What is the Agenda for Humanity?

The Agenda for Humanity is a five-point plan to prevent and reduce human suffering during crises.

Through its 5 core responsibilities and 24 transformations, the Agenda for Humanity sets out a vision and a roadmap for how the humanitarian system can reduce humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability for the 130 million people who are affected by humanitarian crises and for the millions more people at risk.

Each core responsibility is underpinned by a number of strategic and normative transformations which outline the actions that are necessary in order to make the responsibilities a reality. Together, the core responsibilities and transformations form a framework for action, change and mutual accountability, against which we can collectively assess and review progress in the years to come.

The 5 core responsibilities are:

1. Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

2. Safeguarding the Norms that Uphold Humanity

3. Leave No One Behind

4. Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

5. Invest in Humanity

"The World Humanitarian Summit was one step toward our joint endeavor to reduce human suffering.

It is critical that we maintain this momentum to advance the Agenda for Humanity and deliver better results for people in the coming years."

– United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

The World Humanitarian Summit

The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) took place in Istanbul, Turkey, on 23 and 24 May 2016.

It brought together some 9,000 participants representing 180 Member States, over 700 local and international NGOs, the private sector and other stakeholders.

The Summit mobilized support and action for the Agenda for Humanity, and catalyzed major changes in the way we address humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.

At the Summit, stakeholders made more than 3,500 commitments to support the implementation of the Agenda for Humanity, and launched dozens of initiatives and partnerships to help deliver the changes needed.

Some of the major change initiatives launched at the Summit include the **New Way of Working** to bridge the humanitarian-development divide; the **Grand Bargain** on improving humanitarian efficiency and effectiveness; and a major push by all stakeholders to **empower local humanitarian actors** and reinforce local systems.

Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations

The Agenda for Humanity Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations (PACT) (http://agendaforhumanity.org) was created as a dynamic advocacy and implementation tool for all stakeholders in their efforts to advance the Agenda for Humanity.

The PACT displays the commitments to deliver on the Agenda for Humanity's 5 Core Responsibilities and 24 Transformations, and allows stakeholders to voluntarily self-report on their progress on an annual basis.

The PACT also serves as an information hub where stakeholders can learn more about the Agenda for Humanity and many of the major initiatives.

What is OCHA's role?

OCHA has three key roles post-WHS.

1. We need to continue to drive the Agenda for Humanity across the wider humanitarian system and with other actors at national, regional and headquarters level to deliver the necessary changes.

2. We must deliver on the commitments we made as an organization at the World Humanitarian Summit.

3. We must continue to mobilize stakeholders to review progress and refine priorities for action in the years to come.

What does OCHA say?

1. The Agenda for Humanity is unique in that it recognizes that humanitarian assistance and protection alone are not enough to sustainably reduce humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability. The complex challenges driving humanitarian crises require far-reaching solutions.

2. While recognizing that Member States have the primary responsibility for delivering humanitarian assistance and protection, the Agenda for Humanity is a call to action to all stakeholders to implement major changes that are needed to deliver better for the world's most vulnerable people.

3. The WHS was a point of departure. The ultimate success of the Summit will be measured by how well the global community delivers on the promise of the Agenda for Humanity. It is critical that stakeholders continue to meet to assess progress, share experiences and set new priorities for the years to come.

To find out more

- Visit website: agendaforhumanity.org

AGENDA FOR HUMANITY
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

#1 Prevent and end conflicts
#2 Respect rules of war
#3 Leave no one behind
#4 Work differently to end need
#5 Invest in humanity