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FOR HUMANITY**
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - The Humanitarian Forum 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

The Humanitarian Forum

Organisational Type

Other

City and Country where Headquartered

London, United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland

Focal Point Name

Hany El Bana

Region

Global

Twitter ID

Nil



1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

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

In order to bring the attention to policy makers, in November 2016, the president of The Humanitarian Forum Dr Hany met with British Politicians: The Right Honourable Ms Clare Short and the MP Mr Andrew Mitchell. This meeting, in addition to several other communications resulted in a working visit to Syrian refugees camps in Turkey and Lebanon. The trip had great coverage in the British media and was mentioned in a discussion in Parliament.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Refugees



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

Individual Commitments

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The Humanitarian Forum commits to make sustained funding conditional on the systematic collection of feedback from affected people on the quality and utility of humanitarian programmes.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
The Humanitarian Forum 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
The Humanitarian Forum commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

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 reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need



<p>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.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity</p>

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The relief work in Syria has been greatly affected due to the struggles and harassment that the rescue teams and the local and international relief teams face. The need to train relief cadres working in the civil society institutions is becoming urgent, so that they can perform their jobs to the best of their abilities. Thus, this initiative is complementary to the efforts exerted by the Syrian civil society institutions to relieve the Syrian people. This program aims to make several workshops and intensive courses that aim to reinforce the building of civil society institutions, developing its cadres' skills as well as the potentials of young people and volunteers. This is done together with civil society institutions, where what is focused on is enabling the cadres to develop their ideas and stimulating their creative thinking in making strategic plans to implement projects depending on the vital basic needs of the people, and serving the society. The suggested program depends on the cooperation of the giving international institutions in organizing these training programs with each one of the Humanitarian Forum, the networks, and the Syrian Unions depending on qualifying and training the emerging Syrian civil society institutions.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

To keep the momentum flowing for reinforced partnership and coordination among humanitarian actors in the South and North post WHS 2016 and in order to ensure enhanced coherence in humanitarian response, The Humanitarian Forum will organise an annual conference, under the title 'World Humanitarian Action Week' to facilitate communication and coordination between all stakeholders and increasing effectiveness in their policy engagement strategies. First conference to take place in London, in November 2017.

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People-centred approach



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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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 Humanitarian Forum's efforts continues to prevent the drastic famine of 2011 to be repeated in Somalia. On 11 April, we organised a humanitarian coordination meeting in Mogadishu, in partnership with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the Somali Federal Government and UNOCHA. The main aim of the meeting was to prevent the famine from happening again and to mitigate the effects of the drought. There is a huge number of displaced Somalis, who escaped to the big cities leaving the hard-hit urban areas. The final statement of the meeting called for urgent assistance to displaced populations to save lives, protect livelihoods and reduce further displacement.

In partnership with the Muslim Charities Forum, a high profile delegation visit was organised to Somaliland, 8-10 April, to bring the world's attention to the drought crisis in Somalia. It included a delegation of five charities with MP Diane Abbot. The delegation visited Somaliland to witness first-hand the ongoing drought in the region and to highlight to press and policymakers the urgency of the situation. The briefing was attended by journalists from print and broadcast media including BBC Somali and has resulted in widespread coverage of the visit. The delegation was received by Ahmed Mohamed Mohamoud, President of Somaliland, and the mainstream national media.

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IDPs

Refugees

Agenda for Humanity

4C - Deliver collective outcomes:



transcend humanitarian-development
divides



5A Invest in local capacities

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

Following on from a side event run by The Humanitarian Forum at the World Humanitarian Summit (event title: De-Risking & Remittances: Cooperation Between Financial Institutions and The Humanitarian Sector) participants recommended to address issues of de-risking strategies of financial institutions by carrying out case studies that document the catastrophic consequences of the stringent legislation on transferring funds, particularly to those located in high risk areas.



5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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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

Achievements at a glance

The Humanitarian Forum joined a dialogue/focus group in Brussels from 1-2 December 2016, on exploring obstacles that stand in the way of deepening collaboration between the conventional development and aid sector and its corresponding institutions active in the Muslim world. This is the third of four meetings and builds upon three years of successful research and programming. The project is funded and organised by The British Council, The Council on Foreign Relations, The Carter Center, and The Institute for Strategic Dialogue. The Brussels meeting was funded directly by the EU Commission. This meeting is the third of four such meetings we have conducted under the auspices of the Civic Approaches to Conflict Prevention research initiative (funded by the EU Commission).

The discussions from the Brussels meeting--which was structured both as a focus group and cross-sector dialogue--will be added to the data being collected for a report to be delivered to the EU Commission's office of Service for Policy Instruments in July/August 2017.



Additional Reports

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