Individual pledge

Receiving Entities: Survivors of Sexual and Physical Violence

Timeframe: Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)

HIAS Contact: Heidi Lehmann, Director, Gender and GBV (heidi.lehmann@hias.org)

In the interest of ensuring refugee survivors of sexual and physical violence can access services, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, HIAS pledges to expand GBV Case Management services to 12,000 survivors in 10 countries over the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned and provide technical support to other organizations and states in order to scale up access to GBV Prevention and Response programming for refugees around the world. Funding in the amount of \$1M has been secured to assist 2000 new survivors in 2020, and further funding will be sought to meet the needs of 2000 new survivors per year, across 5 years.

Global Implementation of the Graduation Approach

UNHCR Area of Focus: Jobs and livelihoods

HIAS Signature Approach: Economic Inclusion

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Individual pledge

Receiving Entities: Refugees and Host Communities in Ecuador, to be replicated in other countries

Timeframe: Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)

HIAS Contact: Galo Quizanga, Director of Economic Inclusion (galo.quizanga@hias.org)

HIAS pledges to implement poverty alleviation programming using the graduation approach to target 18,000 households across 7 countries within the next 5 years. Further, HIAS pledges to share and promote lessons learned from this implementation and provide technical support to other organizations and states scaling up the graduation approach, starting with Africa and Latin America. Funding in the amount of \$2 million USD has been secured to target 2,000 households in Ecuador, and further funding will be sought to implement other aspects of this pledge.

Resettlement Support Capacity

UNHCR Area of Focus: Solutions

HIAS Signature Approach: Legal Protection

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Individual pledge

Receiving Entities: Refugees and Host Communities

Timeframe: Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)

HIAS Contact: Rachel Levitan, Vice President, International Programs (rachel.levitan@hias.org)

HIAS pledges that it will work with partners to secure spaces for 1,000 vulnerable refugees in need of resettlement by 2023. Given HIAS' deep commitment to Jewish community values as they relate to the critical need for refugee resettlement, we will also work to mobilize the Jewish community globally to advocate to dramatically reverse the decline in resettlement slots worldwide. HIAS will seek the requisite funding to support these initiatives.

Guidelines on Incentive Workers

UNHCR Area of Focus: Solutions

HIAS Signature Approach: Economic Inclusion

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Individual pledge

Receiving Entities: Refugees and Host Communities/States

Timeframe: Second Global Refugee Forum (2023)

HIAS Contact: Rachel Levitan, Vice President, International Programs (rachel.levitan@hias.org)

HIAS pledges, alongside relevant stakeholders, including UNCHR, refugee communities, national and international NGOs, and host governments to develop global guidelines on the engagement of refugees in refugee response and protection, sometimes referred to as “incentive” work or “community outreach.” The guidelines, developed within the framework of governing national and international laws and best practice, will integrate the principles of dignity, safety, transparency, equality, diversity, and inclusiveness and will address issues such as ethical conduct for refugee workers and the duty of care incumbent on “sponsoring” entities. Partnerships, in-kind support and funding is sought to support field-based research and robust consultations; the development of practical, implementable, and sustainable guidelines; and global roll-out of the guidelines.

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

UNHCR Area of Focus: Solutions

HIAS Signature Approach: Economic Inclusion

Geographical Scope: Global

Type of Contribution: Material and/or technical support

Partners/Stakeholders: Pledge led by Refugee Self Reliance Initiative (Kellie Leeson, Initiative Lead, kcleeson@gmail.com)

Receiving Entities: Refugees and Host Communities/States

Timeframe: First mid-term senior officials' meeting (2021)

HIAS Contact: Rachel Levitan, Vice President, International Programs (rachel.levitan@hias.org)

[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.

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.

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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.