



# **World Humanitarian Summit Commitments**

## **Canada**

### **2019**

## Individual commitments

### **1A** Demonstrate timely, coherent and decisive political leadership

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### **1B** Act early

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### **1C** Remain engaged and invest in stability

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### **1D** Develop solutions with and for people

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Canada will renew its National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	132024
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## **2A** Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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Canada commits to contributing to the collection of military best practice and policy to enhance the protection of civilians.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132012
Canada is committed to enhancing child protection and has provided CAD \$1 million in support to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict.	Financial Contribution ()	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132017
Canada is committed to enhancing child protection and has provided CAD \$1 million to support the Child Protection Working Group.	Financial Contribution ()	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132018
Canada will adhere to and promote the Kigali Principles on the Protection of Civilians in the context of peacekeeping operations.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132023

## **2B** Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

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Canada co-sponsored and supported UN Security Council resolution 2286 on Healthcare in Armed Conflict and will continue to advocate on this issue.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132014
Canada is committed to promoting principled humanitarian action. It convenes dialogues with humanitarian civil society organizations on a regular basis and encourages concerted efforts to speak out and address the challenges faced by humanitarians in complex environments.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132019
Canada is committed to providing timely and effective humanitarian assistance that respects the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132020

## 2C Speak out on violations

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## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Canada announced renewed funding to support the ICRC's Special Appeal on Strengthening Response to Sexual Violence with a contribution of CAD \$3 million (2016).	Financial Contribution ()	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132005

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As part of its revised commitments to the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Emergencies, Canada commits to provide dedicated multi-year funding toward GBV prevention and response in humanitarian contexts from 2017-2020, taking into account its importance at each phase of an emergency, from preparedness and onset through the transition to development. It also commits to strengthen and update existing guidance and tools -internal and external - on gender equality and GBV in humanitarian response. It will advocate for gender equality considerations and prevention and response to gender-based violence in international forum relevant to humanitarian contexts.	Financial	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132008	
Joint Commitments				
Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Canada aligns itself with the "UN Member States' Affirmation of the Importance of and Adherence to International Humanitarian Law".		Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132010
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">USA</a> , <a href="#">others</a>				
Canada is committed to becoming a State Party to the Arms Trade Treaty.		Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132016
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">USA</a>				



## Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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### Joint Commitments

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As part of a joint commitment initiated by Austria and Chile, Canada pledges to continue to promote ratification of and accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention by States. It remains gravely concerned about the continued use of anti-personnel mines and strongly condemns any such use by any actor. It further pledges to uphold its commitment to meet the humanitarian goal of the Convention - a world free from the use and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines, and to put an end to the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines through their complete eradication.		Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	132007
Other Partners that are yet to register: <a href="#">Austria</a> , <a href="#">Belgium</a> , <a href="#">Costa Rica</a> , <a href="#">Canada</a> , <a href="#">Ecuador</a> , <a href="#">El Salvador</a> , <a href="#">Mexico</a> , <a href="#">Luxemburg</a> , <a href="#">Germany</a> , <a href="#">Guatemala</a> , <a href="#">Serbia</a> , <a href="#">Slovenia</a> , <a href="#">Thailand</a> , <a href="#">Paraguay</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a> , <a href="#">Sweden</a> , <a href="#">Ukraine</a> and <a href="#">Chile</a> .				

## 3A Reduce and address displacement

### Individual Commitments

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Over the next three years, Canada commits to provide CAD \$1.1 billion to help people affected by conflict in the Middle East and to build capacity in the communities and countries hosting large numbers of refugees, such as Lebanon and Jordan (\$840 million and \$270 million in humanitarian and development funding, respectively, 2016-2018).	Financial Contribution ()	Leave No One Behind	132002

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Canada commits to resettle more refugees. Its target for 2016 is to resettle 44,800 refugees from around the world. This is triple the number of refugees Canada has settled in recent years.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	132013
Noting the progress achieved by the Protection Agenda of the Nansen Initiative, Canada commits to continue to address the protection needs of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and climate change at relevant levels through our active engagement within the new Platform on Disaster Displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	132026

### **3B Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration**

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### **3C End statelessness in the next decade**

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### **3D Empower and protect women and girls**

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Canada will improve capacity of Global Affairs Canada and its partners on gender equality mainstreaming and gender based violence (GBV) programming in humanitarian response through strengthened guidance and tools, to ensure all humanitarian programming is gender-responsive, and includes effective gender analysis, and monitoring and reporting on gender equality results.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	132009
Canada commits to advocating for the successful implementation of the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016-2030). Canada will particularly encourage the scale up of international efforts to end preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents, including in crisis settings.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	132011

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

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Canada registered as a supporter of the Education Platform.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	132021

## 3F Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation



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### **Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings**

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### **Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems**

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### **Anticipate, do not wait, for crises**

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### **Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides**

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Canada will contribute CAD \$125 million over five years (2016-2020) to the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) in Ethiopia.	Financial Contribution ()	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	132001
Canada has provided CAD \$331.5 million toward the 2016 humanitarian appeals.	Financial Contribution ()	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	132004
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## 5A Invest in local capacities

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Included in Canada's CAD \$331.5 million commitment, Canada has supported local humanitarian action through country-based pooled funds in Yemen (CAD \$5 million), South Sudan (CAD \$1 million) and the Central African Republic (CAD \$500,000).	Financial	Invest in Humanity	132025

## 5B Invest according to risk

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## **5C Invest in stability**

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Canada has announced its commitment to increase support for UN peace operations and its mediation, conflict-prevention, and post-conflict stabilization efforts.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	132015

## **5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing**

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## **5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency**

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Canada will provide CAD \$147 million for the Central Emergency Response Fund over 5 years (2016-2020).	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity	132003
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Canada supports and aligns itself with the Grand Bargain commitments.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	132022
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## Core Commitments

### Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.
- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

### Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

#### UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- 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.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

#### WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- 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.
- Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

### Leave No One Behind

#### LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND - A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- Commit to a new approach to addressing forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Commit to implementing this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement. Commit to take the necessary political, policy, legal and financial steps required to address these challenges for the specific context.

- ◻ Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.
- ◻ Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced population or receiving large numbers of returnees with the necessary political, policy and financial, support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.
- ◻ Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.
- ◻ Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.

#### **WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY**

- ◻ Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.
- ◻ Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- ◻ Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

### **Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need**

#### **CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES - FROM DELIVERING AID TO ENDING NEED**

- ◻ 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.
- ◻ Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.

#### **NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.
- Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.

#### **HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY**

- 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.
- 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.

#### **Invest in Humanity**

#### **HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY**

- 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.
- Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.
- 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 on "Changing Lives").