



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



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name
Development Initiatives

Organisational Type
Other

City and Country where Headquartered
Bristol, United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

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Region
Europe

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

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

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.

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

Grand Bargain

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
- Data and analysis

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

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Keywords

Cash, Local action, Transparency / IATI



5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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