



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - ALEF - Act for Human Rights**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

ALEF - Act for Human Rights

**Organisational Type**

NGO - National

**City and Country where Headquartered**

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**Region**

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## 1B Act early

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ALEF commits to complement and gear all efforts towards the achievement of an influential human rights constituency, and the realisation of a durable peace.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
ALEF commits to promote human rights values as part of the popular paradigms applicable to situations of everyday life and as a basis for a durable peace.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### 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.

- Act for Human Rights (ALEF) elaborated an early warning indicator, a tool that allowed residents of Chiyah (a Beirut suburb) to solve their conflicts without violence and to hold stakeholders of their region accountable.
- ALEF is coordinating a "working group for persons affected by the Syrian displacement crisis in Lebanon", a network that brings problems occurring in the field to policy makers.

#### 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.
- By applying processes/indicators developed to measure WHS commitments specifically.

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

ALEF assess the progress through the level of engagement and mobilization of youth on human rights issues. ALEF is also able to assess the progress through the sustainability of the intervention among the targeted youth.

#### 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.

- Field conditions, including insecurity and access
- Multi-stakeholder coordination

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

Addressing the problem in a way that is beneficial for all actors was a challenge for ALEF, the impact of this challenge made it more time consuming to achieve the implementation.

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

- ALEF is a part of three local networks in Lebanon working on enhancing Human Rights impact through local sustainable advocacy in Lebanon.
- The results of the Chiyah project, opened up the opportunity to widen ALEF's scope of work to cover more regions such as Beqaa and the North.

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

Being a member of many networks, ALEF had the chance to tackle problems from different levels, and to work on it with the partnership of many other NGO's who share the same interests.

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

The conflict mapping toolkit and the early warning indicators, gave participants the knowhow of resolving their conflicts without



violence.

**Keywords**

Local action, People-centred approach, Protection



## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ALEF commits to act as a proponent of human rights friendly policies and practices at the national and regional levels.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
ALEF commits to ensure that justice for victims is ensured in post-conflict situation.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
ALEF commits to involve, empower, and generate ownership of human rights values among youth, children, and their communities.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

**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.**

#### IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

Act for Human Rights (ALEF) consistently and systematically monitors the situation of human rights in Lebanon and measures actual practices against human rights commitments made on the international level.

**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.
- 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).

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

ALEF has been developing a monitoring tool to assess the true impact of its work on the situation of human rights in Lebanon, which in turn relies on objective assessments of programs and projects around the extent to which they help achieve change.

**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.**

- Field conditions, including insecurity and access
- Funding modalities (earmarking, priorities, yearly agreements, risk aversion measures)
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Few resources have been invested by donors in creating comprehensive and transparent monitoring frameworks, which not only hinder the need base design of the project but also impact assessment.

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



**transformation.**

ALEF will undergo a gender audit and will receive coaching sessions on safeguarding the enhancement of its capacity in compliance and accountability.

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

ALEF has pushed for transparent monitoring and accountability mechanisms to be adopted by the government, donors and NGO's and this is within the framework of wider discussions such as the Brussels II conference and the CEDRE conference in 2018 (Conférence économique pour le développement, par les réformes et avec les entreprises).

**Keywords**

IHL compliance and accountability



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

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

#### 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.

Act for Human Rights (ALEF) has conducted advocacy and awareness raising activities on several human rights issues including refugee protection, torture prevention, migrant domestic workers rights, child rights, and women rights. It has also published its annual report for 2017 on the situation of human rights in Lebanon and actively participated in reporting to human rights treaty bodies.

#### 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.
- 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).

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

ALEF has been developing a monitoring tool to assess the true impact of its work on the situation of human rights in Lebanon, which in turn relies on objective assessments of our programs and projects around the extent to which they help achieve change.

#### 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
- Buy-in
- Field conditions, including insecurity and access

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

The challenges are on creating change on three levels: policy, practice and public opinion.  
The lack of buy-in from different actors is a major obstacle.

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

ALEF will continue conducting advocacy and awareness raising activities on several human rights issues including refugee protection, torture prevention, migrant domestic workers rights, child rights, and women rights.

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

Engaging with main decision and policy makers on the national and international levels.

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

Cooperating closely with other civil society groups and creating job efforts.

### Keywords

Displacement, Gender, IHL compliance and accountability, Protection



## 3F Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation

### Individual Commitments

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#### 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.

Act for Human Rights (ALEF) was part of the project "My Voice matters Too", with the collaboration of Save the Children, ALEF worked with a group of youth to and discussed the situation of the adolescents and young people in Lebanon. The participants had the chance to set recommendations for the Lebanese government and the international stakeholders, and to present them in Jordan, Lebanon, and Brussels conferences.

#### 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.
- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

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

ALEF has been developing a monitoring tool to assess the true impact of its work on the situation of human rights in Lebanon, which in turn relies on objective assessments of programs and projects around the extent to which they help achieve change.

#### 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.

- Field conditions, including insecurity and access
- Multi-stakeholder coordination

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

The coordination made with other international and local organizations was part of the success of many conferences, where the youth shared their experiences.

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

ALEF's participants had contact with Save the Children Sweden and a conference call made between the youth of Lebanon and children in Sweden, where its participants explained their situation and their challenges to the other group and gave them real examples concerning the difference between the childhood between Lebanon and Sweden.

### Keywords

Youth