



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments
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Individual commitments

2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
OCHA commits to ensure that protecting people from harm and supporting their rights and dignity remains central throughout its mandated areas of work.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	368003

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
OCHA commits to promote and facilitate full integration of SGBV prevention and response in all humanitarian action, including at all stages of the humanitarian programming cycle.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	368001
OCHA commits to promote and support gender-responsive policy, planning and programming, including prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence at all levels of humanitarian action.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	368002

3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
OCHA commits to strengthen effective coordination of protection and assistance to IDPs and host communities so as to reduce vulnerability and promote self-reliance.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	368005
OCHA commits to strengthen capacity to work on internal displacement.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind	368006

3D Empower and protect women and girls

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OCHA commits to promote and support gender-responsive policy, planning and programming, including prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence at all levels of humanitarian action.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	368002
OCHA commits to facilitate meaningful and effective engagement of affected people and communities in humanitarian action, in particular that of women and girls.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368004



Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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OCHA commits to facilitate meaningful and effective engagement of affected people and communities in humanitarian action, in particular that of women and girls.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368004
OCHA commits to advance processes that promote accountability to affected people through a collective response at country level.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368007
OCHA commits to actively promote the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS).	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368008
OCHA commits to support and facilitate the use of multi-purpose cash alongside other response modalities.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368013

OCHA commits to ensuring that cash transfer programming is fully integrated into coordination structures, and to ensuring CERF and country-based pooled funds are 'cash ready' to facilitate the programming and delivery of multisector cash-based programs.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368017
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4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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OCHA commits to promote preparedness efforts by all relevant actors.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368011
OCHA commits to supporting countries that undertake multi-year planning for risk reduction and promoting of sustainable development.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368012

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
OCHA commits to improve transparency and accountability throughout the humanitarian program cycle.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368009
OCHA adopts the Commitment to Action on Transcending Humanitarian-Development Divides and will work towards context-specific collective outcomes that ensure that 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.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368010
OCHA commits to establish a new center for humanitarian data in the Netherlands in 2017 with the goal of increasing the use and impact of data in the humanitarian sector.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	368014

5A Invest in local capacities

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
OCHA commits to enhance engagement with national and local NGOs, leveraging the role as partners in the programming and delivery of humanitarian assistance through country-based pooled funds.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	368016

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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OCHA commits to exemplify and lead in best practice in its management of the Central Emergency Response Fund and country-based pooled funds towards greater effectiveness and efficiency.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	368015
OCHA commits to work towards expanding the Central Emergency Response Fund to \$1 billion annually by 2018.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	368018

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").