

NAIROBI AND KAMPALA 2023 GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM JOINT CITY PLEDGES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Nairobi and Kampala City have collaborated to craft joint city pledges ahead of the Global Refugee Forum 2023. The implementation of these pledges will receive support from the International Rescue Committee through its Re:BUiLD program, the Mayors Migration Council, as well as local civil society organizations such as the Kampala Platform for Vendors and Pamoja Trust in Kenya. The cities will commit to these pledges, and the supporting entities will provide necessary assistance for their successful execution.

2.0 CITY JOINT PLEDGES

- 1. By 2027, institutionalize refugee access to city services and infrastructures.
 - i. Cities will establish dedicated sectors or departments for refugee liaison and engagement.
 - ii. Establish and consistently integrate policies and frameworks to ensure the inclusion of refugees residing in urban areas in accessing essential services.
- 2. By 2027, actively involve refugees in city activities and planning to facilitate their integration and foster social cohesion.
 - i. Support for families including refugees needing psychosocial support through County's Family and Social Welfare programs.
 - ii. Youth gain admission to city institution to upscale their skills.
 - iii. Establish mechanism of refugee participation in local decisions within their neighborhoods
- 3. Create city coordination mechanisms for the provision of services to urban refugee by coordinating with NGOs and INGOs in the cities by 2025.
 - i. Develop a framework for coordinating and integrating refugee interventions with city service provisions.
- 4. Conduct a baseline survey of refugee population and their livelihoods in the cities by end of 2024.
 - i. Socio-economic solutions on integration of refugees especially in employment, business (market stalls and modern kiosks allocation), and environmental management.
 - ii. Establish at least one innovation centers within each city by 2027 to foster research, innovation, and creativity among refugees and vulnerable host communities.
 - iii. Enhance the skills and upskilling of refugees by leveraging existing city institutions, focusing on building their technical capacity to meet labor market standards, particularly in the creative and digital space.

3.0 KEY ACTORS IN IMPLEMENTATION

The key implementing actors will be meeting after GRF to develop implementation roadmap.

Kampala and Nairobi City Authorities	Lead in the implementations of the pledges for the next three years
International Rescue Committee Re:BUiLD Program	Provide technical support and financial support through City in Kind grant in implementation
Mayors Migrations Council	Provide technical support
Local Civil Society Organization Plat form for Vendors in Kampala and Pamoja Trust in Kenya	Support the city in refugees' community organizations and linkages through existing networks such as neighborhood associations and the local council in Kampala