



Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Greece



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Greece

Organisational Type

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

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| Greece will closely cooperate both with UNESCO and civil society organizations in order to implement the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, trace all existing trends on the topic and adjust its strategic approach towards greater efficiency and accountability. | Partnership | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |
| Greece will continue to actively promote measures to prevent civilians, women and especially children and detainees, as well as humanitarian and healthcare personnel, journalists, patients and medical facilities from being targeted in conflicts. An educational program for journalists reporting from conflict areas, to be implemented by the Ministry of Defense, in cooperation with the UN, is expected to commence, most probably, by the end of 2016. | Operational | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |
| Greece will continue to promote international co-operation for safeguarding cultural heritage in times of war and humanitarian emergencies, as well as to promote synergies between monitoring committees, both currently under Greek Chairmanship, of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the fighting against illicit trafficking of cultural property and the 2nd Protocol to the 1954 Convention on the protection of cultural property in event of armed conflict. Attaching particular importance to the issue of vulnerability of cultural property in times of crises and taking into consideration the rights of the countries of origin, Greece commits to step up our efforts in supporting all actions in order to combat trafficking of cultural property and promote return of illegally removed property. | Advocacy | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |
| In the context of the national initiative regarding the safety of journalists, crystallized in a series of respective pioneering resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly (GA Res.68/163, 69/185 and 70/162) and the Human Rights Council (HRC Res.27/5), Greece will continue to effectively promote and protect the human rights of journalists and media workers as well as raise awareness on crimes perpetrated against them. | Advocacy | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |

Core Commitments

| Commitment | Core Responsibility |
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| 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. | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |



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During the Third Committee of the 72nd Session of UN General Assembly (November 2017), Greece, along with a core group of countries, which included Argentina, Austria, Costa Rica, France and Tunisia, successfully submitted its national initiative, that is to say the Resolution A/RES/72/175 on the “Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity”

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

- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies
- Through multi-stakeholder processes or initiatives (e.g. IASC, Grand Bargain, Charter for Change, etc).

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.

- Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles
- Gender and/or vulnerable group inclusion
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

Keywords

Protection



2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

Joint Commitments

| Commitment | Joint Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| Greece has actively supported and will continue to support the joint Swiss-ICRC initiative for strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law and will, therefore, participate in good faith in the next phase of the process aimed at the creation of a regular forum of dialogue among States on issues of international humanitarian law. | Switzerland, ICRC | Partnership | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| Greece commits to continue promoting universal adherence to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. | Policy | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |

Core Commitments

| Commitment | Core Responsibility |
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| Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable. | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity |

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Greece, as a strong supporter of all efforts aimed at improving respect for international humanitarian law (IHL), remains actively engaged in and takes part in all meetings held within the Geneva-based intergovernmental process on strengthening compliance with IHL, pursuant to Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Moreover, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the adoption of Additional Protocols I and II to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, Greece organized, in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, a Conference on “The reaffirmation and development of international humanitarian law, 40 years later” in Athens, on 13 and 14 November 2017. The Anniversary Conference brought together government officials, policymakers, legal experts, academics and humanitarian organizations to discuss “the impact of the additional protocols on the practice of parties to armed conflicts and their relevance for today”

Greece successfully organized the 2nd International Conference on “Religious and Cultural Pluralism and Peaceful Coexistence in the Middle East” in Athens from 30 to 31 October 2017.

The conference overviewed the main features and developments regarding religious pluralism in the Middle East since the 1st Athens International Conference held in 2015. It also focused on the challenges which religious pluralism faces in the region, and on proposals for positive initiatives that promote religious co-existence.

The Conference brought together 168 political leaders and representatives of 38 countries and International Organizations as well as many Christian, Muslim and Jewish religious leaders.

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- Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Multi-stakeholder coordination

Keywords

Humanitarian principles, IHL compliance and accountability, Religious engagement



3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| Greece has adopted the necessary legal framework for the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016, while fully abiding by its obligations regarding the respect of human rights and relevant international and EU law. | Policy | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece will continue at a national level and in collaboration with international bodies such as the UNHCR, UNICEF, and UNESCO to ensure the integration of refugee children and young people in the Greek educational system and society. | Partnership | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece also commits to a fair and efficient asylum procedure, ensuring access to the status of refugee or to subsidiary or other forms of protection (humanitarian reasons) for those in need. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece attaches particular importance to the integration of refugees and migrants. The Greek strategy on integration of migrants and refugees has been mainstreamed in all policy sectors of the country. Greece commits to continue working towards the access for the migrants and refugees to the labor market, social security services and the health system, as well as access of migrant children to the national education system, language courses for all migrants and the promotion of intercultural/interreligious dialogue, despite the high unemployment rate, which plagues the country and hinders even more the access of these people to the labor market. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece commits that asylum seekers in Greece will continue to have their application treated on a case by case basis in line with the principles of EU and international law including the principle of non-refoulement, with individual interviews, individual assessments and guaranteed right of appeal. There is no blanket and no automatic returns of asylum seekers. In this respect, Greece attaches particular importance to its cooperation with UNHCR and EASO. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece commits to a new approach to address forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Greece commits to implement this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |



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| <p>Greece commits to conclude as soon as possible the drafting process of a National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child, which is expected to focus, inter alia, on the protection of children in the context of refugee crisis. In this framework, the protection of unaccompanied children is considered of utmost importance.</p> | <p>Policy</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece commits to continue to fulfill its duties in upholding fundamental rights and principles and addressing humanitarian obligations. All countries should contribute more actively in the resettlement of refugees.</p> | <p>Advocacy</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece commits to further support relevant diplomatic efforts with a view to achieving viable political solutions to existing or nascent conflicts. Tackling the problem at its source means effectively addressing the root causes of conflicts. This will contribute to successfully dealing with subsequent multifaceted crises like the migrant and refugee crisis, while promoting international stability, sustainable growth and development.</p> | <p>Policy</p> | <p>Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece commits to implement a new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement, while acknowledging that enabling the return of IDPs to their homes and communities in conditions of safety and normality remains the ultimate priority.</p> | <p>Policy</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece is working with the EU to ensure a more fair distribution of responsibilities in the area of refugee protection among the EU countries, including through the strengthening of EASO, the reform of the Dublin Regulation and the success of the relocation programme. Greece also advocates for responsibility-sharing with other countries, in particular through robust resettlement programmes.</p> | <p>Partnership</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece supports a broad strengthening of EU and worldwide resettlement program, in close cooperation with the UNHCR, which will also deal a critical blow to human smuggling/trafficking networks.</p> | <p>Policy</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece will continue to ensure refugee legal rights to a secure stay, including through adequate, safe and dignified reception conditions.</p> | <p>Operational</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>Greece will work both at the regional and international level in order to achieve a concrete outcome at the upcoming High Level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (New York, 19 September 2016).</p> | <p>Policy</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |



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| <p>Greece, having fulfilled its obligations regarding hotspots and reception capacity, while continuing to implement the agreement with UNHCR for rent subsidies and family programs for 20,000 people, commits that it will continue in this direction with international assistance.</p> | <p>Operational</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>The Greek General Secretariat for Gender Equality - in order to contribute to the response to the refugee crisis - will provide refugee women (victims, or at risk, of gender based violence or/and single mothers) and their children, safe accommodation in its 21 shelters, psychosocial support and, if needed, legal counseling.</p> | <p>Operational</p> | <p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind</p> |

Core Commitments

| Commitment | Core Responsibility |
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| <p>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.</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Leave No One Behind</p> |



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Refugees

Integration of migrants and refugees

One of the key policy priorities of the Greek state is the integration of migrants and beneficiaries of international protection. Especially, now that the mixed migration flows have been stabilized and the basic needs of newcomers have been successfully dealt with, there is a need for a policy shift and a focus of attention to the integration of these populations. To this end, the Ministry for Migration Policy has drafted a new strategy for the integration of migrants and refugees. This new strategy will soon be subject to consultation.

It is important that the new strategy foresees the cooperation and involvement of all policy levels (central, regional and local) and actors (national authorities, local authorities, organizations, NGOs, public and private sector), while it highlights the role of local authorities, which have a crucial role to play in diversity management and migrant integration.

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The policy areas of the new integration strategy include the fields of: cooperation with local government, reception of applicants of international protection, access to basic goods and services, promoting integration into education systems, promoting labor market integration, interculturalism, civic participation, combating racism and xenophobia, targeted policies for vulnerable social groups of migrants, applicants and beneficiaries of international protection and targeted policies for second generation migrants.” A program of Greek language courses addressed to international protection and asylum seekers of two age groups: 15-18 years old and 18+ years old.

A program on assessing and mapping of the skills, educational background and work experience of beneficiaries of international protection and asylum seekers.

A pilot program of agricultural training for refugees over 18 years old, aiming at helping them gain technical skills in order to access the labor market .

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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.

- Human resources/capacity
- Information management/tools
- Strengthening national/local systems

Keywords

Displacement, Education, Migrants, Youth



3B Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Greece has adopted the necessary legal framework for the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016, while fully abiding by its obligations regarding the respect of human rights and relevant international and EU law. | Policy | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece attaches particular importance to the integration of refugees and migrants. The Greek strategy on integration of migrants and refugees has been mainstreamed in all policy sectors of the country. Greece commits to continue working towards the access for the migrants and refugees to the labor market, social security services and the health system, as well as access of migrant children to the national education system, language courses for all migrants and the promotion of intercultural/interreligious dialogue, despite the high unemployment rate, which plagues the country and hinders even more the access of these people to the labor market. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece has endeavored actively in the education of migrant children and young people since the 1990s, through the operation of intercultural schools. Greece commits to continue with further plans for addressing the particularities in offering education opportunities to children of migrant backgrounds and the implementation of selected measures and politics throughout the territory. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece will work both at the regional and international level in order to achieve a concrete outcome at the upcoming High Level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (New York, 19 September 2016). | Policy | Leave No One Behind |
| In line with an already adopted policy, Greece will continue providing support to local communities within the country who are dealing with the migration crisis, especially in the field of infrastructure and coordination with civil society's actions. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |

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.

- A holistic integration program in two Greek cities hosting refugee population (Thiva and Livadia), by which a whole range of integration services (Greek language courses, civic orientation courses, vocational training, a range of activities aimed at labor market integration etc) will be applied in collaboration with local authorities.
- One of the main obstacles to migrants and refugees' integration is not speaking the language of the host country and not being familiar with local procedures, practices and codes of conduct. The role of intercultural mediators is crucial not only in the overcoming of linguistic barriers, but also in the bridging of cultural differences. In addition, the main focus is to institutionalize



the job of the intercultural mediator in order to reinforce the role of intercultural mediators, to improve the quality of services provided by workers in this field, as well as to enforce their credibility.

- Migrant Integration Centers. An important initiative at the local level are the newly founded Migrant Integration Centers (addressed to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees). So far 10 Migrant Integration Centers have been founded, through funding from the Regional Operational Programs of the Regions. Following the “one-stop-shop” model service, where foreign citizens can find a whole range of services “under one roof” (information on residence permits, legal advice, information about access in the labor market, about language learning and other integration projects and services in the country.

Please refer to the attached report.

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- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Multi-stakeholder coordination
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Greece intends to establish a country-wide network, in order to improve the quality of migration and integration services offered to migrants and refugees at the local level.

Keywords

Displacement, Local action, Migrants



3D Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| The Greek General Secretariat for Gender Equality - in order to contribute to the response to the refugee crisis - will provide refugee women (victims, or at risk, of gender based violence or/and single mothers) and their children, safe accommodation in its 21 shelters, psychosocial support and, if needed, legal counseling. | Operational | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind |

Core Commitments

| Commitment | Core Responsibility |
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| 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. | Leave No One Behind |
| Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive. | Leave No One Behind |
| Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights. | Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind |

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.

In view of protection of migrants' rights, Greece has adopted and implements measures to ensure the protection of migrants' rights and their specificities, with particular respect on vulnerable groups of migrants. Special care is provided by the code to minor third country nationals, who are **victims of trafficking in human beings or smuggling of migrants, if they are unaccompanied minors**. They are entitled to a **residence permit** of limited duration upon decision of the Minister of Interior if they are recognized as such by act of the competent prosecutor's office. In this case the competent authorities take the necessary measures in order to establish their identity and nationality and the fact that they are unaccompanied. They also make every effort to locate their families as quickly as possible and take the necessary steps immediately to ensure their legal representation including representation in criminal proceedings. The residence permit is for one year and renewable, if one of the conditions provided by law are met. It grants the right to health care and permits access to the labour market.- Furthermore, the Code provides for the issuance of residence permits for humanitarian reasons for vulnerable migrants groups, including among others, minors, women and girls.

Fighting against racism/xenophobia through national legislation combating racial discrimination.

Please refer to the attached report

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



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- Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

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

Keywords

Migrants, Protection, Youth



3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

Individual Commitments

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| Greece will continue at a national level and in collaboration with international bodies such as the UNHCR, UNICEF, and UNESCO to ensure the integration of refugee children and young people in the Greek educational system and society. | Partnership | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece has endeavored actively in the education of migrant children and young people since the 1990s, through the operation of intercultural schools. Greece commits to continue with further plans for addressing the particularities in offering education opportunities to children of migrant backgrounds and the implementation of selected measures and politics throughout the territory. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |
| Greece will continue to work towards providing access to quality education, at all levels, to all refugee children and youth following their registration. It has to be noted that, in Greece all minors, third-country nationals have the right of access to education, irrespective of their legal residence status or the status of their parent. | Operational | Leave No One Behind |

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The Greek Ministry of Education is a key partner of the pilot project “European Qualifications Passport for Refugees”. This project aims to support refugees by promoting a methodology to assess refugees’ qualifications in absence of full documentation. According to the Greek Constitution every child living in Greece is entitled to a free state education, thus providing refugee children with access to education services is an obligation of the State.

Refugee Education Reception Structures (D.Y.E.P) have been established where introductory classes are provided to children residing in Refugee Accommodation Centers. These structures operate within public primary and secondary education establishments. As far as preschool education is concerned, children aged 4-5 years residing in Accommodation centers can attend Refugee Education Reception Structures operating within the centers. It is also planned to gradually extend the compulsory pre-primary education to children between 4-5 years of age, starting the implementation from municipalities that already have the infrastructure and the means to put in place childcare facilities. Children in need of further educational support, are being taught various disciplines with their classmates.

For the facilitation of the implementation of the education plan for refugee children, 62 Refugee Education Coordinators (RECs) were appointed for the school year 2016-2017, and 68 RECs for the school year 2017-2018, in the Educational Regions of the country. RECs operate as facilitators of communication between the Ministry, the schools where refugee children attend classes and the parents of the children residing in Accommodation Centers.

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- Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Information management/tools

Keywords

Education, Migrants, Youth



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

Individual Commitments

| Commitment | Commitment Type | Core Responsibility |
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| Greece commits to support and invest in national and local leadership whenever possible responding "sur mesure" to the real local needs avoiding duplicative international mechanisms. | Operational | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need |
| The EU Aid Volunteer Initiative, an idea initiated by Greece, provides standards on the management of a variety of volunteers' profiles, as well as opportunities for local organizations and communities aiming at strengthening their capacity in order to deal with disasters. Greece commits to continue supporting this initiative. | Operational | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need |

Core Commitments

| Commitment | Core Responsibility |
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| 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. | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need |
| 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. | Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need |



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