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## LWF pledge:

### Local to global approaches to securing refugee rights

The Lutheran World Federation will continue to support refugees to access their rights through a 'local to global' approach, linking international human rights mechanisms to national level accountability and grass-roots action, with the aim of achieving concrete impact for refugees at local level.

LWF commits to :

- Enabling refugees worldwide to engage in international mechanisms like the UPR and CEDAW, so their voices are heard and they can hold duty-bearers accountable. In Kenya for example, a nation-wide network of refugees was created so they can engage with duty-bearers and contribute to the UPR;
- Working with civil society at country level, so refugee rights are fully represented in the human rights platforms and networks, resulting in policy formulation and implementation at national level for a better environment for refugees;
- Working with refugees themselves as the primary rights-holders to engage with local duty-bearers, identifying and addressing concrete gaps, designing common initiatives in collaboration with relevant partners, and enabling specific concrete changes to improve their well-being
- Linking this approach in all its interventions with and for refugees, and working always in partnership, to maximize impact in a global portfolio of refugee-related programming of approximately EUR 60 million p.a .

## LWF + Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) pledge:

### Welcoming the Stranger, shaping the future: International conference of faith actors in refugee response

Building on the established Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies, Islamic Relief Worldwide and Lutheran World Federation will invite a diverse range of grassroots faith actors from refugee hosting and third country resettlement contexts to an

international conference in October 2020. The conference will capture concretely the work of faith communities implementing aspects of the Global Compact on Refugees and the UNHCR's 3year Resettlement & Complementary Pathways Strategy.

The conference will support and show solidarity with the work done by faith actors, harnessing their collective voice to advocate strongly for an end to hatred, xenophobia and intolerance, providing an inspirational rallying call to communities welcoming the stranger all over the world. Practitioners from a range of faiths will be invited to share their experiences. LWF & IRW will ensure the conference is also sensitive to age, gender & diversity approaches in all aspects.

The main aims of the international conference are: Sharing Achievements/Challenges to Learn and Improve, Check Progress Against the Global Refugee Forum Pledges/Commitments, Facilitate Strategic Collaboration between Everyday Champions of Welcoming Strangers and Intensify Public Advocacy towards a Hopeful Vision of Inclusive Societies, linking similar existing initiatives more concretely with GCR implementation across the world.

## Pledge by Coalition Faith Action for Children on the Move

We commit to working together as inter-faith and non-faith actors in an effort to meet the needs and rights of CoM contributing to Protection Capacity:

1. Enhance capacity of local faith actors in at least 10 contexts to apply standards of child protection and safeguards; including the creation of safe spaces & specific supports for at-risk groups including young and adolescent girls and children with disabilities.
2. Develop modules on spiritual (inter-faith) support for caregivers and faith actors:
  - Train faith actors on providing faith-sensitive psychosocial support in line with the inter-faith MHPSS guidelines developed in conjunction with UNHCR & a fully age, gender, and diversity approach.
  - Train aid actors on spiritual support and services available for CoM.
3. Contribute to the continuum of protection by providing support for resettlement & complementary pathways with a specific focus on at-risk groups including unaccompanied minors.

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1. Generate and disseminate evidence about the activities and contributions of local faith actors on refugee and host community needs and rights and on engaging LFAS in the implementation of the GCR.
2. Support, where possible, safe opportunities for interaction between children & young people from refugee & host communities to combat xenophobia & support solidarity.