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High-Level Leaders' Roundtable 6

Natural Disasters & Climate Change: Managing Risks and Crises Differently

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Madam Chair, Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The World Humanitarian Summit offers an important opportunity to improve not only the way we respond with humanitarian action, but also how we undertake development and build resilience so as to minimise humanitarian need. Disasters and crises are inseparable from issues of poverty, inequality, poor governance, and environmental degradation. Time and time again we have seen poor construction and corruption lead to floods; inappropriate land use planning generate landslides; and lack of land rights exacerbate conflicts. By strengthening community resilience, as community resilience is the foundation of sustainable resilience, we have the opportunity to reduce the humanitarian burden of disasters when they do hit. With the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Agenda 2030, and the Paris Agreement, we must work to align these policies so that all actions before, during and after disasters, build resilience to future crises.

To make humanitarian action more effective we must:

Strengthen community resilience before disasters

Towards this, GNDR commits to:

- Implement programmes that reduce vulnerability of marginalised groups, especially women
- Build civil society organisations' capacities to collaborate and enhance resilience

Build on local capacities and knowledge during disasters

Towards this, GNDR commits to:

- Share local perspectives on risk and resilience through our *Frontline* programme
- Connect national and local civil society organisations with other stakeholders to share experiences and capacities



Build back better after disasters

Towards this, GNDR commits to:

- Advocate for the use of post-disaster causal analysis to capture lessons learnt about development strengths and deficiencies
- Monitor resilience realities at the local level via the collection of high quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data

There is a strong realisation that partnership is crucial for building resilience. A partnership with civil society is therefore strongly required. Global leadership has to play a role to recognise this and ensure there is an enabling environment for civil society to engage and contribute and not be obstructed by shrinking political space.

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