



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



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

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Organisational Type

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1B Act early

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to continue supporting early warning mechanisms and shared conflict analysis in order to respond early and adequately to potential conflict situations at country and regional levels. Denmark commits to use shared conflict analysis as the basis for investment in conflict prevention measures, mediation and conflict resolution efforts and to assist in hindering conflict to relapse.	Operational	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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Denmark continues to support early warning mechanisms in multilateral organisations such as the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank, and to share conflict analysis with bilateral partners. In 2018 Denmark contributed to non-governmental organisations in developing sound and timely analysis in order to promote conflict prevention and peace building, strengthening the information base available for early engagement. Denmark supported an innovative partnership between Danish Refugee Council and IBM to do evidence-based, tech-driven predictive analytics of future mixed migration patterns in view of informing policies and assistance programmes.

Keywords

Innovation



1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark will continue to support the role of the UN in situations of conflict and fragility as well as push for an increased role for regional fora and organisations. Denmark will continue to support conflict resolution and peace-building, while reconfirming that the primary responsibility to prevent and solve conflicts lies with national governments and non-state parties to armed conflict, and requires engagement of communities and civil society in political and governance processes.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Denmark will strengthen engagements addressing root causes to conflict which includes furthering inclusive, peaceful and sustainable development through an interlinked approach to humanitarian assistance and development cooperation and a long-term perspective. Denmark will continue to apply integrated approaches to optimise the impact of the humanitarian and development instruments put in use.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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Denmark continues to invest in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. In 2018, Denmark made a multi-year commitment of DKK 100 million in support of the UN Peacebuilding Fund for 2018-2020. At field-level, Denmark continues to implement a number of regional peace and stabilisation programmes in priority counties and regions such as Syria-Iraq, the Sahel region, Somalia/the Horn of Africa region, Gulf of Guinea, Eastern Europe and Afghanistan-Pakistan region. Concrete engagements in 2018 included mine action in Iraq, and support to conflict prevention and mediation in the border area of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. Denmark continued to support the World Bank's State and Peacebuilding Fund, including the humanitarian-development-peace Initiative.

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.

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



Human resources/capacity



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

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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Denmark continues to work on increased respect for, and protection of civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities. In 2018, Denmark contributed significantly to mine action through: (i) core support to the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS); (ii) support to UNMAS country activities in Iraq; (iii) support to NGOs engaged in demining activities and mine risk education, in particular Danish De-Mining Group and DanChurchAid and (iv) support to other organisations involved in demining in Syria and Iraq.



2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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Denmark continued in relevant international fora to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transport facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel against attacks etc. In 2018, Denmark co-sponsored the annual UN resolution on Safety and Security of Humanitarian Personnel and protection of UN Personnel.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



2C Speak out on violations

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

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Denmark continues to commit to and actively speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law as well as 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. As a member of the European Union and in the context of the UN Human Rights Council, Denmark worked actively to address serious human rights violations, including torture and other ill-treatment.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to removing barriers for coherent humanitarian and development efforts regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and the eradication of GBV in humanitarian crises. On this basis, Denmark commits to forming one single partnership agreement covering both humanitarian and development cooperation with UN-organizations with a dual gender related mandate such as UNFPA and UNICEF and with flexible funding streams.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity
Denmark commits to showing political leadership by advocating and working in all relevant international fora for enhancing gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and the fight against gender-based violence in humanitarian crises. This includes implementing the commitment made as a Member State Party to the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) in the "Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict" of advocating on preventing sexual violence in conflict and on ending impunity for these crimes.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Denmark commits to strengthen the dissemination of international humanitarian law, for instance by issuing the Danish Military Manual and presenting it in relevant international fora. The manual will contain provisions for the compliance of international humanitarian law and other relevant international law, in particular human rights law, during planning and execution of military operations within the framework of Denmark's military engagements. Denmark commits to raise awareness of the issues of sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflict, for instance through dissemination of and training in international humanitarian law and/or other humanitarian education activities.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Denmark is signing up to Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies and its roadmap.	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



<p>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.</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind</p>

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Gender-based violence prevention and response

Denmark continued to be a champion of the fight against sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in 2018:

- by advocating at high-level political for fight of SGBV in humanitarian crises e.g. at UN high-level meetings.
- by funding specific UN Population Fund (UNFPA) GBV-efforts in Bangladesh, Mali, Palestine, CAR, Mali (USD 2.3 million in 2018).
- by mainstreaming GBV efforts and continuously removing barriers for coherent humanitarian and development efforts regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights. Denmark's Strategy for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action provides the framework for ensuring that Danish development and humanitarian assistance takes into account the special vulnerabilities of women and girls.
- by hosting a seminar in September 2018 for Danish civil society organization partners on strengthening inclusion of GBV and sexual and reproductive health and rights considerations in their work in humanitarian contexts.

Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)

Denmark has been actively engaged in international fora and with civil society in order to agree on common international standards for preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH) and third-party verification in alignment with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). In 2018, Denmark financed a mapping study of Danish civil society organization (CSO) partners' PSEAH safeguarding mechanisms, which resulted in development by the Danish CSOs of a common set of PSEAH commitments to align themselves with the CHS.

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.

- Gender and/or vulnerable group inclusion

Keywords

Gender, PSEA



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

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Denmark continues to commit to speak out actively and systematically both internationally e.g. in the context of the UN Human Rights Council, and in relevant bilateral contexts, condemning 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.

In 2018, Denmark provided DKK 40 million in core contributions to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In 2018, Denmark also contributed to ICRC's interventions at country level: in Northern Rakhine/Myanmar, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, South Sudan, and in Boko Haram-affected countries in Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon. In 2018, Denmark increased its contribution to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to DKK 60 million, out of which DKK 27 million were a core contribution. Denmark also contributed DKK 1 million to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Trust Fund established by the Human Rights Council. Moreover, Denmark contributed DKK 13.5 million to an OHCHR programme on Human Rights Protection in Stabilisation and Peace Operations (2018-2021). Finally, Denmark contributed DKK 10 million to an OHCHR project on Improving Human Rights at Borders to enhance respect of migrants' human rights in Jordan, Mauritania and Morocco.

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

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability

3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to prioritize solutions that strengthen the protection, self-reliance and resilience of IDPs and refugees as well as host communities, preferably within the framework of local and national development plans. This will be done by focussing strategic partnership agreements and other agreements with humanitarian partners on long-term, solutions-oriented approaches in protracted humanitarian crisis situations and by seeking to ensure strategic and operational coherence between such activities and relevant bilateral development activities. Further, Denmark commits to support such action through dialogue with affected governments and other relevant stakeholders in favour of a policy environment that strengthens access to basic socio-economic rights and services for displaced populations.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Denmark commits to reinforcing the Solutions Alliance as a central platform for collaborative action in support of solutions to conflict-induced displacement and to do so by engaging in relevant national groups and by continuing to contribute to the costs of the secretariat and other common functions. The Alliance draws on the comparative advantages of humanitarian and development actors for collective action. A core action will be the active pursuit of new national/ regional groups or other national configurations in countries affected by forced displacement.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind
Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind as a basis. Through this, it will ensure the ability to use all relevant assistance instruments in coherent support of safe, dignified and durable solutions for displaced people through voluntary return home, local integration or settlement elsewhere while also ensuring appropriate support for host and receiving communities.	Policy	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity

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

In 2018, Denmark endorsed the Global Compact on Refugees and continued to be a top donor to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with a strong commitment to durable solutions for refugees. Denmark supported the roll-out of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework at country level in the Horn of Africa region both politically and financially. Denmark continued to support comprehensive approaches to displacement, including support for the EU Trust Fund for the Syria crisis (Madad) and the Global Concessional Financing Facility for middle income countries hosting refugees with the aim to provide long-term development-oriented solutions (infrastructure, health, jobs) for displacement-affected population and host communities, especially in Jordan and Lebanon. Moreover, Denmark continued to support the IDA18 refugee window. Denmark supported the Education Cannot Wait Fund and the Global Partnership for Education, providing education to refugee children in emergencies. Denmark was donor lead on the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) in the Middle East and contributed to the RDPP in the Horn of Africa. Through its support to civil society organization partners, Denmark supported resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and host communities. Denmark contributed DKK 111 million towards the Joint UNHCR and World Bank Data Centre for Forced Displacement in the UN City in Copenhagen



IDPs (due to conflict, violence, and disaster)

Denmark supported the Plan of Action for Prevention Protection and Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in 2018-2020.

Denmark also continued to support operational programmes implemented by multilateral organisations and civil society organizations at country-level that deliver assistance to IDPs and their host communities.

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

- Education Cannot Wait
- New Way of Working

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.

- Gender and/or vulnerable group inclusion
- Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis, planning, funding and/or response

Keywords

Displacement



3D Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

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Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.	Leave No One Behind
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

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Empowerment of women and girls

Gender equality and women's empowerment is a priority for Denmark. Denmark is working to ensure that not only humanitarian partners, but also partners working in fragile contexts and in displacement situations, include a focus on women's empowerment, equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as central to achieve development and a lasting reduction of the specific vulnerabilities of women and girls. In 2018, Denmark worked to ensure that its humanitarian partners in all sectors include gender in needs assessment and programming. Denmark, together with other donors, has ensured a focus on women and girls' equality and empowerment e.g. through Education Cannot Wait and Global Partnership for Education. Furthermore by making a contribution of USD 9.2 million to the World Food Programme to advance operational partnerships in the field with a focus on women and girls' protection, SRHR, equality, and empowerment. This has led to joint programs with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), national ministries and organisations working for women's equality and empowerment in 8 humanitarian contexts, and where food security has been integrated with access to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services.

Gender equality programming

Denmark has worked to enhance inclusion of gender considerations in the global coordination mechanisms and humanitarian country teams by secondment of personnel to OCHA's gender unit in New York as well as preparing a grant to UNFPA to develop a model for embedding dedicated gender-based violence (GBV) specialists within humanitarian country teams.



Denmark has, in dialogue with INGOs, UN and pooled fund mechanisms, worked to ensure that localization efforts also include gender perspectives and support to women's groups. Another focus has been on ensuring that cash-based assistance programs fulfill the potential of improved equality and empowerment of women.

Sexual and reproductive health

In 2018, Denmark continued to be a champion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) including at the negotiations of the Global Compact on Refugees. Denmark contributed USD 2.3 million to specific UNFPA GBV efforts in Bangladesh, Central African Republic, Mali, Palestine, and Sudan. Denmark also contributed USD 1.5 million to UNFPA's appeal for Cox's Bazar and USD 1.5 mil USD to UNFPA's appeal for the Syria Crisis. Danish development funding was allocated to UNFPA's sexual and reproductive health (SRH) activities in Niger and Tanzania on top of general core funding. Moreover, with Danish funding to the Women's Refugee Commission and the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), work by IAWG's sub-working group focused on research and data to find the most pressing gaps in the evidence-base for humanitarian action on SRH services including GBV.

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- Gender and/or vulnerable group inclusion
- Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis, planning, funding and/or response

Keywords

Cash, Gender



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits through its engagements with humanitarian organizations to promote partnerships with local actors in order to strengthen local capacities for emergency response and sustainable recovery.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Denmark commits to contributing to the improvement of the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian action and to ensuring that it is accountable to disaster- and conflict affected communities. Denmark commits fully to the Core Humanitarian Standard and sees this as an important tool to making humanitarian response more appropriate, relevant, effective and timely. Denmark will in close cooperation with its Danish humanitarian partners support the implementation of the Core Humanitarian Standard in their policies and organisational frameworks and support the further dissemination of the standard.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Denmark commits to support capacities of local and national responders through the partnership frameworks with Denmark's humanitarian partner organisations.	Partnership	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

Overall, Denmark is supportive of work across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. This implies working with national and local actors, while upholding the humanitarian principles.

Denmark supported the World Bank's IDA18 assisting fragile and conflict-affected states as well as the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) supporting host countries of large refugee populations.

Denmark provided DKK 10 million in support of IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund assisting countries and local communities affected by natural disasters.

Denmark's civil society organization partners were required to work with local/national partners and to explain in detail their approach, which was based on the quality and depth of their local partnerships. Civil society organizations working in areas affected by armed conflict and recurrent natural disasters were specifically required to work on capacity-building of communities, national and local organisations, local authorities and relevant civil society actors with the aim of building local capacity to better prepare for and respond to crises

Building community resilience

Denmark supported a broad range of programmes across Africa, the Middle East and Asia, applying a long-term development-oriented approach to building resilience to shocks. For example:

- the Syria Resilience Consortium;
- the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) in response to the impact of the Syria crisis in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey;
- the Somalia Durable Solutions project implemented by the Danish Refugee Council;
- Civil society organization (CSO) collaboration with local NGOs and local communities to build resilience and capacity to prepare for and respond to crises.

The CSO strategic partners were required to work with local/national partners and to explain in detail their approach, based on which the quality and depth of their local partnerships. CSOs working in areas affected by armed conflict and recurrent natural disasters were specifically required to work on capacity-building of communities, national and local organisations, local authorities and relevant civil society actors aimed at building local capacity to better prepare for and respond to crises.

Cash-based programming

Denmark supported cash-based assistance and responsible technological innovation through its long-term partnerships with UN agencies and civil society partner organisations. Denmark provided dedicated innovation funding to a number of UN agencies and to strategic civil society partner organizations. The major outcomes have been a focus on food security including cash and innovations to ensure better delivery or efficiency in humanitarian settings. Innovation funding offers Denmark's partners a significant new opportunity to innovate, experiment and catalyse efforts such as cash-based programming to seek improved outcomes.

Denmark has supported linking humanitarian cash transfers and social protection systems, for example in Ethiopia, thus working across the humanitarian-development nexus. As a funder of the World Food Programme (WFP), Denmark is supportive of cash assistance, whenever appropriate. In 2018, WFP spent 35% of its funding on cash based interventions, which was a considerable increase from the 25% in 2017. Through its core contributions to UNICEF, UNHCR as well as its funding to civil society organisations, Denmark also supported the cash-based assistance undertaken by these aid



organisations.

Adherence to quality and accountability standards (e.g. CHS, SPHERE)

Denmark has actively and continuously been involved in the development, launching and dissemination of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) with the purpose of making humanitarian assistance more relevant, efficient and timely and in order to enhance accountability, transparency, coordination and participation. Denmark has made the CHS obligatory for civil society organizations involved in humanitarian interventions in fragile situations.

People-centered approaches (feedback mechanisms, community engagement, etc)

The Core Humanitarian Standard was used as an instrument for ensuring accountability to affected populations and feedback mechanisms, as well as involvement of local actors in decision-making and coordination. Danish civil society organization humanitarian partners report that they have developed and strengthened their feedback and complaint mechanisms and strengthened their local dialogue with communities and people affected by crisis. This includes an enhanced focus on preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment.

Keywords

Cash, Community resilience, Displacement, Emergency Response, Innovation, Local action, People-centred approach, Quality and accountability standards, Strengthening local systems



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark is dedicated to continue funding of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) established under the UN Climate Convention for the period 2016-2018 with DKK 156 million. The LDCF is designed to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs of Least Developed Countries. This includes support to disaster risk management, coastal zone management and climate information services.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

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

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Disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management (including resilience)

In 2018, Denmark continued to provide climate-relevant funding through multilateral development institutions, including DKK 450 million for The Global Environment Facility (2018-2022), as well as funding of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)



established under the UN Climate Convention.

Preparedness

DKK 10 million was contributed to IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), in view of supporting early action on sudden-onset natural disasters.

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

Global Partnership for Preparedness

Keywords

Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response, Preparedness



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to contribute to bridge the humanitarian - development divide. Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind. Building coherent responses between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation in protracted crises, where Denmark is engaged, will be a core part.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Denmark commits to include "innovation" as a policy-priority in the dialogue with and funding of UN-organizations and NGOs with which Denmark has a strategic partnership agreement. This implies a willingness to allocate funding towards activities that prioritize and strengthen innovation and innovative approaches.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Denmark commits to provide multi-year planning frameworks with its humanitarian NGO partners. Multi-year planning is seen as essential in order to respond efficiently to protracted crises and predictable recurrent crises.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Denmark commits to support the establishment and work of GAHI with a significant financial contribution as innovative solutions and approaches are a necessity in order to address growing humanitarian needs, while better utilizing available resources. Denmark strongly supports the promotion and facilitation of innovation to improve the humanitarian response. This entails engaging inter alia with the private sector and innovation networks in order to foster their development of better solutions for populations affected by humanitarian crises.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Denmark commits to support the promotion and facilitation of innovation to improving humanitarian response. This entails engaging inter alia with the private sector and innovation networks in order to foster their development of better solutions for populations affected by humanitarian crises. Denmark commits to include "innovation" as a policy-priority in the dialogue with and funding of UN-organizations and NGOs with which Denmark has a strategic partnership agreement. This implies a willingness to allocate funding towards activities that prioritize and strengthen innovation and innovative approaches.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments



Commitment	Core Responsibility
<p>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.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>

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

Under Denmark's Strategy for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Denmark's focus is in on how to address fragility and vulnerability in a coherent manner. The Danish approach to the humanitarian-development-peace nexus acknowledges the interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and the need for coherent efforts, not least in protracted crises. A policy discussion in the Danish Development Council in 2018 confirmed the nexus approach. Denmark collaborates with international partners including the UN, European Union, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and Danish civil society organizations to enhance the nexus approach. In 2018 Denmark actively supported the OECD-DAC in applying a humanitarian-peace nexus (HDP) approach. The OECD recommendation for a HDP nexus approach was endorsed in February 2019 and will be used to assess country level action. Denmark supported the European Union's operationalisation of the HDP nexus approach in Uganda and the nexus approach in EU Council Conclusions on Food Security.

Denmark is supportive of joint needs assessments (cf. Grand Bargain work stream 5), involving humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors. In the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, joint context analysis is increasingly used for Danish country programmes. Danish bilateral development programmes in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda and Bangladesh increasingly complement humanitarian interventions focused on vulnerable groups.

Financing Collective outcomes

Denmark uses a mix of humanitarian and non-humanitarian multi-year ODA to finance vulnerability-related interventions in protracted crises. Denmark aims to ensure more coherent financing in crisis and thus facilitates work across the nexus. Denmark has significantly increased multi-year humanitarian funding arrangements with multilateral organisations and civil society organizations, cf. Denmark's Self-Report on WHS in 2017. In this manner, Denmark enables humanitarian actors to plan and programme more long-term in protracted crises and thereby facilitates alignment with development actors.

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

- Grand Bargain
- New Way of Working

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.

- Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis, planning, funding and/or response
- Multi-stakeholder coordination

Keywords



Humanitarian-development nexus



5A Invest in local capacities

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to provide funding to country-based pooled funds (CBPF) to ensure flexible and strategic prioritisation of needs and in view of channelling funding to local and national responders.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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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Country-based pooled funds

Danish funding to the Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs) and to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) constitutes funding "as directly as possible" to national and local actors, cf. the Grand Bargain commitment. Denmark was among the top donors to the CBPFs that allocate substantial funding to national and local NGOs. In 2018, Denmark contributed USD 40.57 million to Country-Based Pooled Funds in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey and Yemen. In 2018, Danish funding contributed USD 1.6 million to DREF's financing of 92 emergency operations in 61 countries.

Capacity building of national/local actors

Denmark supports the localisation agenda and requires its partners to strengthen local actors' key role in preparedness, response and recovery. Denmark requires its CSO partners to facilitate their local partners in building capacities, thus strengthening local actors' role in planning, programming and coordination and improving sustainability.

Other

Denmark provided DKK 5 million to Afghan, Iraqi and Somali diaspora groups in Denmark working with humanitarian projects in their countries of origin.

The Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF) had a strong focus on local ownership and engagement of local partners.

Keywords

Country-based pooled funds, Emergency Response, Local action, Strengthening local systems



5B Invest according to risk

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark is dedicated to continue funding of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) established under the UN Climate Convention for the period 2016-2018 with DKK 156 million. The LDCF is designed to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs of Least Developed Countries. This includes support to disaster risk management, coastal zone management and climate information services.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.	Invest in Humanity

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Denmark is part of the Crisis Risk Financing Donor Working Group, exploring how to scale up crisis risk financing, including anticipatory financing/forecast-based financing, in natural disaster as well as conflict situations.

In 2018, Denmark contributed DKK 133 million to the Central Emergency Response Fund providing early action and rapid response to acute crises. Denmark also provided DKK 15 million in support of IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

In 2018, Denmark continued providing climate-relevant funding through multilateral development institutions, including funding of DKK 450 million for the Global Environment Facility (2018-2022) and funding for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) established under the UN Climate Convention. This includes support to disaster risk management, coastal zone management and climate information services.

Keywords

Climate Change, Preparedness



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits to contribute to bridge the humanitarian - development divide. Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind. Building coherent responses between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation in protracted crises, where Denmark is engaged, will be a core part.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Denmark commits to pre-allocate substantial emergency response funds to selected partner organizations enabling these to respond immediately and without additional approval in the case of sudden-onset crises.	Financial	Invest in Humanity
Denmark commits to removing barriers for coherent humanitarian and development efforts regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and the eradication of GBV in humanitarian crises. On this basis, Denmark commits to forming one single partnership agreement covering both humanitarian and development cooperation with UN-organizations with a dual gender related mandate such as UNFPA and UNICEF and with flexible funding streams.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity
Denmark is developing a new integrated strategy for development and humanitarian assistance, using the 2030-agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind as a basis. Through this, it will ensure the ability to use all relevant assistance instruments in coherent support of safe, dignified and durable solutions for displaced people through voluntary return home, local integration or settlement elsewhere while also ensuring appropriate support for host and receiving communities.	Policy	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

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.

Denmark uses a mix of humanitarian and non-humanitarian multi-year ODA to finance vulnerability-related interventions in protracted crises. Denmark aims to ensure more coherent financing in crisis and thus facilitates work across the nexus.

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

New Way of Working

Keywords

Humanitarian-development nexus



5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Denmark commits overall to the Grand Bargain to work together more efficiently and with new partners and innovative solutions.	Partnership	Invest in Humanity
Denmark commits to support the Central Emergency Response Fund to provide funding for rapid response and underfunded emergencies.	Financial	Invest in Humanity
Denmark will remain committed to providing 0.7% of GNI as Official Development Assistance (ODA). Aid will increasingly be used catalytically to mobilise non-public funding and resources.	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
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

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At the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016, Denmark committed to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding.

In 2018, Denmark reached DKK 1.16 billion in non-earmarked or softly earmarked humanitarian funding out of a total humanitarian budget of DKK 2.58 billion. Thus, 44.9% of Denmark's total humanitarian funding in 2018 was non-earmarked or softly earmarked. Hence, Denmark by far exceeded the Grand Bargain target of 30% for unearmarked/softly earmarked funding.

Denmark's flexible funding allows humanitarian organisations to act swiftly in sudden onset or rapidly deteriorating crises during the year. Our funding represents quality funding, that imposes less transaction costs on aid organisations and therefore allows them to work more efficiently and effectively and adapt to changing crisis contexts.

In 2018, Denmark provided core funding to UN agencies with a humanitarian mandate and ICRC. Moreover, Denmark provided DKK 133 million in core funding to the Central Emergency Response Fund, as well as DKK 15 million to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund. Denmark had strategic partnership agreements with UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA for which funding was softly earmarked for priority protracted crises. Denmark was among the top donors of softly earmarked funding to the Country-Based Pooled Funds. Furthermore, Denmark's crisis-specific funding generally supported Humanitarian Response Plans and joint appeals based on joint assessments, thus funding directed to specific countries and otherwise fully flexible. In funding agreements with strategic civil society organization (CSO) partners, 30% of funding could be allocated by the organisations themselves to sudden onset or rapidly deteriorating crises.

Denmark was also a major provider of humanitarian multi-year funding. In 2018, Denmark had 4-year agreements with its strategic CSO partners, and had multi-year agreements with WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNRWA.

Keywords



Country-based pooled funds, Emergency Response



Additional Reports

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Denmark reporting on 3B - Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities%2.pdf
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