

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: GLOBAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLEDGE TO SUPPORT WORK WITH, FOR & BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN DISPLACEMENT



**Compact for Young People**  
in Humanitarian  
Action

**We Pledge:** to work towards humanitarian and refugee response systems that integrate humanitarian, peace building, and development approaches; ensure the inclusive and systematic acknowledgement of young people's rights, needs, and capabilities - including those of all abilities, genders, ethnicities, and other aspects of diversity; recognize value of youth-led action and the work young people are already doing, including strengthening systems and structures; and empower young people as critical partners, decision-makers, and leaders across all refugee contexts.

## Co-Leads:



Kingdom of the Netherlands



United Nations  
Youth Office



**Now tell us, will you join us in our pledge and how will you take action? You can submit your own youth- focused pledge that contributes to the actions BELOW using : [this link](#)**

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# ACTION 1

**Establish mechanisms that involve young refugees, displaced, and stateless persons, youth-led groups, and youth networks in humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding action as well as advocacy and policy making across displacement contexts.**

- *Support development and roll out of youth-focused and youth-friendly guidance, tools, and capacity building materials to strengthen the work of young refugees, displaced, and stateless persons responding in refugee contexts;*
- *Support a diverse group of young refugees, displaced, and stateless persons to engage meaningfully in global policy advocacy and hold duty bearers to account by tracking progress on GRF and other commitments, shadow reporting and other forms of active civic engagement;*
- *Advance youth-led action by encouraging channeling of funding and technical support to refugee youth-led organizations (RYLOs), including formal and informal youth led groups in displacement settings, to address (with projects and other refugee response actions) the challenges they identify in their communities;*
- *Apply an age, gender, and diversity approach that facilitates outreach to and inclusion of young people who are more marginalized, vulnerable, and remote;*
- *Leverage young people's leadership, capacities, and networks to advance community engagement, accountability to affected populations and coordination of local action, localization.*

## ACTION 2

**Support actors working in humanitarian and displacement contexts, including youth-led and civil society actors, to implement the 'IASC Guidelines on working with and for Young People in Humanitarian and Protracted Crises' (IASC Youth Guidelines) in displacement contexts.**

- *Create context-specific tools for humanitarian actors and young people, including, tip sheets, training modules, and key advocacy messages, to support the operationalization of the IASC Youth Guidelines in displacement contexts;*
- *Roll-out training sessions and learning series and integrate training resources into the humanitarian and refugee response mechanisms at the country level (co-led with young humanitarians, peace builders and development practitioners);*
- *Explore the development of a roster of adolescent and youth-focused specialists available for surge deployment in humanitarian and protracted crises to support responses with and for young people across all sectors and all stages of the humanitarian programme cycle;*
- *Advocate for funding and implementation of youth-sensitive, youth-focused, and youth-led services across humanitarian and refugee response efforts that respond to the needs and capacities of young people in displacement contexts;*
- *Support and facilitate knowledge sharing, dialogue, learning, and collaboration among practitioners and young people - online and in person - to document and disseminate good practices, foster sharing of lessons learned, and advance meaningful youth engagement in displacement contexts.*

## ACTION 3

**Strengthen and systematize the position of Young People's needs, priorities, and capabilities and ensure their safe, systematic, and meaningful engagement in humanitarian and refugee responses and platforms at global, regional, country, and sub-national level**

- *Engage in global, regional, and country-level advocacy and policy making opportunities with policy-makers, donors, States, and IASC senior leaders, to advance youth-specific and youth-led policy and programming;*
- *Integrate adolescent- and youth-specific age disaggregated data and analysis into assessments, humanitarian appeals, and programming efforts to track the needs, investment in, and impact of adolescent and youth programming across humanitarian appeals, budgets, and reporting mechanisms, including IASC Commitments and GRF pledges;*
- *Build on existing best practice and collaborate with UN Humanitarian Coordinators, UNHCR and OCHA to strengthen and integrate multi- sectoral Adolescent and Youth Working Groups within refugee and humanitarian response planning and coordination systems;*
- *Meaningfully engage a diverse group of young refugees, displaced, and stateless persons in decision making spaces to design and deliver youth-specific and youth-led policy and programming.*

### **Expected impact of the pledge in one sentence:**

These pledged actions will contribute to transforming humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts in displacement contexts, with and for young people in all their diversity, to be more youth focused, youth sensitive, and youth-led.