

# Global Refugee Forum

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## Pledges

### Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN)

- 1. Strengthening the resettlement of children and adolescents at-risk, including unaccompanied and separated children (UASC): supporting the evolution of policy and programming for a critical form of responsibility sharing and solutions for refugees**

#### Solutions

MYAN pledges to provide policy and technical support to members of the global community of practice in resettlement under the umbrella of the Annual Tripartite Consultations of Resettlement (ATCR), to strengthen the resettlement of children and adolescents at risk, including UASC, as a critical tool for burden and responsibility sharing, solutions and protection for those refugees who need it most.

This pledge addresses:

- (i) the need and critical role that resettlement plays for children/adolescents at risk including UASC, and the positive contributions they make to countries of resettlement,
- (ii) strategies to strengthen the effectiveness and integrity of processes to enable expansion of resettlement for UASC, including those that address processes along the continuum from identification and assessment (including best interest procedures) in host countries, to referral, reception and integration responses in the resettlement country,
- (iii) barriers/gaps in practice and in the evidence base/knowledge to support the expansion of resettlement places for UASC and
- (iv) existing good practice in the resettlement of children and adolescents at risk/UASC (including current programs for the resettlement of this cohort).

We will build on our existing work in this area and stakeholder relationships (including UNHCR, Amnesty International Australia, RefugePoint, and the Australian government) and develop new partnerships with other members of the resettlement community of practice and others (e.g. INGOs, states and academics).

## 2. Enhancing adolescent and youth focussed responses in protection and solutions: sharing expertise, good practices and resources in refugee youth focussed policy and programming.

### Refugee Participation, Solutions

MYAN pledges to share good practice and provide technical support to enhance adolescent and youth-focussed responses in policy and programming in host communities and the resettlement context (including new and emerging resettlement countries).

We will engage with existing mechanisms for implementing the GCR and strengthening protection capacity and (third country) solutions/resettlement (e.g. 3-Year Resettlement Strategy, Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement/ATCR, UNHCR-IOM initiatives (CRISP) and the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network/GAIN) and; build on our work in relation to strengthening the resettlement of children and adolescents at risk, including unaccompanied and separated minors.

MYAN will draw on our expertise as a leader in delivering and supporting good practice with refugee and asylum-seeking young people - in policy, programming and capacity building (across sectors and with refugee young people), and in meaningful refugee youth participation.

Refugee young people have specific rights, needs and capabilities in the protection and resettlement context and are important actors in building welcoming and inclusive societies, however, these considerations are often overlooked. This pledge will seek to address this and operationalise the GCR. It includes Age, Gender and Diversity considerations.

MYAN will build on our existing stakeholder relationships (including with the Global Refugee Youth Advisory Council/GYAC and as a member of the Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action) and investigate new partnerships (e.g. with INGOs, CBOs/civil society and states - in host and resettlement countries).