



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments Denmark 2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Denmark commits to continue supporting early warning mechanisms and shared conflict analysis in order to respond early and adequately to potential conflict situations at country and regional levels. Denmark commits to use shared conflict analysis as the basis for investment in conflict prevention measures, mediation and conflict resolution efforts and to assist in hindering conflict to relapse.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	152004

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

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Denmark will continue to support the role of the UN in situations of conflict and fragility as well as push for an increased role for regional fora and organisations. Denmark will continue to support conflict resolution and peace-building, while reconfirming that the primary responsibility to prevent and solve conflicts lies with national governments and non-state parties to armed conflict, and requires engagement of communities and civil society in political and governance processes.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	152022

Denmark will strengthen engagements addressing root causes to conflict which includes furthering inclusive, peaceful and sustainable development through an interlinked approach to humanitarian assistance and development cooperation and a long-term perspective. Denmark will continue to apply integrated approaches to optimise the impact of the humanitarian and development instruments put in use.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	152024
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Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Denmark commits to removing barriers for coherent humanitarian and development efforts regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and the eradication of GBV in humanitarian crises. On this basis, Denmark commits to forming one single partnership agreement covering both humanitarian and development cooperation with UN-organizations with a dual gender related mandate such as UNFPA and UNICEF and with flexible funding streams.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	152013
Denmark commits to showing political leadership by advocating and working in all relevant international fora for enhancing gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and the fight against gender-based violence in humanitarian crises. This includes implementing the commitment made as a Member State Party to the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) in the "Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict" of advocating on preventing sexual violence in conflict and on ending impunity for these crimes.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	152014

Denmark commits to strengthen the dissemination of international humanitarian law, for instance by issuing the Danish Military Manual and presenting it in relevant international fora. The manual will contain provisions for the compliance of international humanitarian law and other relevant international law, in particular human rights law, during planning and execution of military operations within the framework of Denmark's military engagements. Denmark commits to raise awareness of the issues of sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflict, for instance through dissemination of and training in international humanitarian law and/or other humanitarian education activities.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	152015
Denmark is signing up to Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies and its roadmap.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	152021



Reduce and address displacement

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Denmark commits to prioritize solutions that strengthen the protection, self-reliance and resilience of IDPs and refugees as well as host communities, preferably within the framework of local and national development plans. This will be done by focussing strategic partnership agreements and other agreements with humanitarian partners on long-term, solutions-oriented approaches in protracted humanitarian crisis situations and by seeking to ensure strategic and operational coherence between such activities and relevant bilateral development activities. Further, Denmark commits to support such action through dialogue with affected governments and other relevant stakeholders in favour of a policy environment that strengthens access to basic socio-economic rights and services for displaced populations.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	152009
Denmark commits to reinforcing the Solutions Alliance as a central platform for collaborative action in support of solutions to conflict-induced displacement and to do so by engaging in relevant national groups and by continuing to contribute to the costs of the secretariat and other common functions. The Alliance draws on the comparative advantages of humanitarian and development actors for collective action. A core action will be the active pursuit of new national/ regional groups or other national configurations in countries affected by forced displacement.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind	152012

Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind as a basis. Through this, it will ensure the ability to use all relevant assistance instruments in coherent support of safe, dignified and durable solutions for displaced people through voluntary return home, local integration or settlement elsewhere while also ensuring appropriate support for host and receiving communities.	Policy	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	152020
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Empower and protect women and girls

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Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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Denmark commits through its engagements with humanitarian organizations to promote partnerships with local actors in order to strengthen local capacities for emergency response and sustainable recovery.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152003

Denmark commits to contributing to the improvement of the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian action and to ensuring that it is accountable to disaster- and conflict affected communities. Denmark commits fully to the Core Humanitarian Standard and sees this as an important tool to making humanitarian response more appropriate, relevant, effective and timely. Denmark will in close cooperation with its Danish humanitarian partners support the implementation of the Core Humanitarian Standard in their policies and organisational frameworks and support the further dissemination of the standard.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152006
Denmark commits to support capacities of local and national responders through the partnership frameworks with Denmark's humanitarian partner organisations.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152016

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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Denmark is dedicated to continue funding of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) established under the UN Climate Convention for the period 2016-2018 with DKK 156 million. The LDCF is designed to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs of Least Developed Countries. This includes support to disaster risk management, coastal zone management and climate information services.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	152001

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Denmark commits to contribute to bridge the humanitarian - development divide. Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind. Building coherent responses between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation in protracted crises, where Denmark is engaged, will be a core part.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	152005
Denmark commits to include "innovation" as a policy-priority in the dialogue with and funding of UN-organizations and NGOs with which Denmark has a strategic partnership agreement. This implies a willingness to allocate funding towards activities that prioritize and strengthen innovation and innovative approaches.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152007
Denmark commits to provide multi-year planning frameworks with its humanitarian NGO partners. Multi-year planning is seen as essential in order to respond efficiently to protracted crises and predictable recurrent crises.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152011
Denmark commits to support the establishment and work of GAHI with a significant financial contribution as innovative solutions and approaches are a necessity in order to address growing humanitarian needs, while better utilizing available resources. Denmark strongly supports the promotion and facilitation of innovation to improve the humanitarian response. This entails engaging inter alia with the private sector and innovation networks in order to foster their development of better solutions for populations affected by humanitarian crises.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152018

Denmark commits to support the promotion and facilitation of innovation to improving humanitarian response. This entails engaging inter alia with the private sector and innovation networks in order to foster their development of better solutions for populations affected by humanitarian crises. Denmark commits to include "innovation" as a policy-priority in the dialogue with and funding of UN-organizations and NGOs with which Denmark has a strategic partnership agreement. This implies a willingness to allocate funding towards activities that prioritize and strengthen innovation and innovative approaches.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	152019
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5A Invest in local capacities

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Denmark commits to provide funding to country-based pooled funds (CBPF) to ensure flexible and strategic prioritisation of needs and in view of channelling funding to local and national responders.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	152010

5B Invest according to risk

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Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

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Denmark commits to pre-allocate substantial emergency response funds to selected partner organizations enabling these to respond immediately and without additional approval in the case of sudden-onset crises.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	152008
Denmark commits to removing barriers for coherent humanitarian and development efforts regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and the eradication of GBV in humanitarian crises. On this basis, Denmark commits to forming one single partnership agreement covering both humanitarian and development cooperation with UN-organizations with a dual gender related mandate such as UNFPA and UNICEF and with flexible funding streams.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	152013

Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind as a basis. Through this, it will ensure the ability to use all relevant assistance instruments in coherent support of safe, dignified and durable solutions for displaced people through voluntary return home, local integration or settlement elsewhere while also ensuring appropriate support for host and receiving communities.	Policy	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	152020
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5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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Denmark commits overall to the Grand Bargain to work together more efficiently and with new partners and innovative solutions.	Partnership	Invest in Humanity	152002
Denmark commits to support the Central Emergency Response Fund to provide funding for rapid response and underfunded emergencies.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	152017
Denmark will remain committed to providing 0.7% of GNI as Official Development Assistance (ODA). Aid will increasingly be used catalytically to mobilise non-public funding and resources.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	152023

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").