



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Norwegian Church Aid

2019

Individual commitments

Develop solutions with and for people

Individual Commitments

| Commitment Description | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility | Commitment ID |
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| Norwegian Church Aid will use its influence with constituencies, civil society and government leaders to promote stability and long-term community reconciliation, strengthen social cohesion and address grievances. | Advocacy | Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts | 228010 |

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

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| Norwegian Church Aid will reinforce and highlight through its work the integral role of faith-based responders in rapid and unimpeded access to communities in need by exhibiting full respect for the humanitarian principles. It will do this by engaging local and national partner organisations in information sharing, awareness raising and capacity building on the practical application of the guiding principles and ensuring complete and contextualized integration of the humanitarian principles into all Norwegian Church Aid's humanitarian responses. | Operational | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity | 228009 |

Speak out on violations

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| In an expression of global solidarity with poor and marginalized people, Norwegian Church Aid will amplify the voices that promote human rights and international humanitarian law and speak out against social and structural injustice, such as gender inequality and discriminative practices. | Advocacy | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity | 228003 |
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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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| Norwegian Church 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 | 228012 |

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

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| Norwegian Church Aid will continue to demonstrate, learn from, identify and share best practice in local-national-international partnerships, in line with the Principles of Partnership, that is inherent in its vision and working practices and that of the ACT Alliance. | Partnership | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need | 228004 |
| Norwegian Church Aid will increase the proportion of its humanitarian investment that goes to cash transfer programming. Before providing in-kind inputs, it will ask ourselves whether cash would work in this context. It will share learning across the organisation and with our ACT Alliance partner organisations on best practice in cash approaches, and increase capacity-building on cash for local and national members. | Operational | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need | 228007 |

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| Norwegian Church 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 | 228013 |
| Norwegian Church Aid 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 | 228014 |
| Norwegian Church 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 | 228015 |

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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| Norwegian Church Aid will increase the proportion of its humanitarian investment that goes to community preparedness, prevention and resilience, with a target that over 10% of its programming should be invested in emergency preparedness and risk reduction. | Financial | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need | 228008 |
| Norwegian Church Aid will use the extraordinary reach and trust of its network of faith-based and church organizations in the ACT Alliance to raise disaster risk reduction awareness at grassroots level, including in hard-to-reach locations, by influencing local leadership and educating community members. | Advocacy | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need | 228011 |

5A Invest in local capacities

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| By May 2018, Norwegian Church Aid will actively contribute to revise and reform the ACT Alliance humanitarian response mechanisms in line with the direction set out in the UN Secretary General's Agenda for Humanity, aiming to strengthen local capacities by reforming the ACT Rapid Response Fund so that it is targeted exclusively for national and local members and that it incentivizes greater investment in emergency preparedness, disaster risk reduction and resilience. | Operational | Invest in Humanity | 228001 |
| By May 2018, Norwegian Church Aid will significantly increase the proportion of its humanitarian funding that goes directly to local and national partners for humanitarian response and emergency preparedness. It will seek to transparently report on this amount. | Financial | Invest in Humanity | 228002 |
| Norwegian Church Aid commits to supporting initiatives that provide easier and better access to resources for local and national partner organisations, particularly where they are first and frontline responders. | Financial | Invest in Humanity | 228006 |



Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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| Norwegian Church Aid commits to streamline and harmonize reporting requirements for partners, in line with the expected outcomes of the Grand Bargain. This specifically includes a commitment to not ask more from local and national organisations than what donors ask of us. | Financial | Invest in Humanity | 228005 |

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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.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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- 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

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.

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.