WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT

Member States and Other Stakeholders Plenary Announcements

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Statement

The International Planned Parenthood Federation, building on commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, welcomes the opportunity to come together with Member States and Stakeholders to find concrete, coordinated and context-based solutions to one of the direst crises of our time.

We, at the International Planned Parenthood Federation, commit to taking concrete initiatives to move forward the Agenda for Humanity, particularly towards: core responsibilities two - Uphold the norms that safeguard humanity; core responsibility three - Leaving no one behind; and core responsibility four - Change people’s lives – from delivering aid to ending need.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights are often neglected in humanitarian emergencies and remain a less universally acknowledged priority. IPPF as a global movement of community based organizations (CBO) working in 170 countries is providing women and girls with life-saving care and protection on a) sexual violence b) maternal & child health c) HIV and sexually transmitted infections and 4) contraception.

We believe in the localization of Humanitarian interventions that is why our approaches are bottom-up: building local capacity before, during and after a crisis strikes. We believe in effective partnerships thus we work closely with UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, IAWG, Women’s Refugee Commission as well as national and local stakeholders.
Few of our many commitments to the Agenda for Humanity are to:

1) Call for governments to include sexual and reproductive health and rights from the onset of a crisis;
2) Deploy within 72 hours of a crisis and deliver tens of millions of gender-sensitive, life-saving and life-changing services in crisis settings and;
3) Engage women and young people as agents of change in crisis settings

Thank you