

## UNICEF-WHS Commitments

### High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Women and Girls: Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality

*WHS Commitment 3: 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.*

#### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF commits to using open source software platforms (e.g. RapidPro) to support real-time GBV risk mapping and analysis, as well as strengthening accountability mechanisms, from tracking quality of services to feedback loops, to improve GBV programming in emergencies.

### High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Natural Disasters & Climate Change: Managing Risks and Crises Differently

*WHS Core Commitment 3: 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.*

*WHS Core Commitment 4: Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.*

#### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF commits to strengthen community resilience including through support to risk-informed programming, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation.

### High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Changing People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

*WHS Core Commitment 1: 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.*

#### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF commits to support capacity development of sub-national coordination mechanisms to allow for more effective leadership and coordination of the sectoral/ cluster response in the event of an emergency; and where relevant a more timely transition to national coordination structures, including transfer of skills and resources.
- UNICEF commits to support the effective implementation of the Education Crisis Platform and to respond collaboratively, with a particular emphasis on enabling humanitarian and development actors to put in place quick, strategic and agile responses to support the education needs of children in crisis.

## **High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Investing in Humanity**

*WHS Core Commitment 1: 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.*

### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF commits to systematically consider cash based programming in ways that build on and form the basis for sustainable social protection systems.

*WHS Core Commitment 2: 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.*

### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- Globally, UNICEF will increase the proportion of funds to local and national actors to at least 30% by 2018.

*WHS Core Commitment 5: Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table 6 on "Changing Lives").*

### **UNICEF Commitment:**

- For an integrated approach to resilient development and recovery, UNICEF will establish an "Integration Fund" to support programmes that systematically address vulnerability in fragile contexts and contribute to longer-term system strengthening.
- UNICEF is committed to seeking new ways to expand the pool of available resources, including by establishing new partnerships and pursuing innovative financing modalities such as Islamic financing, micro-levies and insurance-based mechanisms.

## **High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity**

*WHS Core commitment 1: Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.*

### **UNICEF Commitment**

- UNICEF will seek to end grave violations against children through strengthening its monitoring and reporting on child rights violations in situations of armed conflict and other crises and by supporting systems and procedures to respond to the needs of affected children and their families.

*WHS Core commitment 2: 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.*

**UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF will strengthen its advocacy with Member States and parties to conflict to stop the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, as well as attacks on, and the military use of, civilian infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, and water facilities.

*WHS Core Commitment 3: Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.*

**UNICEF Commitment:**

- In its engagement with governments and non-state actors, UNICEF commits to actively promote the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in humanitarian action by continuing to base its actions on the rights and needs of children.

*WHS Core commitment 4: Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.*

**UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF will continue to advocate for Member States and parties to conflict to end all attacks on health facilities, personnel and transport and to allow the provision of health services.

**High-Level Leaders' Roundtable Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts**

*WHS Core Commitment 1: Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.*

**UNICEF Commitment:**

- UNICEF commits to include conflict analysis, conflict sensitivity, and early warning, as an integral part of its operations, including in support of the Secretary General's Human Rights Upfront initiative.

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