



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - El Salvador**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

El Salvador

**Organisational Type**

Member State

**City and Country where Headquartered**

San Salvador, El Salvador

**Focal Point Name**

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**Region**

Latin America and the Caribbean

**Twitter ID**

Nil

**Attachments**

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

### Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador pledges to continue the humanitarian initiative for a world free of nuclear weapons. It further pledges to raise awareness about this important issue, both at the national and at the international level. The aim of this initiative is to fill the legal gap with regard to nuclear weapons in light of their catastrophic and unacceptable humanitarian consequences and the great risk which these weapons are posing for the entire planet.	Andorra, Mexico, Nicaragua, Samoa, El Salvador, Algeria, Brazil, Cook Islands, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malaysia, South Africa and Thailand	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
El Salvador commits to continue to promote ratification of and accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention by States. El Salvador further pledges to uphold its commitment to meet the humanitarian goal of the Convention - a world free from the use and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines - and to put an end to the suffering caused by antipersonnel mines through their complete eradication.	Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Luxemburg, Germany, Guatemala, Serbia, Slovenia, Thailand, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Ukraine and Chile.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a aumentar apoyo al pronto y necesario establecimiento de un Mecanismo de Seguimiento del Derecho Internacional Humanitario, según la decisión tomada en la XXXII Conferencia Internacional de la Cruz Roja y Media Luna Roja.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

#### 1. A. Highlight concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2019 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures as well as any good practices and examples of innovation.

El Salvador's Legislative Assembly ratified the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* on 30 August 2018.

El Salvador promoted different declarations and resolutions within the United Nations and other multilateral fora to support a world free of nuclear weapons and their complete elimination.

#### 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
- Funding modalities (earmarking, priorities, yearly agreements, risk aversion measures)



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

The objective of this initiative is to fill the legal vacuum with regard to nuclear weapons in light of their catastrophic and unacceptable humanitarian consequences and the great risk that these weapons represent for the entire planet.

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

El Salvador is committed to continue supporting the initiative for a world free of nuclear weapons. In addition, El Salvador is committed to raising awareness about this important issue, both nationally and internationally.



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a seguir posicionando en las agendas multilaterales, las dimensiones humanitarias de los flujos migratorios, en particular en el caso de niños, niñas y adolescentes migrantes y el drama de sus familias.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind

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In 2018, virtual meetings were held with the member countries of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), to follow up on the work plan in order to prioritize actions in the region as well as at country-level. A list of institutions supporting migrant children and adolescents with protection needs was requested by member countries. El Salvador carried out a mapping of manuals, protocols, instruments of protection, networks for migrant children and established focal points in governing institutions on the subject of migrant children.

In October 2018, under the RCM framework, a meeting of the Network of Liaison Officers on migrant children was held with the member countries.

In November 2018, the Vice Ministerial meeting of the RCM was held. The Network of Liaison Officers also met and discussed the work plan. They agreed to promote the following actions:

- Creation of a support guide for the implementation of mechanisms to determine the Best Interests of the Child (ISN) in cooperation with academic or civil society specialists.
- Conduct a workshop for the creation of a regional guide for the determination of the ISN with the support of the observer organizations.
- Conduct a training workshop on updated guidelines for evaluation and determination of the best interests of children and adolescents (2018). This was offered by UNHCR, who also agreed to share a more elaborate proposal as soon as possible.

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

At the RCM meeting, there was a proposal to review actions in the Strategic Plan on the implementation of the common indicators for a Registry of Unaccompanied or Separated Migrant Children and Adolescents in the consular services of member countries, with a view to designing a single registry.

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

At the RCM meeting, for the first time, there was participation of a group of young people who experienced irregular migration. They spoke about their experiences and gave recommendations to member countries for consideration in their decision-making. This was an action within the framework of the work plan. Youth from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras participated.

#### Keywords

Migrants, Strengthening local systems, Youth



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a implementar en la medida que nuestras capacidades lo permitan, el Marco de Sendai sobre Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres, así como sus interacciones e interdependencia con los procesos de Cambio Climático según el "Acuerdo de París" y la Agenda Desarrollo 2030. Avanzar a nivel nacional, y promover su implementación en el nivel internacional.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
El Salvador se compromete a gestionar la incorporación del sector privado nacional la iniciativa ARISE (Alianza para el Sector Privado para Sociedades Resilientes a los Desastres), siguiendo el ejemplo de otros países en la región de América Latina y el Caribe y trabajar en conjunto para fortalecer la resiliencia nacional.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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

El Salvador completed the updating of the National Plan for Civil Protection, Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, as well as the preparation of contingency plans to deal with droughts, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and fires.

El Salvador's Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (MARN), in follow-up to commitments made at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), issued the *Third National Communication on Climate Change*, in which they reported on the El Salvador's progress in terms of policies and national actions planned to face the effects of climate change.

El Salvador's Early Warning Systems (SAT) have increased 36, of which 23 are for flood threats, 7 for landslide threats, 3 for volcanic threats and 3 for marine threats, which include tsunamis. These systems have coverage in 124 municipalities.

The Center for Integrated Monitoring of Threats of the MARN's Environmental Observatory has been updated and modernized. This Center integrates and analyzes information of more than 250 stations located throughout the country which measure rainfall, river levels, earthquakes, waves and sea currents and provide analytical models and computer applications.

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

Under the leadership of the Presidential Secretariat for Vulnerability Issues and the General Directorate of Civil Protection, and with the support of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the Environmental Observatory was involved in assisting efforts of other governmental institutions to implement the Index for Risk Management (INFORM) system in El Salvador

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

Under the 'Weather-Ready Nations' initiative, implemented with the support of USAID's Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA), work is being done to improve weather forecasts to move from "what will be the weather?" to "what the weather will do?" i.e. from weather forecasts to impact forecasts.

#### Keywords

Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response, Preparedness



## 4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a apoyar tanto a nivel nacional como regional la incorporación de la dimensión humanitaria y de prevención y respuesta ante desastres en ambientes urbanos, en los resultados de la Conferencia de Habitat 3.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
El Salvador se compromete a implementar los 17 Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) incluidos en la Agenda 2030, incluyendo sus relaciones con el Cambio Climático, la Seguridad Alimentaria y otros aspectos claves, con los cuales se puede generar resiliencia al cambio climático e incidir en la disminución de futuras posibles emergencias humanitarias.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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#### Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis and planning towards collective outcomes

1. Construction of mitigation works on the land of 22 families living in the community of Altos de Santa Anita, municipality of Soyapango, department of San Salvador.
2. Construction of mitigation works on the lands of 35 families living in the San Pedro B community, municipality of Ayutuxtepeque, department of San Salvador.
3. Construction of mitigation works on land belonging to 19 families living in the community of El Caracol, municipality of San Martín, department of San Salvador.
4. Construction of mitigation works on the lands of 10 families living in the El Castillo 2 community, municipality of Apopa, department of San Salvador.

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

Implementation of the Vulnerability Reduction Programme in the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador (AMSS), with financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB, loan 2630). The programme combines the construction of strategic infrastructure to generate quality habitats and resilient urban development.

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

The Master Plan for the Sustainable Management of Rainwater of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador (AMSS) is being formulated through a technical cooperation programme of US\$600,000 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). This plan will allow the establishment and prioritization of interventions in the drainage system of the AMSS, proposing financing mechanisms and the criteria delineating competencies in the management of macro drainage systems.

#### Keywords

Climate Change, Community resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian-development nexus, Preparedness, Strengthening local systems



## 5A Invest in local capacities

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a promover la incorporación de las comunidades de salvadoreños en el exterior, en la prevención y respuesta temprana ante desastres. Incrementar los esfuerzos que venimos realizando ante los países receptores de diáspora y las agencias privadas, para reducir los costos de los envíos de las remesas familiares; que por cierto son una reconocida fuente de financiamiento familiar hacia las comunidades en situaciones de emergencia humanitaria.	Operational	Invest in Humanity

#### 1. A. Highlight concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2019 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures as well as any good practices and examples of innovation.

##### Direct funding to national/local actors

Establishment of a greenhouse in the community of Talchiga (duration of one year and total cost of US\$10,000), with the objective that families of the community of Talchiga produce vegetables for their own consumption. The project included the construction and equipping of a greenhouse, provision of vegetative material, training and follow-up to the horticultural process.

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

The activities were carried out in coordination with the Morazán Educational Development Foundation (FUNDEMAC), in the department of Morazán. The Foundation has an independent, non-partisan and non-denominational character.

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

Different Salvadoran communities abroad, such as the Salvadoran Organization in the United Kingdom (ASUK), are developing initiatives in El Salvador, in order to improve the food security of communities located in areas with higher poverty rates in the country. Its main objective is to support the processes of strengthening local self-management and the promotion of the right to a quality education, through training, awareness and impact on public policies, management and institutional strengthening.

#### Keywords

Community resilience, Education, Local action, Strengthening local systems





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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
El Salvador se compromete a aumentar las acciones, además del marco de ONU, para lograr la reclasificación de los criterios de elegibilidad de la Asociación de Desarrollo Internacional, del Banco Internacional para la Reconstrucción y el Desarrollo y otros miembros del Grupo del Banco Mundial, para mejorar la elegibilidad de los llamados "Países de Renta Media" al acceso en términos favorables, a fondos y financiamiento; ello en seguimiento a recomendación del Panel de Alto Nivel sobre Financiamiento Humanitario.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

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Participation in:

- International seminar 'Towards the construction of an inclusive International Cooperation System for Sustainable Development: perspectives from Latin America', hosted by the Ibero-American Programme for strengthening South-South cooperation.
- 37th session of Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- 6th Biennial High-Level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum 2018
- Breakfast of Ibero-American countries with Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- High-Level Institutional Dialogue between European Union and Latin America
- High-Level Meeting on Cooperation for Development in middle-income countries.

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

Achieving a re-classification of the eligibility criteria of the World Bank's International Development Association to improve the eligibility of "Middle Income Countries" in order for them to access funds and financing on favourable terms.

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

El Salvador has participated in various multilateral and regional spaces, in which it has raised the need to review the current classification of countries with the aim of incorporating other complementary and multi-dimensional indicators which, in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, would give an improved account of a country's true degree of development and, therefore, the need to continue receiving support through international cooperation (overseas development assistance - ODA) and access to other sources of financing under favourable conditions.

#### Keywords

Humanitarian-development nexus



## Additional Reports

### Attachment

[MATRIZ SEGUIMIENTO COMPROMISOS CUMBRE HUMANITARIA.pdf](#)