



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Emmanuel Hospital Association**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Emmanuel Hospital Association

**Organisational Type**

Other

**City and Country where Headquartered**

New Delhi, India

**Focal Point Name**

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**Region**

Asia

**Twitter ID**

Nil



## 4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

### Individual Commitments

| Commitment  | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility                                       |
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| The Emanuel Hospital Association has been engaged in developing disaster response networks (DRN) across India engaging local community based organizations, interacting closely with various lessons learned, understanding ways or approaches to effectively and efficiently respond to disaster situations keeping local context in mind. | Partnership     | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need |

#### 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

At least five local (large and small) organizations were engaged in the process of building their response capacity as part of the Emmanuel Hospital Association Disaster Response Network (DRN) partnership. Two organizations proved to be effective in responding to a disaster situation in the State of Bihar.

#### 2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.
- Other: Reporting through Agenda For Humanity

#### B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

The Emmanuel Hospital Association directly monitors progress taking place during the emergency response. Primarily the Association is behind the scene while supporting local partners with technical areas - minimum standards, quality, accountability & transparent practices.

#### 3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Funding amounts
- Human resources/capacity
- Strengthening national/local systems

#### B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?

- Slows down the response time or delay.
- Negatively impacts the morale of local partners.
- Challenges due to lack of efficient or proactive pre-disaster coordination mechanism at the ground local level.

#### 4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

There has been terrible a lack of health emergency response coordination (e.g. 2015 Nepal earthquake). Therefore, the initiative focuses on developing a proactive, collaborative coordination mechanism among healthcare institutions and emergency personnel in India as well as outreach to the wider South Asian Region. At a later stage this would integrate with the Disaster Response Network (DRN). Through an initial consultation meeting with more than 30 healthcare agencies from 6 countries, in March 2018, we decided to launch Health Emergency Alliance (HEAL) South Asian Region.

#### 5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

1. Outreach and mobilizing more local organizations for developing local Disaster Response Networks with priority in high disaster risk regions.



2. General interest at the local administration level to integrate in a system of a sustainable coordination mechanism.
3. Mobilization of required resources.

**6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.**

Locally trained volunteers are important assets for Disaster Response. The Emmanuel Hospital Association trained local volunteers in the district of Bihar, through local partners, to see a tangible outcome in fulfilling one of our objectives toward Disaster Response Approach - Real Time Response. This, no doubt can be replicated with better results.

**Keywords**

Community resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction, Local action



## Initiative Reports

### **A Global Undertaking on Health in Crisis Settings :**

#### **What concrete actions have you taken in support of the initiative.**

Following lessons learned from the Nepal earthquake response and the emerging gap, we developed an initiative called Health Emergency Alliance for South Asian Region (HEAL-SEA) beginning with 6 countries namely, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar & Sri Lanka. 30 delegates/representatives from these countries (mostly CEOs and Network heads of various healthcare networks from the countries) met in March 2018 in India and discussed at length on the need for such an alliance and decided to work toward this alliance with the sole objective to 'save more saveable lives' through a pre-disaster collaborative mechanism in the region among the member institutions or emergency personnel. However, this initiative would require certain commitments from the member institutions and personnel to strengthen its commitments such as: high quality training and region-sensitive capacity building programs; developing database of resources; and networking with other global healthcare agencies like WHO, ICRC, MSF etc. The report would soon be published and shared in this platform.



## Additional Reports

| Attachment   |
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| <a href="#">Concept Note &amp; Invite HEAL SEA Region 9 March 2018.pdf</a> |