



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

CARE International

2019

Individual commitments

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
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Commits to support the realization of The Peace Promise, which is a set of five commitments to develop more effective synergies among peace, humanitarian and development actions in complex humanitarian situations in order to end human suffering by addressing the drivers of conflict.

- ✓ [International Alert](#)
- ✓ [CDA Collaborative Learning Projects](#)
- ✓ [Peace Direct](#)
- ✓ [Conciliation Resources](#)
- ✓ [Human Appeal](#)
- ✓ [American Friends Service Committee \(AFSC\)](#)
- ✓ [World Vision International](#)
- ✓ [United Nations World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#)
- ✓ [United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office \(PBSO\)](#)
- ✗ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ✗ UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG CAAC)
- ✗ Mercy Corps
- ✗ International Labour Organization (ILO)
- ✗ Catholic Relief Services
- ✗ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ✗ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN WOMEN)
- ✗ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Policy

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts 2697007

Other Partners that are yet to register: [Alliance for Peacebuilding](#), [Cord](#), [Interpeace](#), [Saferworld](#), [Search for Common Ground](#), [UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth](#), [UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict](#), [UNESCO](#), [United Nations Department of Political Affairs](#), [World Bank](#), [Initiatives of Change International](#), [Women for Women International](#)

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
To contribute to wider efforts to promote understanding of and respect for International Humanitarian Law, the Red Cross Code of Conduct and a principled approach to humanitarian action, CARE will train at least 100 international and national programme staff on principled humanitarian action in practice between 2016 and 2020; ensure its Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) process and reviews, which are undertaken on a regular basis by its 80 of our Country Offices, include plans to ensure planned responses reflect humanitarian principles; undertake a review of its global approaches to training of staff and civil society partners and strengthen attention to International Humanitarian Law, the Red Cross Code of Conduct and a principled approach to humanitarian action; invest in an organizational culture that more thoroughly integrates International Humanitarian Law, the Red Cross Code of Conduct and a principled approach to better support our country teams to manage risk and reach the most vulnerable people wherever they are.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	133006

3D Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

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By 2020 CARE will empower women and girls as change agents and leaders.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	133002

<p>To support the WHS agenda on 'leave no one behind', CARE is actively engaged on numerous inter-agency efforts to ensure inclusive and needs-based humanitarian action. In so doing, it recognises the inter-sections between gender, age, disability and other factors that prevent people accessing the assistance and protection they need. In particular, it commits to: scale-up partnerships with women-led organisations on humanitarian assistance and protection, disaster risk reduction, climate change resilience and adaptation and recovery programmes in Syria, Pakistan, Nepal and Niger and draw learning from these partnerships to inform its global approach; partner with women's organisations in its core sectors (shelter, WASH, sexual reproductive and maternal health and food security) to bring their expertise into efforts to define and implement minimum standards on gender in these sectors; monitor funding to women-led groups and triple it by 2020 from its 2015 level; scale-up our 'whole of programme cycle' approach to monitoring gender responsive programming across all 80 CARE country offices emergency preparedness plans and bring learning from this into efforts to strengthen the IASC Gender Marker and the forthcoming new accountability framework for the IASC 2008 Gender Policy Statement. To do this, CARE will build on its active role in piloting 'whole of programme' approaches to Gender Marking and the piloting of 'minimum standards' for gender, age and disability in the WASH sector.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	133008
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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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<p>By 2020 CARE will secure more resources for first and front line responders to spend on humanitarian action, DRR and climate adaptation and loss and damage.</p>	<p>Financial</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>	<p>133004</p>
<p>To recognise and strengthen support for the role of local institutions in humanitarian action and meet the anticipated increase in need likely to be associated with accelerated climate change CARE commits to ensure that by end 2018 at least 50% (and by 2020, 100%) of all its partnerships fully comply with the Principles of Partnership, and thus reflect strategic partnership rather than subcontracting relationships; by May 2018 publish the percentages of its humanitarian budget which goes directly to partners for humanitarian capacity building and undertake to ensure it budgets for adequate administrative support for partners beyond the immediate costs of delivering specific projects; ensure that by May 2018 at least 20% of its humanitarian action (measured by spending) will be delivered through southern-based NGO partners; by 2020 streamline and harmonise with other similar NGOs the compliance requirements requested of partners and commit to not ask more of partners than donors ask of CARE; promote the role of local actors and acknowledge the work that they carry out, and include them as spokespersons when security considerations permit in any communications to the international and national media and to the public; by 2020 document the types of organisation CARE cooperates with in humanitarian response and publish these figures (or percentages) in public accounts using a recognised categorisation such as the GHA3 in real-time and to the IATI standard; only deploy to undertake humanitarian responses</p>	<p>Policy</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>	<p>133007</p>

where needed, ensuring that its support is based on a clear assessment of need and complementarity with national NGOs, local CSOs and other stakeholders when making go/no go decisions on a response.

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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By 2020 CARE will more effectively assist and protect affected populations in challenging and high risk environments.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	133003

5A Invest in local capacities

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
By 2018 CARE will develop concrete organizational targets to increase direct and predictable financing for response, in particular national and local actors, and advocate for long-term support to ensure all humanitarians are able to maximise their impact.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	133001

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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In support of the 'Grand Bargain', CARE commits to transparently monitor the full costs of delivering its programs and to reducing management costs as far as possible while still ensuring high impact, well managed programs; both ensure that CARE increases the proportion of funding to front-line response and increases overall resources commensurate with needs; increase the reach of advocacy to UN Member States to meet their obligations in addressing global humanitarian issues through funding appropriate levels of response; work together with other stakeholders to develop and implement a more transparent program planning and reporting process, in alignment with IATI principles, to drive efficiency gains and reduce duplicative costs.

Financial

Invest in Humanity

133005

Core Commitments

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.
- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.
- Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

Leave No One Behind

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND - A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- Commit to a new approach to addressing forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Commit to implementing this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement. Commit to take the necessary political, policy, legal and financial steps required to address these challenges for the specific context.
- Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.
- Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced population or receiving large numbers of returnees with the necessary political, policy and financial, support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.
- Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.
- Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES - FROM DELIVERING AID TO ENDING NEED

- Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.

- ◻ Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.

NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- ◻ Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.
- ◻ Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.
- ◻ Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.
- ◻ Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.
- ◻ Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- ◻ Commit to increase substantially and diversify global support and share of resources for humanitarian assistance aimed to address the differentiated needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises in fragile situations and complex emergencies, including increasing cash-based programming in situations where relevant.
- ◻ Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.

Invest in Humanity

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- ◻ Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.
- ◻ Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.
- ◻ Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").