



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Catholic Relief Services

2019

Individual commitments

3A Reduce and address displacement

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3F Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation

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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Catholic Relief Services commits to invest in and strengthen its own cash readiness and that of its local partners, allowing for the use of cash when appropriate in all its humanitarian and development programming by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135006

Catholic Relief Services commits to measuring effectiveness, appropriateness, feasibility and efficiency of its cash programming as a means of contributing to learning and the global expansion of cash programming.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135009
Catholic Relief Services commits to providing a global platform, the Institute for Capacity Strengthening (ICS) for learning and access to test guidance and tools for its network of over 1,150 local partners in more than 90 countries and beyond. It also commits to expanding the use of its Partnership Scorecard through which local partners provide use with feedback on the quality of its partnership and support.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135010
Catholic Relief Services will ensure that all its programming with local partners includes the mainstreaming of protection and mechanisms for information flow to and from affected people in order to ensure their active role in defining response design, implementation, and monitoring by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135013
Catholic Relief Services will prioritize partner leadership in coordination mechanisms, at the expense of its direct role, where possible. Catholic Relief Services commits to area based, coordinated and multi-sectoral assessments and response planning that build on local systems and coping mechanisms.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135014

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

As a member of the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP), Catholic Relief Services commits to work with states, humanitarian and development agencies and the private sector to build consensus, capacity, resources and commitment to scale up multipurpose humanitarian cash transfers in line with the calls to action laid out in the CaLP Agenda for Cash.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135002
Other Partners that are yet to register: CaLP Cash Learning Partnership			
Catholic Relief Services commits to establishing a common approach to providing information to affected people and collecting, aggregating and analysing feedback from communities to influence decision-making processes at strategic and operational levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135015
Other Partners that are yet to register: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops			
Catholic Relief Services commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	135016
Other Partners that are yet to register: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops			

Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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Catholic Relief Services commits to investing at least US\$ 5 million of its own resources and leveraging an additional US\$ 5 million to support urban disaster risk reduction in partnership with local organizations and government by 2020.	Financial Contribution ()	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135001
Catholic Relief Services commits to including risk analysis and the integration of risk reduction, mitigation and/or response plans into development and humanitarian programming by 2020. This analysis, planning and programming with our local partners will include the identification of climate change related risks and its impact on conflict, migration, and development outcomes as experienced by those served.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135004

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Catholic Relief Services commits to developing and implementing with partners flexible long-term programs that, based on area-specific needs, can transition quickly between disaster preparedness, humanitarian response, recovery, development, and disaster preparedness.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	135003

5A Invest in local capacities

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Catholic Relief Services commits to only going where needed and responding with local partners as a default. It will jointly assess partners' response capacity and invest at least US\$ 8 million in increasing readiness of local partners in at least 20 countries by 2020.	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity	135007

Catholic Relief Services will invest at least US\$ 8 million by 2020 in strengthening the financial, human resources, planning, monitoring, evaluation, and management capacity of its local partners so they can directly access international funding. Catholic Relief Services commits to supporting partners to manage the range of risks associated with these funds. Catholic Relief Services will provide transparency on its costs and those of its partners for donor funds received.	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity	135008
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5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

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Catholic Relief Services commits to integrating innovative financing mechanisms, including social impact bonds and/or parametric insurance, in humanitarian response in at least 5 countries by 2020, as well as strengthening its capacity and that of its local partners in the effective utilization of innovative financing mechanisms.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	135005
Catholic Relief Services commits to using private resources to fill gaps created by inflexible donor mechanisms while contributing to solutions that break down the development and humanitarian funding streams.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	135012

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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Core Commitments

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 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.

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 invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.