

OLYMPIC REFUGE FOUNDATION

TAFISA MISSION 2030 WORKSHOP SERIES INCLUSION OF REFUGEES THROUGH SPORT

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RECOMMENDATION 11

Raise awareness of the
global refugee crisis and
increase access to sport for
people affected by
displacement

OUR VISION

WE BELIEVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS, THROUGH SPORT.

OUR MISSION

TO SHAPE A MOVEMENT THAT ENSURES YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISPLACEMENT THRIVE THROUGH SPORT.

OUR GOAL

1 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISPLACEMENT ACCESS SAFE SPORT BY 2024.



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Joint Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection

The Global Refugee Forum



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UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



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Contribution of sport

- Sport is found in almost every community across the globe.
- Sport is often locally led, has well established local and national infrastructure and coordination.
- Safe, intentionally designed and delivered; sport can:
 - improve physical and mental health and wellbeing
 - nurture skills
 - challenge social and cultural norms
 - break down barriers and create spaces for positive social interaction.
- Sport can be used to reach new audiences, communicate on displacement issues and build understanding and empathy.



The Global Refugee Crisis



Currently there are over 110 million people forcibly displaced around the globe.

Unfortunately, this number is only expected to increase due to ongoing effects of war, conflict, disasters, climate change and limited resources.

People affected by displacement are at greater risk of poor mental and physical health outcomes, feelings of exclusion, and limited livelihood opportunities.

Due to limited access and opportunities to participate, displaced people all too often do not receive the benefits that sport has to offer.

What is the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Refugee Forum (GRF)

The **Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)** seeks to encourage the engagement of a variety of actors involved in refugee response.

The GCR also sets out ways in which this will be done and key among these is the **Global Refugee Forum (GRF)**.

The GRF 2019 brought the international community together in solidarity with the world's refugees and the countries and communities that host them. Over **3,000 participants** joined and **1400 pledges** were presented.





Towards the GRF 2023 – and beyond

13-15 December 2023, Geneva, Switzerland

Co-host Switzerland; co-convenors Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Niger, Uganda, together with UNHCR

Objectives:

- Progress on and learning from implementation of pledges and initiatives since GRF 2019
- Announce new pledges
- Inspire better burden- and responsibility-sharing and facilitate comprehensive responses.

Side events to present pledges and show how they make a real difference, developed through a multistakeholder approach

2023 GRF starts new cycle of efforts to help hosting countries and support refugees – until 2027, 3rd GRF.

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Joint Sport Pledge, 2019 – Key achievements



Est. Financial
Investments
\$14,562,400 USD



Approx. 193,400
displaced people
reached



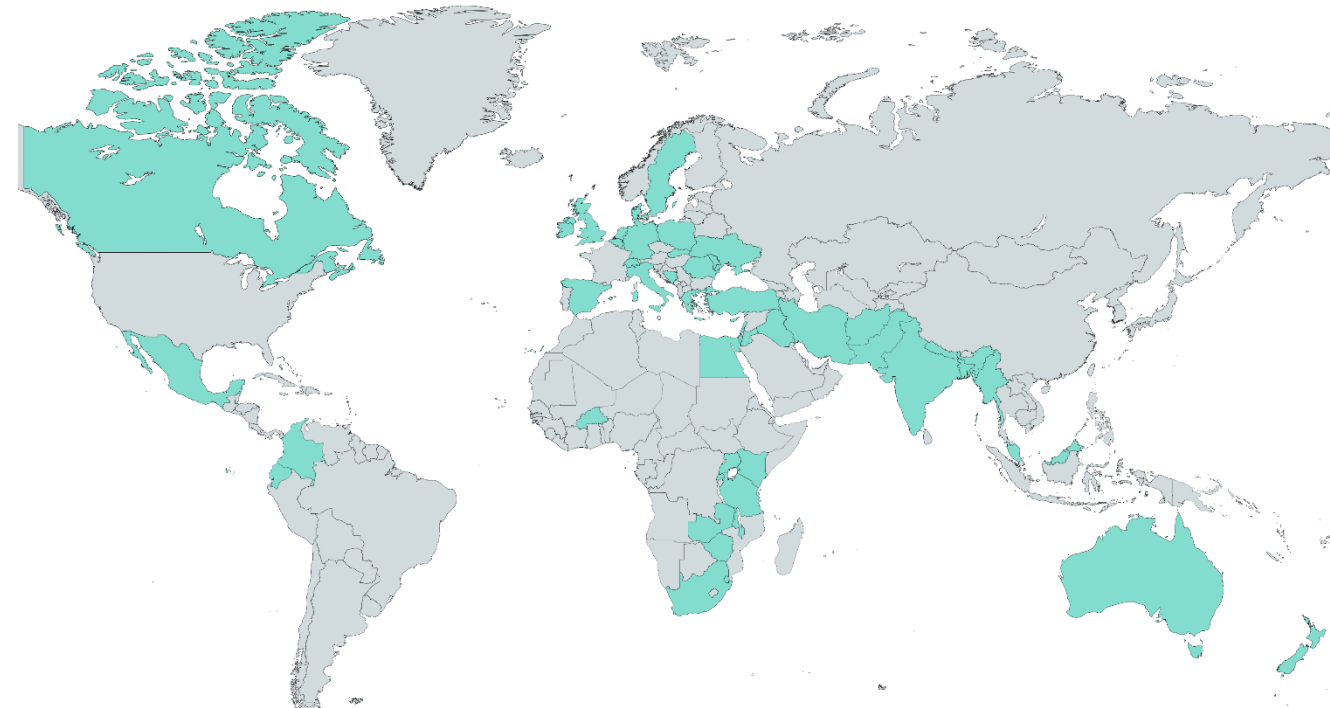
25% of Pledges
targeting children and
young people

Pledge 1: To promote and ensure access for all refugees, without any distinction of any kind, to safe and inclusive sporting facilities.

Pledge 2: To increase availability and access to organised sports and sport-based initiatives for refugee and hosting communities, actively considering age, gender, ability and other diversity needs.

Pledge 3: To promote and facilitate equal access to and participation of refugees in sporting events and competitions at all levels.

Reach of SfRC member activities



Reference group members

Airbnb

DOSB (German Olympic Sports Confederation)

FARE Network

German Sport University

Girl Power – K. Popalzai

International Judo Federation

ISCA

PLAY International

Skateistan

Special Olympics – G. Mballe

Tambai Zimbabwe

UEFA

Ugandan Olympic Committee

UNESCO

World Athletics

World Union of Olympic Cities

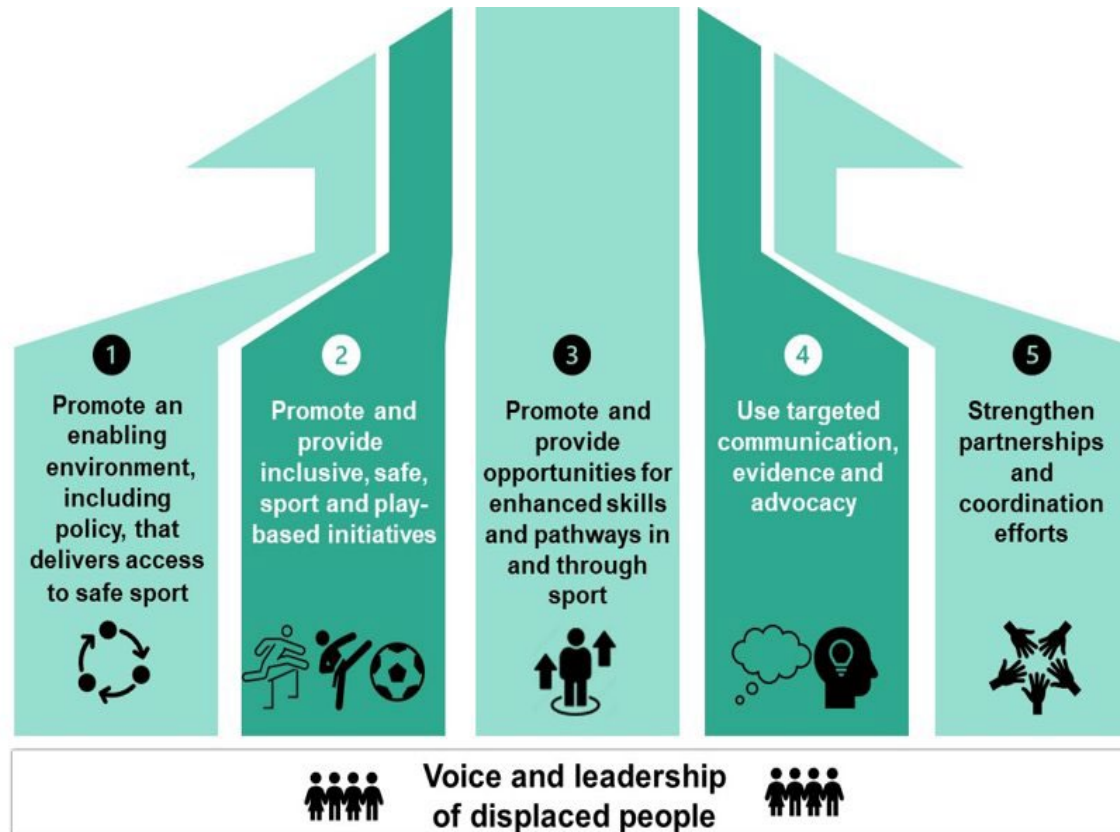
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Joint Sport Pledge 2023 – Global Refugee Forum

“Together, we pledge to mobilize resources, expertise and networks to promote access to, and opportunities through sport for, and with, displaced people and host communities, contributing to more inclusive and cohesive societies.”

Pledge statement



Pledge components

Pledge statement – Global Refugee Forum

Together, we pledge to mobilize resources, expertise and networks to promote access to, and opportunities through sport for, and with, displaced people and host communities, contributing to more inclusive, tolerant and cohesive societies.

We will:

- 1. Promote an enabling environment, including policy, that delivers inclusive access to sport and ensures** equitable opportunity to participate and excel by eliminating barriers, addressing inequalities and lack of resources.
- 2. Promote and provide inclusive, safe, sport and play-based initiatives** (including events and competitions) engaging displaced people and host community members of all ages, sexes, genders and abilities, where sport contributes to personal growth, protection, inclusion and cohesion.
- 3. Promote and provide opportunities for enhanced skills and pathways in and through sport,** including training, scholarship and employment opportunities.
- 4. Using the platform of sport, communicate and advocate** for refugee issues and use targeted communications, evidence and research to highlight the positive role sport can play for displaced people at the individual, community and whole of society level.
- 5. Strengthen partnerships and coordination efforts** within and beyond the sport sector to maximize the benefits of sport within and outside of displacement situations.

We are committed to advancing this work with displaced people and communities at all stages of the pledge implementation process.

EXAMPLE COMMITMENTS



1: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT



- ✓ Enable policy/ process that promotes sport as part of the process of refugee inclusion within their host country.
- ✓ Support creation or refurbishment of inclusive sport spaces in refugee hosting communities.
- ✓ Guarantee access for refugees to join sports clubs, programs, and initiatives by removing barriers.

2: SAFE SPORT AND PLAY INITIATIVES



- ✓ Include refugees in existing community sport-based initiatives/ support new community sport-based initiatives for refugees and host community members
- ✓ Implement sport-based initiatives supporting displaced people and host communities and contributing to wider humanitarian and development outcomes.

3: ENHANCED SKILLS AND PATHWAYS



- ✓ Identification and training for refugee coaches, technical officials, administrators.
- ✓ Support employment, training and volunteer opportunities for sport participants.

4: EVIDENCE, COMMUNICATION, ADVOCACY



- ✓ Robust evaluation of sport-based initiatives.
- ✓ Storytelling projecting positive narrative around refugees and/ or the role of sports.

5: PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS



- ✓ Partnership with other relevant stakeholders in the sport ecosystem to strengthen the sport offer in displacement contexts.

How to get involved?



Step 1:

Why: The commitment will detail the actions each organization will take or changes they will make in one or more commitment areas of the Joint Pledge on Sport.

How: The Guidance Note provides with concrete steps on how to develop and submit the commitment

Step 2:

Why: Every individual commitment contributes to the collective efforts of the Joint Pledge on Sport.

How: Register your commitment both via the Joint Pledge on Sport **commitment form**, and Global Compact for Refugees online portal

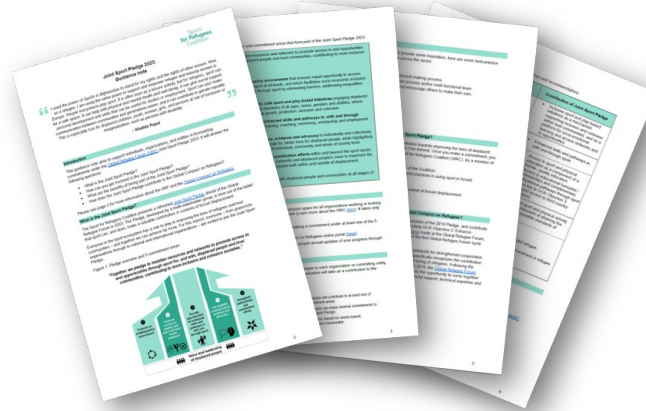
Step 3:

Why: Evidence on implementation progress allows us to showcase the collective effort and contribution of sport to improving the lives of refugees.

How: Join the Sport for Refugee Coalition, to support our collective voice, provide annual updates on your progress, connect, share and learn with organizations dedicated to sport and displacement.

Thank you!

For comprehensive information on getting involved, please refer to our **Guidance Note.**



If you have any further question, please contact us at contact@sportcoalition.org

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