



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Danish Refugee Council

2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The Danish Refugee Council commits to strengthen its organisational capacity to systematically conduct and share conflict analyses when addressing the root causes of conflict and displacement.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	151009

2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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The Danish Refugee Council, through its Humanitarian Mine Action and Armed Violence Reduction Unit, the Danish Demining Group, commits to intensify its direct engagement in preventing loss of life and injury to civilians from explosive weapons in populated areas and to strengthening its work to find community-based solutions to prevent armed violence.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	151014

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to proactively engage in coordinated efforts to promote and mobilize states' and armed non-state actors' compliance with and respect for international humanitarian, human rights and refugee law. Specifically, it commits to support joint advocacy efforts to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	151007

3A Reduce and address displacement

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to a new approach to addressing forced displacement by recognising displacement as both a humanitarian and a development challenge and thinking of solutions from the onset of a crisis. It commits to addressing the risks and vulnerabilities of forcibly displaced persons and to working to strengthen their protection, resilience and self-reliance with the view to securing transitional and durable solutions.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	151002
The Danish Refugee Council commits to actively support the development and implementation of a new Global Compact on responsibility sharing for refugees centred on predictability and fairness, and which addresses the needs and concerns of the large group of rejected asylum seekers and migrants not protected and covered by international refugee instruments. It commits to advocate that states who are not doing their fair share strengthen their engagement in resettlement efforts and increase the number of legal pathways for admission of refugees.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	151003
The Danish Refugee Council commits to being a strong advocate for acknowledging the role and efforts of countries hosting large numbers of refugees and to push for more resources to be directed to displacement affected countries.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	151005

The Danish Refugee Council commits to retain solutions to displacement as a corporate priority and to systematically identify, understand and work to dismantle barriers to solutions. It will ensure its programming is aimed at promoting transitional and durable solutions and centred on both strengthening resilience and upholding the rights of the displaced. Further, the Danish Refugee Council commits to advocate for the political will required to advance the search for solutions and to be an active supporter of the Solutions Alliance.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	151008
The Danish Refugee Council commits to support and advance the core principles of non-refoulement, the right to seek and enjoy asylum and the compliance with and implementation of international and regional laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	151010

Empower and protect women and girls

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to further enhance its technical and operational expertise on gender sensitive humanitarian and longer term response in line with international standards and frameworks. Further, it commits to continue to prioritise and address gender-based violence in its programming and response.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	151001

Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to being a leading international actor on the advancement of cash based programming at the conceptual, strategic and operational level in displacement contexts around the globe, and to using cash interventions as a modality for efficient delivery and ensuring targeted populations have dignified access to aid.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	151004
The Danish Refugee Council commits to make the reduction of conflict and displacement a corporate priority by promoting peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies. It commits to continuously develop comprehensive bottom-up programmes to strengthen social cohesion within and between communities by strengthening the rule of law and access to justice, and supporting inclusive local governance and the delivery of basic services.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	151006
The Danish Refugee Council, as an international front line responder, commits to further engage with local and national partners in a spirit of genuine partnership at all stages of strategic, programmatic and operational engagement, driven by the principle of providing the best possible solutions to displaced communities.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	151013



Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to work towards transcending the humanitarian-development divide and to seek closer links between humanitarian and development programming in displacement contexts. It will support global, regional, national and thematic efforts to narrow the gap between short and long term approaches to supporting people in need, and will act as an advocate for joint efforts towards innovative, contextualised solutions.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	151012
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Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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The Danish Refugee Council commits to the principle that donor reporting requirements should be simplified, proportionate and coherent, as indicated in the Grand Bargain, and will remain a collaborative supporter of the on-going dialogue between donors and implementing partners to ensure the successful outcome of initiatives on improved donor reporting, such as "less paper, more aid".	Financial	Invest in Humanity	151011

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 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.
- 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.

- ◻ 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 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.

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.

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").