



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Webster University 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Webster University

Organisational Type

Academia

City and Country where Headquartered

St. Louis, United States of America

Focal Point Name

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Region

North America

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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Webster University Geneva's International Relations Department commits to understand and respect Human Rights and develop a human rights and international humanitarian law culture in war-thorn regions.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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

Webster University Geneva wanted new, more practical postgraduate education; an educational model change. We designed a new curriculum focused on managing, understanding and upholding International Humanitarian Emergencies, Human Rights and Human Security.

Achievements at a glance

We could create a new MAINGO (MA in International and Nongovernmental Education) aimed at mid-career professionals and officials in both the public and private sector as well as NGOs. We also created new graduate courses on Food and Water Security and International Disaster Law.

How is your organization assessing progress

Through the increasing number of students interested in our graduate program and in our executive education certificates.

Challenges faced in implementation

Budget, advertising campaign and fundraising for new permanent faculty positions.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

More students and more funding.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Agenda for Humanity

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



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Webster University Geneva's International Relations Department commits to establishing a common approach to providing information to affected people and collecting, aggregating and analysing feedback from communities to influence decision-making processes at strategic and operational levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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

We wanted to brown our knees in the field and try to organize more internships and field trips for our students. Matching theory with practice is of paramount importance for our Global Citizenship Program. The latter aims at educating modern citizens and responsible humanitarian actors.

Achievements at a glance

Higher involvement of the Webster Humanitarian Association (WHA), a student-run, campus-based NGO, in all Human Rights-related activities of our Department including the organization of the annual Humanitarian Conference. The latter has been organized in cooperation with the ICRC and the UNHCR for about twenty years.

How is your organization assessing progress

Number of students volunteering for the annual Humanitarian Conference. Number of certificates in Migration and Refugee Studies.

Challenges faced in implementation

Lower budget, donors' motivation, new permanent faculty.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Higher budget and new permanent faculty.

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