World Humanitarian Summit Commitments
Malteser International
2019

Individual commitments

(1B) Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Malteser International will strengthen and if necessary, develop comprehensive, shared frameworks for conflict and risk analysis including early warning mechanisms at the local, national, regional and international level.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	395001
Malteser International will systemize gender and gender-based violence (GBV) risk analysis in conflict analysis including the use of community and women informed local early warning mechanisms to identify and defuse conflicts early.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	395003

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

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Malteser International commits to actively promote the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in humanitarian action in its programming, liaison with partners and stakeholders on the ground, reporting and publications.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395004
Malteser International commits to ensuring that all humanitarian response activities have the aim of making people safer, preserving their dignity and reducing vulnerabilities by building the skills of staff according to their duties in areas such as protection, international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and adhering to humanitarian principles.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395005

Malteser International commits to greater transparency on how it upholds humanitarian principles in practice, including on the constraints faced in applying them, through peer-to-peer lesson learning or other relevant accountability mechanism.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395039

(2D) Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Malteser International declares its support for the Code of Conduct on mass atrocities.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395002
Malteser International will systemize gender and gender-based violence (GBV) risk analysis in conflict analysis including the use of community and women informed local early warning mechanisms to identify and defuse conflicts early.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	395003
Malteser International commits to sign on to the Call to Action and its Roadmap by 2017 and make commitments commensurate with mandates, capacities, and resources.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395011
Malteser International commit to developing and implementing strategies for the engagement of men and boys as part of the solution to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis settings by 2018.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395012
Malteser International commit to fully implementing the IASC GBV Guidelines by 2018.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	395013
Malteser International commits to comply with existing gender equality norms enshrined in international legal frameworks governing conflicts, including the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, customary international law as well as international refugee law with immediate effect.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	395015

Malteser International 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	395032

(3A) Reduce and address displacement

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By 2018, Malteser International will direct 20% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395006
Malteser International will provide technical support and funding to its partnership network to collect data disaggregated by sex, age and other social factors, and assess needs of urban IDPs/refugees and the impact of displacement on host communities in urban areas, and enhance coordination with local actors and implement solutions that benefit the displaced and their host communities in urban areas.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind	395007

(3D) Empower and protect women and girls

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Malteser International will systemize gender and gender-based violence (GBV) risk analysis in conflict analysis including the use of community and women informed local early warning mechanisms to identify and defuse conflicts early.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	395003
Malteser International commits to ensuring meaningful participation of women and adolescent girls in all formal and informal decision-making from refugee camp committees to peace processes, reaching parity with men and adolescent boys by 2030.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	395009

Malteser International commit that 25% of implementing partners are women's organizations by 2020, and 30% by 2030.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	395010
Malteser International commits to apply the IASC, ECHO or other gender and age markers to 100% of its humanitarian funding allocations by 2018.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	395014
Malteser International commits to comply with existing gender equality norms enshrined in international legal frameworks governing conflicts, including the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, customary international law as well as international refugee law with immediate effect.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	395015
Malteser International commits to systematically collect, analyse and use data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant factors and incorporate a gender analysis when developing, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction and management programs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395023

(3G) Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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Malteser International endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	395034
Malteser International commits to endorse the action plan to implement the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	395035

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

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By 2018, Malteser International will direct 20% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395006
Malteser International commits to ensuring that women access equally cash assistance programmes, sustainable and dignified livelihoods, vocational and skills training opportunities throughout humanitarian programme cycle by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395008
Malteser International commits to transition systematically from a leading delivery role to an advisory/enabling role to national and local actors in its operational areas by 2025, wherever the context allows.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395018
Malteser International commits to translate into operational terms the goal of cash-based delivery of assistance as preferred method, where context allows.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395019
Malteser International commits to align its support behind national and local resilience efforts, and provide vulnerable people with a mix of short term assistance to address immediate needs and longer-term assistance to improve self-reliance.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395025
Malteser International commits to increase substantially cash-based assistance to enable people to exercise choice and be more self-reliant, and make this the norm for humanitarian relief wherever feasible.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395026
Malteser International commits to stimulate locally devised strategies and services, including livelihood generation and employment opportunities, to reduce dependency and vulnerability before, during and after shocks.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395028

Recognising the potentially transformative power of humanitarian cash transfers Malteser International commits to ensuring that cash is equally considered alongside other response modalities throughout a humanitarian response and that where feasible, cash is used as the preferred and default modality; significantly increasing the amount of funding available to support cash programming, including multi-purpose cash transfers; building internal capacity to carry out cash programming; systematically carrying out joint cash feasibility assessments as part of preparedness.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395029
Malteser International 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	395031
Malteser International commits to establish 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	395033

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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Malteser International commits to support the Humanitarian Partnership Platform to better utilize the contributions and comparative advantage of businesses in addressing risk and vulnerability at national and regional levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395017
Malteser International commits to increasing its own funding for disaster risk reduction and preparedness activities.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395022

Malteser International commits to systematically collect, analyse and use data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant factors and incorporate a gender analysis when developing, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction and management programs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395023
Malteser International commits to join a new coalition to strengthen the resilience of 1 billion people by 2025.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395024
Malteser International commits to the participation of civil society, including the private sector, in the design, implementation and monitoring of disaster risk management policies and programs.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395027

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Malteser International commits to promote lessons learned, best practice and evidence based innovation through the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395016
Malteser International commits to adopt a new model of working, based on a coordinated analysis of vulnerability as well as other tools and processes such as multi-year planning that enable humanitarian-development collaboration to meet humanitarian needs, and reduce people's risk and vulnerability and increase resilience at national levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395020
Malteser International commits to support the UN Resident Coordinator /Humanitarian Coordinator's leadership on the coordination of international engagement and to mobilize resources to support the delivery of collective outcomes.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	395021

(5B) Invest according to risk

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Recognising that there is a range of tools that be used to finance reduction of risks and anticipatory approaches to responding to crises Malteser International commits to expanding the use of tools and approaches that strengthen systemic shifts toward better risk management and financial planning and preparation, including national contingency reserves, shock-responsive social protection mechanisms, insurance and catastrophe bonds; working with private sector, academia and the scientific community to help forecast the anticipated scale and frequency of crises in order to inform the design of ex-ante financial planning measures; exploring financial opportunities through further piloting social impact bonds, scaling up of insurance, among other solutions; putting in place adequate emergency reserve funds and funds for risk-reduction activities and investments to reduce the drivers of fragility and conflict; creating incentives for more coherent approaches built on common understanding of the need to manage risk, both as a moral imperative and as an expedient investment to protect development investments and assure sustainable development outcomes.	Financial	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	395030

(5E) Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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| Malteser International 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 | 395031 |

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.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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 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 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.

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 invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.