



# PROGRESS REPORT

ON THE GROUND

LEGAL COMMUNITY PLEDGE





# THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY PLEDGE



First international initiative of its scale to bring together the global legal community to:

- support efforts to protect and find solutions for asylum-seekers, refugees and others displaced
- increase the number of those displaced around the world who have equal access to justice in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Equal Access to Justice for All."

---

Over 80 legal actors across private and public institutions - including global and local law firms, legal aid and empowerment organizations, bar associations, refugee law clinics, clearing houses and other entities.

---



# THE GREYLEGAL COMMUNITY PLEDGE



---

Key goal of the pledge is to:

- Unite the global legal community to bring visibility to and to address notable legal gaps, including gaps in legal aid provision and in legal and protection systems.
- Increase resources for legal aid provision, including through supporting collaborative models which include pro bono.

---

Garnered commitment of over 127,000 hours of pro bono legal aid services to be provided by the private sector signatories each year.

.

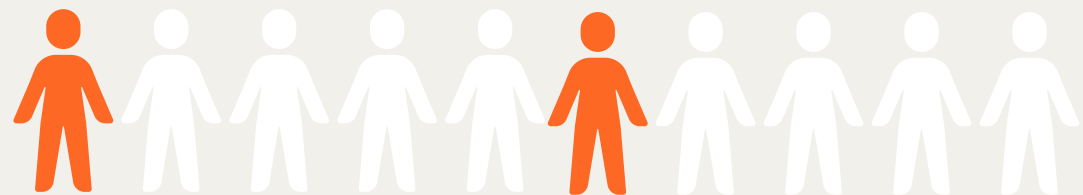
# 30%



Private Sector provided:

165,000+ hours of pro bono legal aid  
- exceeding their commitment by over  
30%

# 100+



Private and public sector signatories  
developed over 100 new partnerships  
and collaborations to address the  
legal needs of refugees and others  
forcibly displaced.

# PROGRESS

# 2020

- Within a more connected global legal community, both public and private sector signatories moved quickly to **adapt legal assistance programs and pro bono projects to accommodate Covid-19 related restrictions**, allowing pledgers to continue to reach displaced communities and supporting the **private sector signatories to surpass the pro bono commitments made at the GRF**.
- The Core Group developed reporting tools to support monitoring of the implementation of the Pledge and **began to annually track pro bono hours dedicated to improving access to justice for refugees** and others forcibly displaced.
- The Core Group partnered with UNHCR to **develop and disseminate tools to support refugee-led organizations (RLOs) and NGOs** to scope pro bono projects to address the unmet legal needs of displaced communities.
- With support from the Core Group, RLOs and NGOs pitched a broad range of new pro bono projects that were matched with law firms, **unlocking millions of dollars' worth of legal services, provided for free**.
- **Private sector law firms became greater champions for the rights of refugees**, including through increasing awareness about the importance of access to justice for refugees and others forcibly displaced within their own staff and with private and public sector clients.

# NEXT STEPS

01

## Refugee Participation

Ensure greater awareness  
of and participation in  
Pledge implementation

02

## Localization

Foster greater  
involvement of locally-led  
legal aid initiatives

03

## Mobilizing Resources

Raising awareness about  
essential role of legal  
assistance and current  
resourcing gaps

04

## Advocacy

Contribute to joint  
advocacy around legal  
needs and gaps.

05

## Building Pro Bono

Activating and  
strengthening refugee  
rights pro bono culture

06

## Partnering for Impact

Building partnerships  
between and within local  
legal communities and  
with legal networks



Launching on World Refugee Day  
20 JUNE 2021

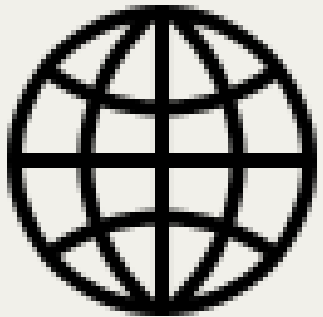


GRF LEGAL COMMUNITY PLEDGE MATCHING PORTAL

Get or provide free legal help at: <https://www.pilnet.org/access-legal-help/>

# GET INVOLVED

<https://www.pilnet.org/our-work/forced-displacement/>



[Learn more about the Pledge](#)  
[Read + Sign the Pledge](#)



[Sign up to our newsletter](#)



[Connect on Social Media](#)