



**AGENDA
FOR HUMANITY**
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Overseas Development Institute 2016



Stakeholder Information

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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ODI commits to dedicating resources to explore how stronger international standards can mitigate harm from the use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Achievements at a glance

As a member of the advisory group of the ICRC protection standards, ODI's advice has been sought by member states on the priority areas to strengthen international humanitarian law. HPG has continued to assess the ongoing impact of the sale and use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas in the context of the Yemen conflict, as part of a research programme focusing on state-led humanitarian action and its interaction with foreign policy objectives.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities , what would it be

The lack of political will among some states to adhere to their obligations to protect civilians during hostilities is currently preventing the creation of mechanisms that would strengthen compliance and accountability. States not engaged in armed conflict must not shy away from holding those who are to account.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Humanitarian principles

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2A - Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities 2C - Speak out on violations



3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ODI commits to generating evidence over the following year on how to better support refugees in protracted displacement in key contexts, to support donors and governments of affected countries to prioritize solutions that strengthen the self-reliance and resilience of refugees as well as host communities.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
ODI commits to supporting and reinforcing the Solutions Alliance as a central platform for collaborative action in support of solutions to protracted displacement. This engagement will include exploring how to support Solutions Alliance to expand its activities to one or more additional countries affected by forced displacement.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind

Achievements at a glance

ODI's Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) has continued its research programme on refugee livelihoods in protracted displacement, involving field based studies in Turkey, Jordan, Malaysia and Cameroon, which involved more than 300 interviews with refugees, host communities, states, aid agencies. The research focused on refugees own perspectives on their livelihoods as well as the institutions and networks that are important to them, and contrasted this with perceptions of the host communities and aid agencies.

HPG has also developed a Forum on Refugees and Migration in partnership with Chatham House, which aims to provide a platform that can bring together a range of disciplines and perspectives to discuss and advance more effective and equitable policies with respect to cross-border displacement. The Forum aims to provide opportunities for closer dialogue and exchange between the forced displacement and migration policy communities as well as influence the two compacts on migration and refugees.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

The refugee livelihoods research will result in 5 publications, which aim to highlight the perspectives of refugees and how they can be better integrated in assistance programmes.

The next policy brief for the ODI/Chatham House Forum will be on public perceptions of refugees and forced migrants with an upcoming roundtable event. Over the next 2 years the Forum aims to convene 4 high level forum meetings and 4 smaller roundtables and produce a number of shorter policy briefs.

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Keywords

- People-centred approach Refugees

Specific Initiatives

- Platform on Disaster Displacement

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- 3A - Reduce and address displacement 3B - Address the vulnerabilities of



migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ODI commits to continuing to serve as a secretariat for the Regional Organisations Humanitarian Action Network (ROHAN) as a vehicle for sharing information and analysis amongst regional organizations and strengthening the expansion of the network, supporting it to become independent.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Recognising the potentially transformative power of unconditional humanitarian cash transfers, ODI commits to supporting scaling up cash through evidence-based policy advisory and influencing efforts, including convening discussion and research with diverse stakeholders and organising a cash conference in 2017.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Achievements at a glance

ODI partnered with the AHA Centre to co-host the 2016 ROHAN Conference in Jakarta. Attended by representatives from nine regional organisations, the conference covered issues ranging from disaster management to regional organisations' place in the international humanitarian system. ODI is supporting ROHAN members to achieve their commitments by establishing new channels for communication, including quarterly conference calls, and producing synthesis documents of member's commitments and progress.

The ODI has undertaken a consultation on the findings of the High Level Panel on Humanitarian Cash Transfers and commissioned research to develop a better baseline of the volume of international humanitarian financing going to cash and voucher responses. Case studies in Ukraine, Nepal, Mozambique, Iraq and the DRC examined the potential for cash to be provided more effectively and efficiently. The Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU, IRC and ODI hosted a roundtable event on cash in December 2016 in Brussels.

How is your organization assessing progress

Following the WHS, ODI produced an online survey circulated to ROHAN members to elicit feedback on the WHS Special Session and thoughts on the network's future. The survey was completed by respondents from six regional organisations and has informed ODI's planning on ROHAN activities.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

ODI has begun planning with the African Union for the 2017 ROHAN Conference, which will be held in July 2017 in Addis Ababa. ODI will work closely with the AU and other regional organisation representatives to plan the meeting agenda.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems , what would it be

For cash to be a catalyst for more systemic and transformative improvements in humanitarian action, a greater willingness is needed from both individual organisations to look beyond agency self-interest and from donor governments to better coordinate their funding and help to drive change.

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Keywords

Cash

Innovation

Specific Initiatives

Regional Organisations Humanitarian Action Network (ROHAN)



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- 4A - Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems
- 4C - Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ODI commits to producing analysis which helps donors and governments understand how to prioritize solutions that make progress on the concepts of risk and resilience which feature heavily in the World Humanitarian Summit and linked agreements including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals, and Paris Agreement. This will have a specific focus on building resilience to climate extremes and disasters.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
ODI commits to undertaking research to improve understanding of the linked challenges of climate change, natural hazard-related disasters, conflict and fragility and the implications for international aid.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Achievements at a glance

ODI's Humanitarian Policy Group is the learning partner of the Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS) programme, a 4 year partnership funded by DFID. HPG is also part of the Urban Crises Learning Partnership, a 2-year learning partnership funded by the IIED, generating learning and evidence on how to improve urban humanitarian responses to conflict and disasters.

ODI's Risk & Resilience programme's quarterly Resilience Scan has looked at conflict resilience, food security and conflict, water resilience and climate resilience, and the symmetries between them. With UNDP, Risk and Resilience has also produced research on climate-induced migration. The Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) produced a paper in August 2016 to test a theory of change describing how humanitarian and development finance can be used together to protect development gains.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

ODI's Risk & Resilience team are working with UNISDR to produce a follow up report to the Sendai Framework which will look at trajectories of progress in terms of implementation in key countries, Hyogo and beyond.

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Keywords

- Disaster Risk Reduction Urban

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- 4B - Anticipate, do not wait, for crises 4C - Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
ODI commits to developing strategic collaborations with think tanks and academic institutions in crisis-affected regions and in emerging donor countries in order to share expertise, including initiating joint research, staff exchange and joint events throughout its research cycle.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Achievements at a glance

ODI's Humanitarian Policy Group has conducted a number of joint research projects, including a study in Cameroon involving seven local researchers from national NGOs and local community and refugee organisations as part of a study of refugee livelihoods in protracted crises.

ODI continued its engagement with Asian academic institutions including the Chinese Academy of Governance and the Chinese Academy of Social Science and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. It is exploring future events and research collaborations relating to a forthcoming study on Chinese humanitarian action.

ODI has developed a partnership with the Doha Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies (CHS) at the Doha Institute in Qatar. Two research fellows from HPG delivered classes to students of the MSc in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action (CMHA). A roundtable discussion was also held in February 2017 to discuss Gulf donorship, opportunities and challenges to international cooperation.

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Keywords

Innovation

Refugees

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

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ROHAN Annual Meeting 2016 Report.pdf
Gulf Country Donorship Roundtable Summary.pdf