



**World Humanitarian Summit Commitments
UN-HABITAT - United Nations Human Settlements
Programme
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Individual commitments

1B Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
UN-Habitat commits to develop the Land and Conflict Coalition, building on the work of the Global Land Tool Network, advocating for a theory of change that focuses on catalyzing levers of change and capacity development for conflict prevention and mediation, for sustained coherent engagement on land throughout the conflict cycle, and working towards enhanced capacities to conduct root cause analysis of land and conflict.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	281007
UN-Habitat will through its role in the Land and Conflict Coalition Forum and within the UN system work towards increased political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to overcome, where relevant, land as a root cause and driver of conflict or relapse into conflict, engaging regional actors such as the African Union, the International Conference for the Great Lakes, and country level UN leadership (e.g. HC/RCs).	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	281018

1D Develop solutions with and for people

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UN-Habitat will support mayors in using urban planning processes as a tool for intercommunity dialogue and resource management so as to enhance conflict prevention and equitable economic development, with a particular focus on divided cities and marginalized informal settlements.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	281017

3A Reduce and address displacement

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In support of the action plan of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, UN-Habitat commits to build the evidence base on the specific characteristics of protracted displacement in urban areas, and contribute to the design of appropriate and cost-effective responses, with particular regard to protection of vulnerable people, shelter and basic services and infrastructure. This includes tailoring its three-pronged approach to sustainable urbanisation and engaging with key international, national and urban actors to plan and design temporarily settlement for those displaced.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	281001
UN-Habitat commits to further tailor its three-pronged approach to sustainable urbanisation in view of an improved management of urban displacement as both a humanitarian, development and human rights concern with a focus on 1) urban planning and design, 2) urban economy and financing and 3) urban policy and legislation (including land).	Operational	Leave No One Behind	281010
UN-Habitat will advocate, jointly with the members of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, for direct political, policy and financial support to local authorities and utility actors who are on the frontline of managing displacement while ensuring social cohesion and contribution to longer term sustainable development needs.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	281015

UN-Habitat will engage key international, national and urban actors to plan temporary settlement of displaced (including camps) as much as possible as part of planned city extensions or infills, using qualitative urban planning and design, allowing integration of local and displaced populations.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind	281016
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3D Empower and protect women and girls

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UN-Habitat commits to continued application of its Gender Equality Marker, Human Rights Marker and the Youth Marker, to all projects relating to humanitarian response during project formulation and, by 2018, as part of monitoring and evaluation, with a particular focus on gender-based violence in urban settings.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	281006

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

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In support of the action plan of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, UN-Habitat commits to ensure initiatives focused on building urban resilience incorporate components on resilient response and recovery from crises, and leverage greatest impact in cities most at risk of humanitarian emergencies. This includes its commitment to develop with its partners a Flagship Urban Resilience Programme.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281003

<p>UN-Habitat commits to further develop its 'People's Process' approach - which seeks to empower households and communities in partnership with local authorities to plan and implement recovery, while contributing to restoring livelihoods -upscaling it up to the city level, in view working more effectively with affected populations during a humanitarian response.</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>	<p>281009</p>
<p>UN-Habitat will advocate for more support to cities at high risk of humanitarian crises, including through the development of Resilience Action Plans, allowing them to take early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people, public and private assets, and the continuity of functions and processes in all cities at risk. The presence of policy enabling the integration of resilience-based urban planning and design is central to anticipatory action. This work will include: (a) preparation of advocacy, guidelines and technical support for delivery of resilience-based national, sub-national and local policies in countries and cities at risk and (b) work with 50 cities to incorporate risk reduction and sound urban planning and design principles which increase resilience in urban plans (including urban extensions).</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>	<p>281014</p>

<p>UN-Habitat will work with the United Cities and Local Government Task Force for Disaster Response, other local government networks, and other partners to prioritize and strengthen local municipal leadership in determining response to urban crisis that is aligned with development trajectories, through:</p> <p>(a) developing guidance on engagement with local authorities during crisis response; (b) developing and advocating for adopting area-based approaches to programming and coordination that are adapted and appropriate, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and building on, rather than duplicating, existing city systems; (c) designing rapid capacity assessment tools to identify the necessary surge capacity for local governments; and (d) working with partners to support the development of urban crises response rosters with urban and local government expertise.</p>	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281020
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4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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<p>UN-Habitat commits to develop with its partners a Flagship Urban Resilience Programme, building on its City Resilience Profiling Programme and including a specific focus on cities at high risk of humanitarian emergencies or affected by recurrent or protracted crises. The Urban Resilience Programme will prioritize good urban planning and design as key to resilience and provide a framework for guiding joint humanitarian and development engagement, leveraging immediate measures (humanitarian and emergency) for longer term reconstruction and development.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281008



Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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<p>In support of the action plan of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, UN-Habitat commits to develop or work with existing global, regional and national rosters to facilitate the deployment of urban leaders, managers and technical experts. UN-Habitat will support the development of a global urban crises support roster that brings together expert networks from a wide variety of urban and local government professional associations focusing on training and qualitative support. It will develop methodologies and protocols for the use of urban planning and design during crises response in support of national and local governments, drawing from its Urban Planning and Design Labs.</p>	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281002
<p>In support of the action plan of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, UN-Habitat commits to tailor humanitarian response to the urban context by developing shared assessment and profiling tools, promoting joint analysis, and adapting coordination mechanisms. UN-Habitat, working closely with partners, will scale up and adjust its city profiling tools so it can be used in different urban settings, working closely with UN-OCHA to adapt the humanitarian programming cycle to urban areas. UN-Habitat will work with other Alliance partners, and UN-OCHA in particular, to set out options for improved coordination mechanisms in urban areas.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281004

<p>UN-Habitat commits by 2017 to develop targeted policy and planning approach for cities in acute or protracted crisis, including adapting its key urban policies, urban planning and design tools and strategies (city profiling, national urban policies, territorial and urban planning guides, urban planning and design labs, participatory slum upgrading, International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning) for use in countries and cities in acute or protracted crises situations to ensure humanitarian response feeds into more resilient and sustainable urban growth trajectories. Three countries/cities will be supported in 2016 and at least the same number in 2017.</p>	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281005
<p>UN-Habitat commits to the principles outlined in the Urban Crisis Charter and to be a member and partner in the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, and play a key role in developing it further.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281011
<p>UN-Habitat commits to work with other partners to develop new initiatives that will operationalize the urban recommendations developed for the WHS.</p>	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281012
<p>UN-Habitat intends to strengthen its institutional set up, capacity and programming in order to contribute more effectively towards the goal of improved prevention, preparedness and response to urban humanitarian crises.</p>	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281013
<p>UN-Habitat will update its Strategic Policy on Human Settlements in Crisis and its Sustainable Relief and Reconstruction framework to provide guidance on how the humanitarian - development divide can be best transcended in urban areas and to align it with the New Urban Agenda (to be adopted in Habitat III - Quito), and seek its endorsement at UN-Habitat's next Governing Council.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	281019

5A Invest in local capacities

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UN-Habitat will, through its role in the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, advocate for specific windows, accessible by local authorities and urban communities in existing or proposed prevention, preparedness, and response funding and financing mechanisms, while enhancing the capacities of municipalities and urban communities to deliver.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	281021

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").