



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

United States of America

2019

Individual commitments

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The United States will work with other Member States, the UN, and humanitarian organizations in the coming months to identify concrete ways to address more systematically challenges to humanitarian access to populations in need, and commits to supporting improvements in humanitarian organizations' capabilities to conduct access negotiations with host governments and armed actors.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	286029

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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The United States intends to make funding available for gender-based violence (GBV) interventions, GBV coordination, protection mainstreaming, and programming to reduce the risk of GBV, and is committed to advocating for greater prioritization of GBV programming and risk reduction efforts with international organization, NGO, and state partners. The United States announced its intention to make a new funding pledge of \$12.5 million in FY2016 in support of the Safe from the Start initiative. Safe from the Start is one of the ways in which the United States is implementing the commitments it has made to the Call to Action.	Financial	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	286001

As an active member of the Call to Action and its donor/states stakeholder working group, the United States is committed to working to improve coordination among donors, international organizations, and NGO partners and aims to increase membership through the recruitment of at least 12 new Call to Action partners by the end of 2017, with a particular focus on the global south.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	286002	
Joint Commitments				
Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The United States commits to the UN Member States' Affirmation of the Importance of and Adherence to International Humanitarian Law, in accordance with its obligations (Sign-on Statement).		Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	286015
Other Partners that are yet to register: USA				

3A Reduce and address displacement

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The United States set three global targets for the September 20, 2016 Summit: increasing humanitarian assistance by 30 percent over 2015; doubling the number of refugees resettled and admitted globally; and increasing the number of refugees with access to school and legal employment by one million each.	Policy	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	286009
The United States commits to work with the World Bank and other international financial institutions to develop a broader, global platform that will better support refugee-hosting countries, and eventually countries facing other exogenous shocks, as part of the Grand Bargain.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	286017

The United States is committed to supporting greater World Bank engagement in protracted and recurrent crises and the World Bank's intent to establish a Global Crisis Response Platform. The Platform would support countries facing exogenous shocks, including large refugee populations. It would help countries in strengthening safety nets and improving livelihood opportunities for affected populations, and in alleviating strains on infrastructure and social services.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	286025
The United States helped catalyze global efforts to address forced displacement through active participation in the preparations for and proceedings of the Secretary General's high-level meeting on large movements of refugees and migrants on September 19 and convening a Leaders Summit on Refugees on September 20 aimed at galvanizing new and significant commitments from governments related to humanitarian financing, refugee resettlement and admissions, and increasing refugees self-reliance and inclusion.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	286028

Empower and protect women and girls

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The United States commits to continue promoting the inclusion of the most vulnerable, especially women and girls, through the Call to Action on Protection of Women and Girls, including through strategic funding, targeted partnerships, public advocacy, and creative and effective diplomacy.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	286013

The United States commits to work to support all five of the WHS core commitments on 'Women and Girls: Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality' through strategic funding, targeted partnerships, public advocacy, and creative and effective diplomacy.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	286016
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3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

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The United States is committed to supporting a new education crisis platform within UNICEF, known as Education Cannot Wait, to increase equitable access to education for children and youth in crisis and conflict environments.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	286024

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

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For more than 20 years, the United States has provided advanced training in disaster response to urban search-and-rescue (USAR) teams across Latin America, including teams that deployed to assist with the April 2016 Ecuador earthquake response. Consistent with such practices the United States is committed to build the capacity of local and national responders for disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	286007
The United States anticipates increasing use of cash and it commits to working [with other donors and implementers] towards common coordination and delivery platforms, as part of the Grand Bargain.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	286011

The United States is committed to continuing and expanding the work of building resilience in fragile communities so they can more effectively prevent or withstand shocks that trigger large-scale emergencies. As part of this effort, the United States is committed to support responsible national governments in reducing their risks of disaster and strengthen their capacity to lead disaster response efforts within their borders.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	286020
The United States promotes accountability toward affected populations, and is committed to supporting partner organization efforts to incorporate accountability to affected populations into their programming.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	286027



Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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As part of the Grand Bargain, the United States supports joint needs analysis, and prioritized, comprehensive humanitarian appeals as well as planning mechanisms that promote the reduction of humanitarian need and more coherent programming between humanitarian and development assistance, particularly in situations of cyclical crises or protracted displacement and where resilience can be increased or protracted displacement addressed. The United States supports increased joint assessments, analysis and prioritization of needs, including by allocating some humanitarian assistance through humanitarian country-based pooled funding mechanisms.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	286005

The United States also commits to support joint humanitarian and development planning in its programming processes in appropriate situations, such as those where there are recurring or protracted crises, or in countries impacted by large refugee or IDP populations.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	286010
The United States commits to continue to support the distinct requirements and modalities of humanitarian and development action.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	286014
The United States is committed to establishing a crisis review mechanism to support better collaboration and planning between humanitarian and development actors in situations of protracted or recurrent crises.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	286022

Invest in local capacities

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To facilitate more funds to local responders, the United States is committed to, starting by 2017 on a pilot basis, contributing to at least three humanitarian country-based pooled funds (CBPFs), as part of the Grand Bargain.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	286030

5B Invest according to risk

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
In 2016, the United States committed to funding early warning, resilience, preparedness, mitigation and prevention, stabilization, peacebuilding and other efforts to mitigate the risk of humanitarian suffering from conflict and vulnerability to natural hazards.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	286012

5C Invest in stability

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5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

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In FY 2015 a total of 14% of United States' overseas humanitarian funding was "softly earmarked" in the sense that this term is used in the Grand Bargain. The United States commits to working to increase the percentage of its funding that is "softly earmarked" and actively working to decrease the percentage of its funding that significantly limits partners' flexibility. U.S. efforts on this issue are largely dependent on fulfillment of other commitments in the Grand Bargain.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	286008
The United States set three global targets for the September 20, 2016 Summit: increasing humanitarian assistance by 30 percent over 2015; doubling the number of refugees resettled and admitted globally; and increasing the number of refugees with access to school and legal employment by one million each.	Policy	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	286009
The United States funds its partners reliably and in a timely manner, including through multi-year agreements. An estimated 34% of FY 2015 US humanitarian awards to NGO partners were in multiyear awards, and it commits to increasingly solicit and fund multi-year proposals, and collaborate with partners to increase the effectiveness and flexibility of multiyear mechanisms as part of the Grand Bargain.	Policy	Invest in Humanity	286018

Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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As part of the Grand Bargain, the United States commits to tracking the proportion of its humanitarian funding that is ultimately programmed through local NGOs.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	286003

As part of the Grand Bargain, the United States is willing to support improvements to the UN Financing Tracking Service that will allow it to improve timeliness, interoperability and completeness as a platform for tracking funding for humanitarian assistance in a manner that utilizes the IATI standard.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	286004
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As part of the Grand Bargain, the United States supports use of the IATI standard, and it commits to continuing to improve reporting to that standard.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	286006
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The United States commits to continue to support the distinct requirements and modalities of humanitarian and development action.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	286014
The United States generally provides implementing agencies significant flexibility to determine the most effective, empowering methods of delivering humanitarian aid. As part of the Grand Bargain, it commits to tracking cash-based programming, such as for shelter, health services, or other assistance, supporting efforts to further the analysis and evidence base for a typology of when cash assistance is most appropriate and when in-kind assistance is most appropriate, and promoting appropriate standards for cash programming.	Policy	Invest in Humanity	286019
The United States is committed to continuing its support for Digital Identity platforms, as part of the Grand Bargain.	Policy	Invest in Humanity	286021
The United States is committed to joint regular functional monitoring and performance reviews and increasing joint evaluations with other donors, as part of the Grand Bargain.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	286023
The United States is committed to working with donor and agency colleagues to harmonize, as appropriate, programmatic reporting requirements, and it is working to reduce some programmatic reporting requirements for NGO partners, as part of the Grand Bargain.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	286026

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 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.

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 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").