



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



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name
World Evangelical Alliance

Organisational Type
Faith-based Organisation

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Global

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1D Develop solutions with and for people

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
World Evangelical Alliance commits to work with its national and regional partners in conflict areas of the world to promote cooperation, compassion, justice and a commitment to peace, and to confront attempts to use faith as a justification for conflict.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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.

World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is working in building local coalitions between faith communities and with government and NGOs. These efforts including organizing and equipping meetings of local groups in the following countries:

1. Democratic Republic of Congo. February and October 2018. Formed a national coalition that is responding to the Ebola outbreak and launching a peace initiative.
2. Cameroon. December 2018. Held initial program on the role and value of faith community response to the civil conflict and in assisting displaced people.
3. Rwanda. October 2018. Organizing meeting with Rwanda groups concerned about climate change. Developed plan for 2019 meetings to create and equip a cooperative response.
4. Held peace and reconciliation network meetings in Ukraine.
5. Established support centers for peace and reconciliation in Moldova and Rwanda.

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- Charter for Faith-based Humanitarian Action

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
 Institutional/Internal constraints
 Strengthening national/local systems

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

Lack of national-level support for cooperative work and coalition building means that considerable time needs to be invested in building support and creating networks.

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

Greater communication of who is working in any given setting, promotion of local faith community initiatives.

Keywords

Climate Change, Local action, Religious engagement, Strengthening local systems



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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World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is implementing a training program that addresses issues of cooperation, support for other missions, and the role of medical missions and the church in particular. This program has been piloted in Nepal, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon.

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- Buy-in
- Data and analysis
- Institutional/Internal constraints

Keywords

Protection, Religious engagement



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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
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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Gender-based violence prevention and response

World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) training for national alliances includes the ethics of development, financial ethics, and the importance of transparency and accountability.

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- Funding amounts
- Human resources/capacity

Keywords

Gender



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

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World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) engaged in several activities related to upholding norms and safeguarding humanity. In Democratic Republic of the Congo, recruited faith groups to confront rumors about health workers and to support health practices related to Ebola.

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Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles

Keywords

Religious engagement



3A Reduce and address displacement

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Leave No One Behind
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.	Leave No One Behind
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.	Leave No One Behind
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.	Leave No One Behind
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.	Leave No One Behind

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Refugees

Through the International Association for Refugees and the Refugee Highway Partnership, World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is carrying out refugee support projects in France, Kenya and Malawi. Further, WEA is engaging with Cameroon faith networks to assist people displaced by the civil conflict (IDPs). WEA is also training faith communities on care for displaced people along the entire continuum of displacement. WEA participated in the 2018 Children on the Move (CoM), contributed to the creation of CoM resources, and participates on the committee on local faith communities.



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Field conditions, including insecurity and access

Keywords

Displacement, Religious engagement



3D Empower and protect women and girls

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 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

World Evangelical Alliance staff made presentations at the UN Commission on the Status of Women 2019 on social protection of victims of Human Trafficking and Persecution. It contributed to interventions in Middle East with vulnerable residents of the Gaza Strip through dialogues with Palestinian and Israeli stakeholders.

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Keywords

Gender



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

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>	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
<p>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.</p>	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
<p>Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.</p>	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Building community resilience

World Evangelical Alliance created resources on the relationship between local faith communities and resilience, including a white paper and book on the topic of church and resilience. Further, World Evangelical Alliance recruits local faith communities to participate in development as active local agents with a clear recognition of their local role and how to assert that role.

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Keywords

Community resilience, Religious engagement, Strengthening local systems



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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

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Disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management (including resilience)

World Evangelical Alliance has initiated efforts to recognize those at risk for future disasters, including the slowly unfolding disaster of climate change. World Evangelical Alliance is also participating in UN Environmental SDG's through Nairobi, Kenya consultation and World Evangelical Alliance campaigns with faith communities through a Renew our World model of commitments. The World Evangelical Alliance commission on creation care is active with the UN and hosting numerous workshops and meetings on the role of the church in protecting the environment.

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Keywords

Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Strengthening local systems



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

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World Evangelical Alliance commits to coordinate with strategic partners to develop resources for faith based humanitarian actors on the theological basis for compassion, justice, humanity and impartiality in the provision of humanitarian assistance.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) commits to explore appropriate and relevant opportunities to engage with the United Nations to guide its actions that support and encourage faith-based humanitarian actors. Further, WEA, in its role as an advocate for the local faith community, will explore ways to appropriately inform and advise the UN on its actions related to local faith communities.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
World Evangelical Alliance commits to support the role of local faith-based humanitarian actors in their unique role to reduce risk, care and protection of the vulnerable, and to foster recovery.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) commits to align the World Bank Moral Imperative to Eradicate Poverty with its support of World Humanitarian Summit outcomes, advancing both through education and support of strategic activities by WEA members.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
World Evangelical Alliance commits to represent the evangelical community in dialogs with other faith and non-faith humanitarian actors, to advocate for the role of local faith communities, and to promote having communities at the center of humanitarian action.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
World Evangelical Alliance commits to support the development of guidance for the humanitarian community on the provision of services to the local faith community, reducing faith as a potential barrier to equitable services, and assisting non-faith humanitarian actors in respecting and serving local faith communities.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need



<p>World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) commits to promote awareness and engagement with the World Humanitarian Summit outcomes on religious engagement. This commitment starts with determining the existing level of support for these outcomes among the national and regional alliances and strategic partners of WEA. Based on an initial assessment of national and regional alliances, WEA commits to design and execute a campaign to increase the level of awareness, understanding and support for these outcomes.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>
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Other

World Evangelical Alliance is a participant in several initiatives to develop resources to support cooperative action in development. These were in partnership with the World Bank, the Joint Learning Initiative for Faith and Local Community, and others.

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Field conditions, including insecurity and access

Keywords

Humanitarian-development nexus, Religious engagement



5B Invest according to risk

Core Commitments

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World Evangelical Alliance, through its network of national alliances, has direct information on populations at risk. Efforts aimed at equipping local faith communities prioritize those with increasing risk and large vulnerable populations. For example, Rwanda is experiencing increased flooding which not only impacts the most vulnerable living in flood prone regions, but more broadly damages local agriculture and impairs the governments efforts to reduce poverty. World Evangelical Alliance is partnering with its Rwanda Alliances to develop cooperative efforts with government and local NGOs.

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Keywords

Community resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction, Religious engagement



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

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

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World Evangelical Alliance training for national groups includes program design, financial accountability, and measurement. This program was taught in Cameroon, Nepal, and Rwanda and is a companion to its community intervention agenda.

Keywords

Religious engagement, Strengthening local systems