



# **World Humanitarian Summit Commitments Finland 2019**

## Individual commitments

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

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland will strengthen conflict prevention, mediation and peaceful resolution efforts by promoting the participation and engagement of all relevant actors in the peace process and through the application of an inclusive approach, in particular ensuring the active and meaningful participation of women. In order to empower different actors and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst them, Finland will host the third Conference on National Dialogue and Mediation Processes in 2017.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	165001

### 1B Act early

#### Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland, as Co-Chair with Turkey of the UN Group of Friends on Mediation, commits to enhance the visibility of mediation efforts and to bring mediation to the core of UN peace work. Through the work of the Group, Finland will strive to strengthen the normative basis of mediation and enhance the UN mediation support capacities. Finland will also capture, consolidate and disseminate good practices and lessons learnt on conflict prevention.		Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	165034

Other Partners that are yet to register: [Turkey](#)

### 1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

## Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland commits to address the root causes of conflict and to work to reduce fragility. Finland encourages its international development partners, including the international financing institutions, to continue working on root causes of conflict and enhancing their work in fragile and conflict affected countries.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	165005

## Develop solutions with and for people

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland will take forward the joint Nordic initiative of Nordic Women Mediator's Network and link the Nordic Women Mediators with women mediators from other countries and regions. Finland will continue to sponsor the series of UN High-level Seminars on Gender and Inclusive Mediation.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	165002
As women have a central role in achieving sustainable peace, Finland is committed to actively promoting the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the landmark UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The implementation of Resolution 1325 is a priority for the Finnish Government. Finland will update its national Action Plan on 1325 and increase financial support to work on Action Plans in other countries and regional organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	165004

Finland will promote gender-responsive approaches to natural resource-management in the context of peacebuilding and provide support to a pilot project on the topic. The project aims at identifying and supporting natural resource management practices that can empower women and contribute to peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery processes. The results of the country level pilots will be collected into a toolkit to serve UN country teams, international organizations and national actors.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	165031
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## 2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland commits to support humanitarian mine action programs aimed at clearing explosive remnants of war (ERW) through the provision of information and technical, financial and material assistance to locate, remove, destroy and otherwise render ineffective any type of explosive hazard.	Financial	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165009

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland is committed to providing humanitarian assistance solely on the basis of need, not on political, military or economic motivations.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165019

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

Finland commits to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators of the most serious international crimes, though, inter alia, its support to the International Criminal Court and Justice Rapid Response.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165010
Finland continues to promote universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and adolescent girls and to address sexual and gender-based violence in crisis settings. UN Women and UNFPA continue to be Finland's key strategic partners in this sector.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165014
Finland is committed to the strengthening the respect for the international humanitarian law through awareness raising, training and communication.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165021
Finland remains committed to the promotion of and adherence to international humanitarian law, international human rights law, refugee law, humanitarian space and the protection of civilians.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165024

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland commits to engage constructively and actively in the intergovernmental process as set out in Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross concerning the establishment of an international mechanism to strengthen the compliance with international humanitarian law.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165007
Finland is a States Party to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and as one of the Vice-Presidents of the ATT Finland promotes universal adherence to it.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165018

Finland supports strengthening the international humanitarian law protecting persons deprived of their liberty.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	165026
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### **3A Reduce and address displacement**

#### **Individual Commitments**

<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Core Responsibility</b>	<b>Commitment ID</b>
Finland continues providing substantial financial support to UN humanitarian agencies, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Finnish non-governmental organizations addressing the needs of the forcibly displaced.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	165011
Finland continues to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Finland is committed to supporting 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.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	165012
Finland is committed to working towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	165022
Finland recognizes that forced displacement is a complex political and development challenge and should be addressed comprehensively. Finland commits to improve the resilience, self-reliance and protection of the affected people from the early stages of crises.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	165023

## Empower and protect women and girls

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
As women have a central role in achieving sustainable peace, Finland is committed to actively promoting the Women, Peace and Security agenda and the landmark UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The implementation of Resolution 1325 is a priority for the Finnish Government. Finland will update its national Action Plan on 1325 and increase financial support to work on Action Plans in other countries and regional organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	165004
Finland commits to empower women as leaders and agents of change in humanitarian action and supports their meaningful participation in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of all humanitarian action and programs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	165006
Finland requires that humanitarian organizations supported by Finnish funding will incorporate gender equality and rights of persons with disabilities into their policies and operations and ensure that humanitarian programming is gender and disability responsive.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	165025
Finland will actively use its leverage and influence with international organizations to ensure that their programmes are responsive to the rights and needs of women and girls and persons with disabilities.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	165028

Finland will promote gender-responsive approaches to natural resource-management in the context of peacebuilding and provide support to a pilot project on the topic. The project aims at identifying and supporting natural resource management practices that can empower women and contribute to peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery processes. The results of the country level pilots will be collected into a toolkit to serve UN country teams, international organizations and national actors.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	165031
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### **Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings**

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities into Humanitarian Action and fully commits toward its implementation. Finland will support the development and implementation of the global standards and guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. The guidelines aim at system-wide improvement of addressing the needs and rights of people with disabilities in the context of humanitarian action. Finland stands ready to provide technical expertise and participate in the working/steering group developing the guidelines. Finland will also support the development of advocacy and awareness raising programmes.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	165017
Finland will actively use its leverage and influence with international organizations to ensure that their programmes are responsive to the rights and needs of women and girls and persons with disabilities.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	165028

Finland will ensure to review and address the possible gaps in terms of inclusion of persons with disabilities when updating its humanitarian policy.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	165029
Finland will support the full and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in all phases of humanitarian response. Finland continues to provide financial support to the strengthening of the rights and situation of persons with disabilities. Special attention will be paid to the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities as well as other persons that easily fall victim of multiple discrimination.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	165033

## **4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems**

### **Individual Commitments**

<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Core Responsibility</b>	<b>Commitment ID</b>
Finland continues to encourage the humanitarian agencies and partners to increasingly use cash modalities, where appropriate.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	165013
In the context of Global Health Security Agenda, Finland is committed to enhancing International Health Regulation (IHR) core capacities at country level. Finland, together with the Nordic countries, is committed to collectively supporting 10 countries to meet their obligations under the IHR, including by developing and assisting with implementation of a national plan to achieve the targets of the Global Health Security Agenda. Finland is currently supporting capacity-building in Tanzania and Ukraine.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	165035

## **4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises**

### **Individual Commitments**

<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Core Responsibility</b>	<b>Commitment ID</b>

Finland is committed to the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	165020
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**Joint Commitments**

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland will support Joint External Evaluations, developed under the leadership of Finland and the United States, including by providing technical and financial assistance. In collaboration with WHO, FAO, OIE, World Bank, interested countries and NGOs, among others, Finland is leading a multistakeholder alliance to support independent external assessments of country capacities worldwide, with the purpose of identifying gaps in countries' preparedness and matching the country needs with interest from donors. Finland underlines the importance of all hazards approach in preparedness capacity building and the need for multisectoral and multistakeholder cooperation in preventing, detecting and responding to health threats. Finland has also volunteered for an external assessment of its own national capacities in this field.		Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	165032

Other Partners that are yet to register: [United States of America](#)



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

## Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland commits to promote coherence and complementarity between humanitarian and development programming and funding. Finland supports joint strategic situation analysis, needs assessments, planning and risk management and common decision-making platforms between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	165008

## 5C Invest in stability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland will explore options for broadening financing mechanisms for the Finnish private sector and other organizations to carry out activities and establish new partnerships in fragile states, including public-private partnerships.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	165030

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
As per the recommendation of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing Finland will provide at least 30 percent of its overall humanitarian funding as un-earmarked.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	165003

Finland commits to promote coherence and complementarity between humanitarian and development programming and funding. Finland supports joint strategic situation analysis, needs assessments, planning and risk management and common decision-making platforms between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	165008
Finland continues providing substantial financial support to UN humanitarian agencies, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Finnish non-governmental organizations addressing the needs of the forcibly displaced.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	165011

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Finland continues to provide predictable, multi-year, un-earmarked, flexible humanitarian funding in order to ensure greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people. Finland will advocate for harmonized donor reporting requirements.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	165015
Finland continues to provide significant support to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).	Financial	Invest in Humanity	165016
Finland welcomes the Grand Bargain between donors and humanitarian organizations.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	165027

## 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.
- 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").