



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Development Initiatives 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name
Development Initiatives

Organisational Type
Other

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

Focal Point Name
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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

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Development Initiatives believes in the use of data to drive poverty eradication and sustainable development. We work to ensure that decisions about the allocation of finance and resources result in an end to poverty, increase the resilience of the world's most vulnerable people, and ensure no one is left behind. Our WHS commitment is underpinned by a drive to ensure that these decisions are made using good quality, transparent data and evidence on poverty and resources.

Achievements at a glance

In June 2016 we published the Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2016, a comprehensive reference tool on crisis-related requirements and resourcing. The report was launched in June 2016 to coincide with ECOSOC, Grand Bargain and Good Humanitarian Donorship discussions. Key findings from the report and other related publications were communicated throughout the remainder of the year at other key events and discussions.

As technical lead of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) Secretariat, we continue to provide guidance and support to help organisations to publish to the IATI Standard. In October 2016, with funding from the Government of the Netherlands, we began implementing a project to support the Grand Bargain commitment on transparency. The project raises awareness of the IATI Standard, improves technical capacity to publish and use humanitarian data, and monitors progress against the transparency commitment.

How is your organization assessing progress

We regularly monitor progress against objectives to ensure that our research and analysis responds to and informs current developments in investments to end poverty and build resilience. Our project to support the Grand Bargain commitment on transparency includes the development of an online dashboard to monitor progress of the Grand Bargain signatories in publishing high-quality data to the IATI Standard.

Challenges faced in implementation

No major challenges in this reporting period.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

We will continue to provide independent and rigorous data-led analysis to help others to make informed decisions that lead to better outcomes for people affected by poverty and crisis. This will include the publication of the 2017 Global Humanitarian Assistance report in June. Also in 2017 our work on the Grand Bargain transparency commitment will include a baseline assessment of the extent to which the signatories and other key partners currently publish information to the IATI Standard and a roadmap for the way forward to achieve greater transparency of humanitarian financing.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing , what would it be

We believe that greater transparency can advance the transformation 'Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency'. Transparency is a fundamental part of improving the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of all crisis-related financing – humanitarian, development and beyond. IATI sets a clear direction for improving humanitarian transparency.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Accountability to affected people



Specific Initiatives

- Grand Bargain

Agenda for Humanity

- 5E - Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency



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