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# **Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Danish Refugee Council 2016**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Danish Refugee Council

**Organisational Type**

NGO - International

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**Attachments**

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## 1B Act early

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to strengthen its organisational capacity to systematically conduct and share conflict analyses when addressing the root causes of conflict and displacement.	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

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

DRC operates in 22 out of 38 fragile countries in the world. In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, DRC's mandate and programmatic ambition is also to promote solutions to displacement problems and address root causes of conflict. Building our capacity for conflict analysis serves a do-no-harm purpose for our own programs. It also serves as a commitment to inform other actors' responses (be it operational or policy-wise) in fragile environments, where there are many triggers for conflict and displacement. DRC recognizes our need to expand our capacity further to undertake conflict analysis as a distinct skill-set.

### Achievements at a glance

DRC has recruited a Global Conflict Analysis Advisor with the mandate to ensure that processes, guidance and tools are developed. Planned start up activities include: 1) Scoping: create overview DRC engagement in conflict analysis and conflict sensitivity analysis, assess quality of past conflict analyses and how they have been used and identify needs for future technical support and training. 2) Develop process descriptions, workplans, budget formats, ToRs for researchers when implementing conflict analyses and ensuring conflict sensitivity, identify data collection and analysis tools and develop guidelines and manuals for conflict analysis and for development of conflict sensitivity frameworks for DRC/DDG projects. 3) Develop and deliver basic training sessions. 4) Provide quality assurance and other technical support. 5) Develop conflict analysis survey data collection tools.

Three robust conflict analyses were produced in 2016 (Libya; Kyaka and Nakivale (Uganda), and NE Nigeria) and shared with relevant stakeholders.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Immediate change will be assessed through performance of the Global Conflict Analysis Advisor, in terms of outputs and changes in staff capacity will be assessed by the Global Programme Lead on DRC's programme platform on addressing root causes to conflict and displacement. In the longer run, change will be assessed through the buy-in by managers to prioritize to undertake resource conflict analysis as a minimum operational modality.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Competing priorities around organizational priorities and capacities, leading to inability to resource the new global function with a substantial funding portfolio to drive the standardization, implementation and roll-out of conflict analysis capacity.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Global conflict assessment advisor will deliver against a work plan, and gradually expand his outreach to country / regional programs.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives



## Keywords

- Accountability to affected people

## Agenda for Humanity

- 1C - Remain engaged and invest in stability



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council, through its Humanitarian Mine Action and Armed Violence Reduction Unit, the Danish Demining Group, commits to intensify its direct engagement in preventing loss of life and injury to civilians from explosive weapons in populated areas and to strengthening its work to find community-based solutions to prevent armed violence.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### 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

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

The Danish Demining Group (DDG), a unit within DRC, has specialized and developed a range of high quality products and approaches to address armed violence at the community level ranging from clearance of mines and ERWs, reducing number and negative impacts of small arms, to risk and conflict management education, including community policing. DDG is also active in global advocacy to advance international treaties on armed violence. This commitment reflects the ambition of DRC to build on and expand the number of people benefiting from DDGs interventions to create a safer environment without threat of armed violence and explosive ordnance.

### Achievements at a glance

Over a two year period, DDG has increased the number of beneficiaries as follows:

- as per end 2016, 706,000 individuals benefited from DDGs mine and ERW clearance activities, constituting a 18% increase compared to the start of 2015
- as per end 2016, 1,800,500 individuals benefited from DDGs Risk Education activities, constituting a 52% increase compared to the start of 2015
- as per end 2016, 35,000 individuals benefited from DDGs community-based armed violence reduction activities, constituting a 46% increase compared to the start of 2015.

### How is your organization assessing progress

DDG systematically tracks output and outcome monitoring through an elaborated MEL system and database

### Challenges faced in implementation

Access to people affected by armed violence is a constant challenge. In addition, it is a challenge to maintain a volume of mine/ERW action projects necessary to sustain highly technical operations and staff.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

DDG pursues further programmatic growth for the benefit of people affected by armed violence. On the capacity side, DDG focus on increasing performance on outcome monitoring and establishing more partnerships.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Keywords



People-centred approach



## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to proactively engage in coordinated efforts to promote and mobilize states' and armed non-state actors' compliance with and respect for international humanitarian, human rights and refugee law. Specifically, it commits to support joint advocacy efforts to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects.	Advocacy	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
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

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

This commitment expresses DRC's determination to remain a strong advocate for the respect of human rights and international humanitarian law. DRC will continue to pursue joint advocacy through global, regional and country-based alliances.

### Achievements at a glance

Our ambition to expand our capacity for undertaking (joint) evidence-based advocacy is reflected in DRC's global 4-year strategic plan (3/5 global strategic priorities serve this purpose). Since June 2016, DRC has produced/contributed to and disseminated 5 advocacy papers at the global level, 2 of them as joint NGO initiatives for the HLM Summit and to HC Protection Dialogue for UNHCR SCOM. At EU level, DRC contributed to 4 inter-agency advocacy statements, produced 3 DRC recommendation papers/presentations, and participated in 2 expert roundtables on EU policies and actions related to refugee and migrant protection. At field level, DRC is co-leading 2 protection clusters, is member of 1 HCT, and has established regional advocacy programs in 2 regions. Core field advocacy priorities include: access to IDPs and besieged, legal stay documentation for refugees; child marriage; child labour; advocacy on protection crises e.g Nigeria and Lake Chad; voluntary return in safety ...

### How is your organization assessing progress

Progress on DRCs global strategic priorities (of which DRC's corporate advocacy capacity is central) is being assessed on a quarterly basis. At global and EU level, progress is measured against an annual workplan and reporting. No structured process for assessing progress at field level has been laid out.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Difficulties pertain mostly to measurement on advocacy outcomes and activities. DRC's country and regional programs and global entities undertake advocacy in many different ways and take many different forms. Focus and relevance are guided by DRC's mandate, but depend to a large extent on challenges and opportunities in the context. Hence, coherence between levels is a challenge. Quantifying the output and measuring outcomes is underdeveloped in DRC as of now.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017



Production of a global engagement and advocacy plan (GAEP) is pending, and will possibly be resourced within 2017. Will set common priorities, and establish a MEL framework that will allow for more coherent tracking of outputs and outcomes.

**Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

**Keywords**

- Humanitarian principles                       Refugees

**Agenda for Humanity**

- 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
The Danish Refugee Council commits to a new approach to addressing forced displacement by recognising displacement as both a humanitarian and a development challenge and thinking of solutions from the onset of a crisis. It commits to addressing the risks and vulnerabilities of forcibly displaced persons and to working to strengthen their protection, resilience and self-reliance with the view to securing transitional and durable solutions.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
The Danish Refugee Council commits to actively support the development and implementation of a new Global Compact on responsibility sharing for refugees centred on predictability and fairness, and which addresses the needs and concerns of the large group of rejected asylum seekers and migrants not protected and covered by international refugee instruments. It commits to advocate that states who are not doing their fair share strengthen their engagement in resettlement efforts and increase the number of legal pathways for admission of refugees.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
The Danish Refugee Council commits to being a strong advocate for acknowledging the role and efforts of countries hosting large numbers of refugees and to push for more resources to be directed to displacement affected countries.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind
The Danish Refugee Council commits to retain solutions to displacement as a corporate priority and to systematically identify, understand and work to dismantle barriers to solutions. It will ensure its programming is aimed at promoting transitional and durable solutions and centred on both strengthening resilience and upholding the rights of the displaced. Further, the Danish Refugee Council commits to advocate for the political will required to advance the search for solutions and to be an active supporter of the Solutions Alliance.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
The Danish Refugee Council commits to support and advance the core principles of non-refoulement, the right to seek and enjoy asylum and the compliance with and implementation of international and regional laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

### 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>

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

With a displacement mandate, and given the increasing protractedness of displacement, DRC is a strong protagonist of bridging the humanitarian and development divide. Internally we must be able to address acute needs through emergency assistance, but we must also be able to deliver transitional and durable solutions within a medium- to long-term (development) perspective. In addition to building internal capacities and refining solutions oriented approaches in partnership with others, we have a responsibility to influence the political and institutional environment that sets the frame for addressing displacement. We must work to overcome bureaucratic funding obstacles and promote solution-friendly policies.

### Achievements at a glance

DRC has introduced a new global Response Framework, linking 3 core programmatic platforms intended to bridge DRC emergency programming, programming in support of solutions for displaced populations and programming that addresses root causes in fragile environment, i.e. a deliberate attempts to design programmes that address these issues in interrelated and comprehensive manners. In the reporting period all DRC country programmes, have framed their programmes in the context of the new response framework. DRC has devised an engagement plan for the global compact on refugees with a focus on advancing a principled solutions agenda. DRC has produced and advanced statements in connection to the NY summit, and at the EU level participated in panel discussions, and consultations with EEAS and issued joint recommendations to the EU. At field level, DRC initiated and hosted joint NGO secretariats in support of solutions (ReDSS, DSP), taking central role in regional evidence-based advocacy (routables, reports).



### **How is your organization assessing progress**

A global lead for the so-called "solutions programme platform" secures coherence of DRC's engagement in various forms (programme, evidence, advocacy) and at various levels (global-regional-field), and monitors progress. The work is guided by DRC's global 4-year strategic plan, v2020. Annual planning and reporting is done with reference to DRC's senior management group which includes senior field staff.

### **Challenges faced in implementation**

Despite ambitious global commitments, the political reality makes it difficult to make headway in promoting solutions-friendly approach and policies to displacement (in particular refugee) crisis, and also a challenge to safeguard core principles for refugee protection. In addition, it remains a challenge for DRC as a civil society organization to identify obvious entry points for engagement in the many state-led processes. Internally, the challenge is to make the most of the various field-driven initiatives, and invest global resources for maximum global impact.

### **Next step to advance implementation in 2017**

Contribute to global efforts to bring forward and translate "the new ways of working" into refugee crisis, and explore an expanded / new role for civil society in these processes. Further, a focus for DRC will be to advance a principled solutions-agenda in context of the global compacts, and to establish a space for people of concern to influence longer-term responses to displacement.

### **Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

#### **Keywords**

IDPs

Refugees

#### **Agenda for Humanity**

3C - End statelessness in the next decade



## 3D Empower and protect women and girls

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to further enhance its technical and operational expertise on gender sensitive humanitarian and longer term response in line with international standards and frameworks. Further, it commits to continue to prioritise and address gender-based violence in its programming and response.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

### 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

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

While we are not an agency specialized in women's or children's rights, it remains important for DRC to build and maintain staff and organizational capacity to do gender-sensitive programming and to deliver high quality protection responses to violations primarily targeting women and children, such as GBV. The commitment reaffirms DRC's determination to keep building internal capacity in gender-sensitivity and GBV response, based on a structure with no global GBV specialists (but two global general protection specialists) and only a few DRC-specific guidelines for gender and GBV work, but a large network of protection (and GBV) specialists based in the field.

### Achievements at a glance

During the course of 2016, the 'Guidance on Protection Analysis' was finalised which comprises analytical tools identifying protection risks (threats, vulnerabilities and capacities across age, gender and diversity). Trainings in applying these analytical tools have been convened at global, regional and country level. In addition, 'DRC Child Protection Policy' was revised and updated - a policy aimed at ensuring the protection of and consideration of the particular protection risks and needs of girls and boys. Similarly, DRC developed the 'DRC Child Safeguarding Policy' with the aim to safeguard and protect children (across gender, age and diversity) by creating awareness among staff of what Child Safeguarding is, by prohibiting harm against a child/children, and by enforcing mechanisms to address complaints about suspected Child Safeguarding matters. On GBV, 8 out of 39 country programmes (21%) implement projects with GBV components.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Global protection specialists in HQ maintain an overview of DRCs protection programmes and protection capacity in field operations. Through an annual planning process, they identify gaps in capacity, and addresses them through direct support (in terms of trainings) as well as development and dissemination of global standards. Child Protection and GBV have been on the annual work plan of the global protection specialists for a number of years.

### Challenges faced in implementation

DRC is a decentralized organization with significant freedom at regional/country level to lead programming and implement responses. The prime responsibility for programme quality also rests with the regional / country managers, including mobilizing resources for quality assurance. The global specialists provide overall guidance and monitoring of quality and capacity gaps, and have the mandate to impose quality enhancing measures on country / regional operations. The main challenge, thus, is to ensure coherence across country / regional programmes in terms of approaches and programming focus.



### **Next step to advance implementation in 2017**

The global protection specialists have GBV on their work plan for 2017, when it comes to developing DRC-specific guidelines for quality response.

### **Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

#### **Keywords**

Gender

#### **Agenda for Humanity**

2D - Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to being a leading international actor on the advancement of cash based programming at the conceptual, strategic and operational level in displacement contexts around the globe, and to using cash interventions as a modality for efficient delivery and ensuring targeted populations have dignified access to aid.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
The Danish Refugee Council commits to make the reduction of conflict and displacement a corporate priority by promoting peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies. It commits to continuously develop comprehensive bottom-up programmes to strengthen social cohesion within and between communities by strengthening the rule of law and access to justice, and supporting inclusive local governance and the delivery of basic services.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
The Danish Refugee Council, as an international front line responder, commits to further engage with local and national partners in a spirit of genuine partnership at all stages of strategic, programmatic and operational engagement, driven by the principle of providing the best possible solutions to displaced communities.	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 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

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

DRC puts people affected by displacement and conflict at the centre of our work. By extension, we need to constantly challenge ourselves to improve in the way we serve people of concern and to avoid becoming self-contained, avoid path dependencies and default programming. Keeping a constant focus on changing our approaches in ways that can empower people and strengthen local systems translate these commitments to advance cash-programming, refining bottom-up methodologies, and develop ways we work in partnerships with national and local partners. These commitments underpin DRC's core strategic and programmatic priorities.

### Achievements at a glance

Regarding cash transfer programming, in 2015, DRC recruited a Global Cash Advisor, which has in 2016 developed and rolled-out a CTP ToT (a total of 126 staff have been trained since start 2016), and 10 key staff have received structured capacity building. A total of 130 staff (programme+admin/logs) with cash-competency work in DRC's programmes as per end 2016. Regarding bottom-up programmes, a global lead in developing further DRC's bottom-up programmes to address root causes and long-term effects of displacement has been appointed. An immediate result is to ensure a 92% growth (finance-wise) in this area of programming with DRC's core strategic donor Danida from 2017-2018. Regarding partnerships, at the end of 2016, DRC maintains 51 local partners for implementation. The 51 local partners are engaged in only 18 projects out of 321. The trend is, therefore, that DRC maintains a limited but intensive partnership approach in programming.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Cash: global cash advisor delivers on an annual work plan based on global and field CTP, both in terms of volume and quality.  
Bottom-up: a global lead delivers on a work plan to roll-out a global "addressing root causes" programmatic platform (capacity building, standards, QA). Project volume will be monitored via a revision of DRC's grant management system.  
Partnerships: partnership is 1 of 5 global strategic priorities for DRC. Progress on the related change projects are being monitored on a quarterly basis by senior management. As per 2017, mandatory for country programmes to devise partnership strategy

### Challenges faced in implementation

Commitments are pursued through different work streams.

Cash: cash-at-scale, trends to centralize provision through one-partner approach. Keeping up with technological development

Bottom-up: generating funding for programmes. Available funding instruments focussed on state-building not accessible for NGOs, and not focussed on communities

Partnerships: DRC is self-implementing and perceives itself to be a first-line responder. Local partnerships always pursued but in first instance with existing community structures and local authorities, not necessarily NNGOs or national authorities. More classic partnerships more suitable for DRC in more stable contexts and development-oriented programming. Here DRC wishes to advance approaches.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

- Recruit roving cash advisor to build capacity among staff and help set-up CTP systems/capacity in smaller programs
- Refinement and further development of bottom-up programmes under addressing root causes programme platform: global resourcing, training, full alignment in country programs
- Development of global partnership strategy and pursuit of partnerships under Grand Bargain, Global Compacts and other key global and regional processes, expanding / piloting partnership modalities with private sector

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Keywords

Cash

#### Agenda for Humanity

3A - Reduce and address displacement



## 4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to work towards transcending the humanitarian-development divide and to seek closer links between humanitarian and development programming in displacement contexts. It will support global, regional, national and thematic efforts to narrow the gap between short and long term approaches to supporting people in need, and will act as an advocate for joint efforts towards innovative, contextualised solutions.	Operational	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

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

With a displacement mandate, and given the increasing protractedness of displacement, DRC is a strong protagonist of bridging the humanitarian and development divide. Internally we must be able to address acute needs through emergency assistance, but we must also be able to deliver transitional and durable solutions within a medium- to long-term (development) perspective. In addition to building internal capacities and refine solutions oriented approaches in partnership with others, we have a responsibility to influence the political and institutional environment that sets the frame for addressing displacement. We must work to overcome bureaucratic funding obstacles and promote solution-friendly policies.

### Achievements at a glance

DRC has introduced a new global Response Framework, linking 3 core programmatic platforms intended to bridge DRC emergency programming, programming in support of solutions for displaced populations and programming that address root causes in fragile environment, i.e. a deliberate attempt to design programme that address these issues in interrelated and comprehensive manners. In the reporting period all DRC country programmes, have framed their programmes in the context of the new response framework. DRC has devised an engagement plan for the global compact on refugees with focus on advancing a principled solutions agenda. DRC has produced and advanced statements in connection to the NY summit, and at the EU level participated in panel discussions, and consultations with EEAS and issued joint recommendations to the EU. At field level, DRC initiated and hosted joint NGO secretariats in support of solutions (ReDSS, DSP), taking central role in regional evidence-based advocacy (routables, reports).

### How is your organization assessing progress

A global lead for the so-called "solutions programme platform" secures coherence of DRC's engagement in various forms





(programme, evidence, advocacy) and at various levels (global-regional-field), and monitors progress. The work is guided by DRC's global 4-year strategic plan, v2020. Annual planning and reporting is done with reference to DRC's senior management group which includes senior field staff. In the reporting period all DRC country programmes as part of their annual review circle were requested to frame their programmes in the context of the new response framework, and will report against progress in their annual programme review events.

### **Challenges faced in implementation**

A global lead for the so-called "solutions programme platform" secures coherence of DRCs engagement in various forms (programme, evidence, advocacy) and at various levels (global-regional-field), and monitors progress. The work is guided by DRC's global 4-year strategic plan, v2020. Annual planning and reporting is done with reference to DRCs senior management group which includes senior field staff.

### **Next step to advance implementation in 2017**

Contribute to global efforts to bring forward and translate "the new ways of working" into refugee crisis, and explore an expanded / new role for civil society in these processes. Further, a focus for DRC will be to advance a principled solutions-agenda in context of the global compacts, and to establish a space for people of concern to influence longer-term responses to displacement.

### **Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

#### **Keywords**

IDPs

Refugees

#### **Agenda for Humanity**

3A - Reduce and address displacement

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Danish Refugee Council commits to the principle that donor reporting requirements should be simplified, proportionate and coherent, as indicated in the Grand Bargain, and will remain a collaborative supporter of the on-going dialogue between donors and implementing partners to ensure the successful outcome of initiatives on improved donor reporting, such as "less paper, more aid".	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

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

DRC has a complex donor portfolio, and therefore a myriad of reporting requirements. We have a very strong interest in reducing complexity, easing work loads and thereby releasing more time for quality

### Achievements at a glance

Sponsoring and partaking in workstream #9 related to harmonized and simplified reporting requirements. Tentatively proposed pilot country. In 2017, DRC will be invited to final selection of pilot countries by the end of March 2017.

### How is your organization assessing progress

DRC's engagement in the Grand Bargain workstream #9 rests with the Head of HQ Compliance and Risk Unit, who is monitoring progress on the potential field pilot by a DRC operation, and engaging in the global discussions on behalf of DRC.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Keeping informed and engaged in the workstream when not being in the lead.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Participation in field pilot of common reporting format.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

### Specific Initiatives

Grand Bargain