



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Concern Worldwide

2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Concern Worldwide commits to disseminate across the humanitarian community evidence of innovative and effective programming that addresses conflict.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	143008

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

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By 2018, all key Concern programme staff will receive training in the guiding principles of humanitarian action.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143001
Concern Worldwide commits to advocate for the full and unimpeded access of populations affected by disaster and conflict to humanitarian assistance.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143003

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Concern Worldwide commits to continue to expand knowledge of, and adherence to, the Programme Participant Protection Policy to all staff and partner organisations to reduce the incidence of sexual exploitation and abuse of local populations.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143007
Concern Worldwide will develop and implement strategies, to the extent possible, for the engagement of men and boys as part of the solution to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis settings by 2018.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143016

Concern Worldwide will ensure that all of its humanitarian responses are informed by detailed protection and GBV analysis, and that all programmes will be designed to include actions to prevent and respond to all forms GBV by 2018.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143018
Concern Worldwide will sign on to the Call to Action and its roadmap on the prevention of gender based violence in emergencies, and implement the IASC Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action by 2018.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143023
Concern Worldwide will use its leadership of the Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence to support a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender based violence in conflicts and disasters.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	143024

3A Reduce and address displacement

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Concern and its Alliance2015 partners commit to having a programme presence in up to ten of the countries with the greatest level of displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	143002
Concern Worldwide will advocate for and develop creative solutions to end protracted displacement.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	143014
Concern Worldwide will raise public and political awareness of the causes and consequences of displacement, to enhance public empathy and help reduce growing levels of intolerance and discrimination.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	143021

3D Empower and protect women and girls

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Concern Worldwide will ensure that all of its humanitarian responses are informed by gender and protection analysis, increasing the meaningful participation of women and adolescent girls in the design, delivery and review of all interventions.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	143017
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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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Concern Worldwide commits to expand and deepen national NGOs' understanding of humanitarian systems through continued training.	Training	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	143009
Concern Worldwide promotes the participation of all affected populations, specifically women and girls, to ensure their full engagement in the design and delivery of programmes.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	143013
Concern Worldwide will deepen its engagement with and accountability to disaster and conflict affected populations through its commitment to the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) and other key good practice standards.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	143015
Concern Worldwide will only respond when needed, and only establish direct responses when there are clear identified gaps and unmet needs.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	143020
Concern Worldwide will reinforce, rather than replace, in-country efforts for humanitarian preparedness and response, recognising that communities themselves are critical first responders.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	143022

5A Invest in local capacities

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Concern Worldwide continues to work through and provide funding for national partners (the current average over six years is 25% of its annual humanitarian budget) and clearly show national NGO partner funding allocations in its annual report.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	143011
Concern Worldwide will increase its investment in actions that build the emergency response capacity of national NGOs and civil society organizations, ensuring that it has a memoranda of understanding with partners that reflect and build on the Principles of Partnership.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	143019

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

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Concern Worldwide commits to advocate with donors for predictable multi-year funding commitments and instruments that enable humanitarian programming to look at longer term resilience-oriented solutions.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	143004
Concern Worldwide commits to advocate with donors to close the funding gap and to ensure that all inter-agency humanitarian appeals are fully funded.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	143005

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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Concern Worldwide commits to continue to engage NGO-led financing mechanisms, and influence donors to increase their support for these effective disbursement processes.	Policy	Invest in Humanity	143006

Concern Worldwide commits to remain consistent with international standards, continue to implement transparent programme planning and reporting processes.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	143010
Concern Worldwide fully engages with the outcomes of the Grand Bargain for improved efficiency of humanitarian resources.	Policy	Invest in Humanity	143012

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 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

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- 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.

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.

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 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.

NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- 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.

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.