



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

## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**  
Finland

**Organisational Type**  
Member State

**City and Country where Headquartered**  
Helsinki, Finland

**Focal Point Name**  
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**Region**  
Europe

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## 1A Demonstrate timely, coherent and decisive political leadership

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland will strengthen conflict prevention, mediation and peaceful resolution efforts by promoting the participation and engagement of all relevant actors in the peace process and through the application of an inclusive approach, in particular ensuring the active and meaningful participation of women. In order to empower different actors and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst them, Finland will host the third Conference on National Dialogue and Mediation Processes in 2017.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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In June 2018, Finland co-hosted with Indonesia the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation in Helsinki. Hosting the event is a concrete sign of support to the UN's and Secretary-General's commitment and important work on conflict prevention and mediation. In June 2018 Finland co-organized together with Germany the "Responsibility of the religions for peace" conference in Berlin. At the conference, representatives of Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and other religions examined issues such as religion and the media, religion and mediation, religion and peace education as well as women in religious peace processes. During the visit of UN Secretary-General's Youth Envoy Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake in April 2018, Finland announced that it would start drafting a National Action Plan on the implementation of UN Security Council Recommendation 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security. Finland was considered the first country in the world to launch the process.

In addition to co-chairing the UN Group of Friends, Finland continued actively co-chairing the Groups of Friends of Mediation in the European Union as well as in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Emphasizing inclusivity is an integral part of Finland's activities in this role. For example, during Finland's hosting turn the Group of Friends meeting in the OSCE in 2018, the discussions focused on the practical work of chief mediators in conflict resolution as well as on young people's contribution to peace processes.

Finland continued her strong commitment to increase women's active and meaningful participation in peace processes, including in mediation. For several years Finland has supported (together with Norway) the annual training course for the United Nations on Gender and Inclusive Mediation Processes. In 2018 the course was held in Norway. Foreign Minister Soini's Special Representative on Mediation, Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, continued her work with special focus on women, youth and Africa.

### Keywords

Gender, Religious engagement, Youth

## 1B Act early

### Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland, as Co-Chair with Turkey of the UN Group of Friends on Mediation, commits to enhance the visibility of mediation efforts and to bring mediation to the core of UN peace work. Through the work of the Group, Finland will strive to strengthen the normative basis of mediation and enhance the UN mediation support capacities. Finland will also capture, consolidate and disseminate good practices and lessons learnt on conflict prevention.	Turkey	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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During the UN General Assembly opening week in September 2018, Finland organized a high-level side-event on the role of the youth in peace processes. For the first time, the Group of Friends event of the UN General Assembly high-level week was opened to the whole membership of the UN. Several working-level Group of Friends meetings were convened in New York. In many of these, an inclusive approach was addressed – if not directly, then indirectly.

In the promotion of international mediation, Finland has strongly addressed the role of women in peace processes. Under the guidance of the Group of Friends of Mediation, led by Finland and Turkey, the UN General Assembly has unanimously adopted four resolutions on mediation emphasizing the importance of women's participation.

### Keywords

Gender, Youth

## 1D Develop solutions with and for people

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland will take forward the joint Nordic initiative of Nordic Women Mediator's Network and link the Nordic Women Mediators with women mediators from other countries and regions. Finland will continue to sponsor the series of UN High-level Seminars on Gender and Inclusive Mediation.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
As women have a central role in achieving sustainable peace, Finland is committed to actively promoting the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the landmark UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The implementation of Resolution 1325 is a priority for the Finnish Government. Finland will update its national Action Plan on 1325 and increase financial support to work on Action Plans in other countries and regional organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind
Finland will promote gender-responsive approaches to natural resource-management in the context of peacebuilding and provide support to a pilot project on the topic. The project aims at identifying and supporting natural resource management practices that can empower women and contribute to peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery processes. The results of the country level pilots will be collected into a toolkit to serve UN country teams, international organizations and national actors.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind

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The Nordic Women Mediators' Network cooperates with other regional women mediators' networks: African Union Women Mediators' Network (FEMWISE), Mediterranean Women Mediators' Network and Women Mediators Across the Commonwealth - with similar objectives. At the moment there are sixteen Finnish members in the Nordic Women Mediators network. Gender equality and promoting women's participation in peace processes is one of the main objectives of the peace mediation projects financed by Finland. Examples of present Finnish support to women's participation in peace processes are: contribution to UN Women for supporting the Women's Advisory Board of Syrian women in UN peace talks (EUR 800,000 in 2018-19), contribution through UN Women to assist Libyan women in participating in the peace process (EUR 264,000 in 2019). Women carry out a part of the dialogues in the Syria Initiative programme of local mediation. Empowerment of women is a priority in several projects and activities, for example as in the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers and in the project that is aiming at strengthening the mediation capacity of the African Union. Collaboration between Networks is important.

Women's participation and recruitment to high-level positions requires close cooperation and collaboration with civil society and women peace mediators, including women's organizations. Securing funding to these actors through UN and its member states is of utmost importance.

**2. 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
- Human resources/capacity

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



Weak civil society and women's rights not observed. Lack of trust and common understanding of main themes between women's groups. Building trust and alliances is important. Lack of capacity and knowledge – training and consultations about constitutional processes and political economy of recovery to be supported.

### **Keywords**

Gender

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland commits to support humanitarian mine action programs aimed at clearing explosive remnants of war (ERW) through the provision of information and technical, financial and material assistance to locate, remove, destroy and otherwise render ineffective any type of explosive hazard.	Financial	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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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Finland supports humanitarian mine action organizations through multi-annual framework agreements, which improve the predictability of funding and lower administrative costs. Work is supported in all five traditional pillars of mine action, namely: clearance, risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and advocacy. In 2018 Finland directed a total sum of EUR 2.74 million to humanitarian mine action in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria and Ukraine. Finland's implementing partners were the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS), the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), the HALO Trust and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Finland fully supports the aim of completing mine clearance globally by 2025, as agreed at the Maputo Review Conference of the Mine Ban Treaty in 2014.

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

The main challenge is insufficient global funding and the narrow donor base. Also, new and extensive contamination in some States has been a major setback. New types of improvised explosive devices are being used more frequently, making clearance slower and more expensive.

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland commits to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators of the most serious international crimes, though, inter alia, its support to the International Criminal Court and Justice Rapid Response.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Finland continues to promote universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and adolescent girls and to address sexual and gender-based violence in crisis settings. UN Women and UNFPA continue to be Finland's key strategic partners in this sector.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Finland is committed to the strengthening the respect for the international humanitarian law through awareness raising, training and communication.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Finland remains committed to the promotion of and adherence to international humanitarian law, international human rights law, refugee law, humanitarian space and the protection of civilians.	Advocacy	Uphold 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
Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
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.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
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

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The Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has a separate fund for providing assistance to projects related to the fight against impunity. Finland is one of the biggest donors of the International Criminal Court Trust fund for Victims: EUR 800,00 in 2017-2020, earmarked for sexual and gender-based violence victims in Sub-Saharan Africa. Finland supports various civil society organizations (CSOs), such as the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) with EUR 150,000 per year.

Finland functioned as president of the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) board from 2014 to 2018. The current JRR executive director is Finnish. In 2016-2019, Finland funded JRR with over EUR 1 million.

The rights and status of women, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, remain a key priority in Finnish development policy. Finland continued strong support to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women (EUR 23 million in 2018). Finland's support to UNFPA's humanitarian response in Syria was EUR 2 million in 2018. Finland participated actively in the 'She Decides' initiative. Finland continued as an constructive member of the Call to Action initiative.

The Finnish Defence Forces are developing a new training programme for reservists, and the training cooperation with the Finnish Red Cross has been further developed. At the Finnish National Defence University the teaching of international humanitarian law (IHL) is emphasized and has been renewed. Preparing thesis on IHL and international criminal law issues has been successfully encouraged. Research projects on current IHL issues are under preparation.

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

On the global level, main challenges include lack of adequate and predictable funding and changes in political landscape related to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

### **Keywords**

Gender, IHL compliance and accountability

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland commits to engage constructively and actively in the intergovernmental process as set out in Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross concerning the establishment of an international mechanism to strengthen the compliance with international humanitarian law.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Finland is a States Party to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and as one of the Vice-Presidents of the ATT Finland promotes universal adherence to it.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Finland supports strengthening the international humanitarian law protecting persons deprived of their liberty.	Policy	Uphold 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

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Finland supports the humanitarian principles of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) according to which an ATT State Party shall not authorize any transfer of conventional arms if it has knowledge that the arms would be used in the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Convention of 1949 and attack against civilians. Finland contributed EUR 300,000 to the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund.

Finland participated constructively in all negotiations and consultations in the intergovernmental compliance process.

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

Challenges: 1. ATT is still not implemented at its fullest; 2. Although the ratification of the Treaty is progressing, major exporters and importers have not ratified the Treaty 3. More attention to the humanitarian principles of the ATT should be given

### Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability

## 3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities into Humanitarian Action and fully commits toward its implementation. Finland will support the development and implementation of the global standards and guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. The guidelines aim at system-wide improvement of addressing the needs and rights of people with disabilities in the context of humanitarian action. Finland stands ready to provide technical expertise and participate in the working/steering group developing the guidelines. Finland will also support the development of advocacy and awareness raising programmes.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
Finland will actively use its leverage and influence with international organizations to ensure that their programmes are responsive to the rights and needs of women and girls and persons with disabilities.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind
Finland will ensure to review and address the possible gaps in terms of inclusion of persons with disabilities when updating its humanitarian policy.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
Finland will support the full and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in all phases of humanitarian response. Finland continues to provide financial support to the strengthening of the rights and situation of persons with disabilities. Special attention will be paid to the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities as well as other persons that easily fall victim of multiple discrimination.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

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Finland is a pioneer in promoting the rights of the persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. Finland continued to strongly advocate for humanitarian disability inclusion and to allocate funds to humanitarian disability inclusion through both national and international non-governmental organizations. Some of the results of this work were highlighted in Finland's Development Policy Results Report 2018, which was submitted to the Parliament in November 2018. Finland supported financially the development of system-wide guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities into Humanitarian Action and provided technical expertise to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) task force. Finland advocated for the guidelines in several international fora. At European Union-level, Finland provided technical expertise to the team preparing ECHO Guidance on Disability Inclusion.

**B. Please select if your report relates to any initiatives launched at World Humanitarian summit**

Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

**Keywords**

Disability

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland continues to encourage the humanitarian agencies and partners to increasingly use cash modalities, where appropriate.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
In the context of Global Health Security Agenda, Finland is committed to enhancing International Health Regulation (IHR) core capacities at country level. Finland, together with the Nordic countries, is committed to collectively supporting 10 countries to meet their obligations under the IHR, including by developing and assisting with implementation of a national plan to achieve the targets of the Global Health Security Agenda. Finland is currently supporting capacity-building in Tanzania and Ukraine.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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
Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need



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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

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**Strengthening national/local leadership and systems**

Finland is committed to enhancing International Health Regulation (IHR) core capacities at country-level. Finland, together with the Nordic countries, is committed to collectively supporting 10 countries to meet their obligations under the IHR, including by developing and assisting the implementation of a national plan to achieve the targets of the Global Health Security Agenda. Finland is currently supporting capacity-building in Tanzania and Ukraine.

**Keywords**

Strengthening local systems

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

### Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland will support Joint External Evaluations, developed under the leadership of Finland and the United States, including by providing technical and financial assistance. In collaboration with WHO, FAO, OIE, World Bank, interested countries and NGOs, among others, Finland is leading a multistakeholder alliance to support independent external assessments of country capacities worldwide, with the purpose of identifying gaps in countries' preparedness and matching the country needs with interest from donors. Finland underlines the importance of all hazards approach in preparedness capacity building and the need for multisectoral and multistakeholder cooperation in preventing, detecting and responding to health threats. Finland has also volunteered for an external assessment of its own national capacities in this field.	United States of America	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland is committed to the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility



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.

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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.

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Invest in Humanity

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.

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**Disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management (including resilience)**

Finland provides multi-year, un-earmarked core funding to the Green Climate Fund (EUR 80 million in 2015-2020) and to UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), EUR 1 million per year. Finland also funds climate action through the Least Developed Countries' Fund.

**Keywords**

Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction

## 5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
As per the recommendation of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing Finland will provide at least 30 percent of its overall humanitarian funding as un-earmarked.	Financial	Invest in Humanity
Finland commits to promote coherence and complementarity between humanitarian and development programming and funding. Finland supports joint strategic situation analysis, needs assessments, planning and risk management and common decision-making platforms between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Finland continues providing substantial financial support to UN humanitarian agencies, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Finnish non-governmental organizations addressing the needs of the forcibly displaced.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.	Invest in Humanity
Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").	Invest in Humanity

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) employs multi-year framework agreements with several UN agencies including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and also with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Fifty-one per cent of Finland's humanitarian funding was un-earmarked or softly earmarked.

#### B. Please select if your report relates to any initiatives launched at World Humanitarian summit

Grand Bargain



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## 5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Finland continues to provide predictable, multi-year, un-earmarked, flexible humanitarian funding in order to ensure greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people. Finland will advocate for harmonized donor reporting requirements.	Financial	Invest in Humanity
Finland continues to provide significant support to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).	Financial	Invest in Humanity
Finland welcomes the Grand Bargain between donors and humanitarian organizations.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
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Finland allocated 37 per cent of its humanitarian budget as un-earmarked, multi-year core funding. Finland increased its funding to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to EUR 8 million per year.

**B. Please select if your report relates to any initiatives launched at World Humanitarian summit**

Grand Bargain