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FOR HUMANITY**
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Slovakia 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Slovakia

Organisational Type

Member State

City and Country where Headquartered

Bratislava, Slovakia

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1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovakia commits to create a new, complex system of national humanitarian aid, incorporating a research component for strengthening the prevention and prediction of crises. Slovakia will also introduce necessary legislative acts, clearly defining competencies as well as their bearers in order to fill up missing capacities.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Achievements at a glance

The evaluation of the Slovak Republic practice of providing humanitarian aid has been initiated. The evaluation is in process.



3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovakia is committed to assist children affected by violence in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Libya by providing access to education. Through educational projects and supply of necessary equipment in refugee camps, Slovakia is also committed to secure better conditions for children's return to their original environment.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Slovakia will undertake a review of the current system of governmental scholarships, where the main element will be a substantial increase in the number of scholarships in order to give brighter prospects to young people. Special focus will be paid to the refugee community in Syria and neighbouring countries of the Near and Middle East.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

Achievements at a glance

In line with the decision of the Government of the Slovak Republic 30 governmental scholarships were provided for the school year 2016/17. There shall be an additional 520 governmental scholarships provided mostly for Syrian refugees in the course of 2017/2021.

In addition, the Slovak Republic as of 2016 has prepared a special grant scheme and adjusted other modalities of the Slovak Republic's development cooperation to support education and health care humanitarian projects in Syria and neighbouring countries. The total amount of finance provided was over EUR 1.1 million. This does not encompass financial means provided to various international organisations to deal with the consequences of the migration crisis in 2016.



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
To motivate the involvement of private sector in providing humanitarian assistance, Slovakia will seek to adopt a legislative framework that would reduce the tax burden of commercial entities providing humanitarian aid.	Policy	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 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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Achievements at a glance

The amendment of the Income Tax Law of the Slovak Republic (valid from January 1, 2017) grants the exemption from duty of income tax payment in cases of the products (material) provided by commercial entities to the state is used as official humanitarian aid abroad. In this regard, additional law amendments (VAT Law Act) are under consideration.



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

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Slovakia's commitments would require additional new resources generated either by the private sector or allocated from the public budget. Starting from 2016, Slovakia will launch its effort to double the volume of funds provided for humanitarian aid and continually raise public funds for development and humanitarian projects, with the goal of facilitating the greatest possible synergy between development cooperation and humanitarian aid.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
To cope with the growing number of humanitarian needs Slovakia will provide the new module for the short-term missions to be used by the EU Mechanism for Civil Protection in emergencies.	Training	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Achievements at a glance

The total volume of humanitarian aid of the Slovak Republic in 2015 totaled EUR 2.252 million. Humanitarian aid provided by the Slovak Republic in 2016 totaled EUR 10.5 million.

With respect to the new module for short-term mission to be used by the EU Mechanism for Civil Protection, no progress can be reported yet.