



# **World Humanitarian Summit Commitments**

## **Christian Aid**

### **2019**

## Individual commitments

### **2D** Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Christian Aid will substantially improve its understanding of and efforts to tackle gender based violence, and enhance Christian Aid's gender-sensitive programming and policy work. It will improve its practice to be increasingly gender-sensitive and inclusive by embedding gender and inclusion awareness in its internal ways of working, policy and procedures, and communications.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	140016
Christian Aid commits to adopt the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at the individual agency level.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	140019

### **2E** Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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Christian Aid will systematically amplify urgent calls from local communities for greater safety and humanitarian access, and call for an international architecture which tackles impunity. It will campaign for the protection of civilians and to prevent the erosion of international law.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	140001

### **3A** Reduce and address displacement

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

Christian Aid will support efforts to address the causes of forced displacement, will empower refugees and displaced people and advocate for their rights and protection and will reduce the vulnerabilities of those displaced in our humanitarian response.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	140017
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### **3D Empower and protect women and girls**

#### **Individual Commitments**

<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Core Responsibility</b>	<b>Commitment ID</b>
Christian Aid will significantly increase the percentage of its programmes that support local women's groups and that promote women's rights and empowerment	Operational	Leave No One Behind	140015
Christian Aid will train all humanitarian staff in gender and inclusion awareness.	Training	Leave No One Behind	140018

### **3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings**

#### **Individual Commitments**

<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Core Responsibility</b>	<b>Commitment ID</b>
Christian Aid endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	140020

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

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As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid endorses, and have signed on to, the Principles of Partnership, introduced by the Global Humanitarian Platform in 2007.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140009
Christian Aid commits to make sustained funding conditional on the systematic collection of feedback from affected people on the quality and utility of humanitarian programmes.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140021

Christian Aid 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	140022
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### Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid commits to involve its local and national collaborators in the design of the programmes at the outset and that they will participate in decision-making as equals in influencing programme design and partnership policies.		Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140005
	Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Charter for Change</a>			
As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid commits to promote the role of local actors in any communications to the international and national media and to the public and acknowledge the work that they carry out, and include them as spokespersons when security considerations permit.		Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140006
	Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Charter for Change</a>			

By 2018, in collaboration with Start Network partners, Christian Aid will develop, test and share new approaches to building gender-sensitive community resilience in conflict settings and to designing humanitarian response interventions in ways that build a platform for longer-term community resilience, through ITS leadership of the Linking Preparedness, Response and Resilience programme.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140010
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Start Network</a>			

## 4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Christian Aid will develop and deepen evidence from its programme work on climate change adaptation, enhance its capacity for early response to slow-onset impacts of climate change, and strengthen advocacy on risk reduction in climate disasters, climate resilience and community participation, ensuring that the voices and experience of women and men in poverty inform decision making.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140013
Christian Aid will ensure that at least 10% of the funding raised for each major Christian Aid humanitarian appeal is invested in disaster risk reduction.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	140014

## 5A Invest in local capacities

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As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid will identify and implement fair compensation for local organisations for the loss of skilled staff if and when it contracts a local organisation's staff involved in humanitarian action within 6 months of the start of a humanitarian crisis or during a protracted crisis, for example along the lines of paying a recruitment fee of 10% of the first six months salary.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	140007
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As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid commits through advocacy and policy influence to North American and European donors (including institutional donors, foundations and private sector) to encourage them to increase the year on year percentage of their humanitarian funding going to southern-based NGOs. It commits that by May 2018 at least 20% of its own humanitarian funding will be passed to southern-based NGOs. It commits to introduce its NGO partners to donors with the aim of them accessing direct financing.		Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	140002
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Charter for Change</a>				
As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid commits to advocate with donors to make working through national actors part of their criteria for assessing framework partners and calls for project proposals.		Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	140003
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Charter for Change</a>				

As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid will support local actors to become robust organisations that continuously improve their role and share in the overall global humanitarian response. It will undertake to pay adequate administrative support. A test of its seriousness in capacity building is that by May 2018 it will have allocated resources to support partners in this. It will publish the percentages of its humanitarian budget which goes directly to partners for humanitarian capacity building by May 2018.	Capacity	Invest in Humanity	140008
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Other Partners that are yet to register: [Charter for Change](#)

By 2018, in collaboration with Start Network partners, Christian Aid will significantly strengthen the humanitarian capacities of at least 100 local and national NGOs, including through the Shifting the Power, Financial Enablers and Transforming Surge Capacity programmes.	Capacity	Invest in Humanity	140011
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Other Partners that are yet to register: [Global Humanitarian Platform](#), [Start Network](#)

Christian Aid will work with the Start Network to advocate for and set up a pioneering new Start Local Fund, for the exclusive access of national and local NGOs.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	140012
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Other Partners that are yet to register: [Start Network](#)



## **Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency**

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Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
As part of the Charter for Change, Christian Aid commits to document the types of organisation it cooperates with in humanitarian response and to publish these figures (or percentages) in its public accounts using a recognised categorisation such as the GHA in real-time and the IATI standard.		Operational	Invest in Humanity	140004
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Charter for Change</a>				



## Core Commitments

### Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- 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 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.

- 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 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.

#### **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 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.

### 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.