



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Islamic Relief Worldwide

2019

Individual commitments

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Islamic Relief commits to strengthening cross organisational frameworks on conflict and risk analysis, and will continue to invest in staff capacity for conflict sensitivity, ensuring a minimum of 15% of any conflict transformation programming goes towards supporting inclusive resilience to conflict, including the participation of women.	Capacity	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	205012

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

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Islamic Relief calls on States to do more to protect humanitarian corridors and ensure the safety of local and international staff. Islamic Relief commits to support this by engaging constructively in intergovernmental processes to enhance the implementation and robust monitoring of International Humanitarian Law, in conformity with Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205006
Islamic Relief commits to continue to actively promote humanitarian principles in programmes, building a common humanitarian discourse between religious and secular values and practice.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205008

Islamic Relief commits to support the UN in its intention, stated in the Secretary General's Report, to ensure that counter-terrorism or counter-insurgency measures do not inhibit humanitarian action, or prevent funding for humanitarian operations. Islamic Relief will also support calls to provide for necessary exemptions to allow humanitarian organisations to engage in dialogue and coordinate with all parties to armed conflict in order to reach those in need and alleviate suffering.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205014
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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Over the next five years, Islamic Relief will roll out training on international humanitarian law with supporting Islamic theological teachings to staff. Islamic Relief will also seek to roll out such capacity building to local civil society partners within 10 countries where it has committed to build civil society capacity for disaster preparedness and resilience.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205001
Islamic Relief commits to engage, wherever possible, with efforts to support NGOs and CBOs to better understand how to adhere to current legislation and due diligence requirements, including understanding application for special exemptions where these exist.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205002

Islamic Relief is a Call to Action partner - in the next five years Islamic Relief is committed to transform the way gender based violence is addressed in its humanitarian programs. Islamic Relief's goal is to develop faith literacy to promote women and girl's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian settings.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	205015
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Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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Empower and protect women and girls

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In addition to its work on the Islamic responsibility to tackling climate change, Islamic Relief will support at least four additional joint declarations in support of gender justice and inclusivity, tackling poverty and inequality, and promoting sustainable economic growth by 2021.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	205003

Islamic Relief commits to strengthening inclusive approach to programming by improving organisational capacity to meet the needs of all women, men, girls and boys of different ages and abilities through the introduction of mandatory training in the induction of all new program staff.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind	205013
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Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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Islamic Relief Worldwide endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	205022



Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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In line with commitments as signatory to the Inclusion Charter, Islamic Relief commits to collect, fully disaggregated by sex, age and disability, and to utilise data for different population groups where possible in all humanitarian responses over the next five years.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205004
In the next five years, Islamic Relief will continue to ensure the drive to meet minimum standards in relation to child protection / safeguarding, gender and age & disability inclusion in all programming with particular focus on humanitarian action.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205005

Islamic Relief commits to continue building its internal capacity to carry out cash-based programming. As part of this commitment, by 2018, Islamic Relief expects to ensure that all of its cash-based programming will be in line with sectoral good practice and will increase the proportion of cash-based interventions within its humanitarian programming by 10%.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205007
Islamic Relief commits to ensuring it is accountable to communities and people affected by crisis. In this regard Islamic Relief is committed to the "Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability". Islamic Relief will identify best practise, learning and ensure continuous improvement. Islamic Relief staff and local partners' capabilities will be built accordingly.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205010
Islamic Relief remains committed to complementing the efforts of national disaster coordination bodies in countries where it has operations, taking part in ongoing joint preparedness planning to strengthen resilience from community to national level.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205019
Islamic Relief shares the view that changes are required within the humanitarian system, and its own organisation, so that southern-based national actors can play an increased and more prominent role in humanitarian response. Islamic Relief has therefore endorsed and committed to the Charter for Change which commits it to review and adapt the way of working to ensure that it increases direct funding to local partner NGOs, increase transparency, and ensure that support does not undermine local capacity through its interventions.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205020

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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Islamic Relief commits to improving inclusion of faith leaders and institutions within disaster risk reduction and response planning and delivery. Islamic Relief will actively engage faith leaders and institutions in all its humanitarian response operations.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205011
Islamic Relief is committed to promoting and disseminating the Islamic Declaration on Climate change in at least 10 Muslim countries by 2021.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205016
Islamic Relief is committed to utilising approaches that integrate faith institutions, values and expertise in climate change adaptation and food security at community level, influencing DRR planning of relevant national governments in at least three of the countries where Islamic Relief works that are worst affected by climate change.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205018



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Islamic Relief is committed to the development of a best practice guide for inclusion of faith and faith representatives in psychosocial provision when serving communities of a particular faith by 2017.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	205017



5A Invest in local capacities

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Islamic Relief will continue its efforts to work with the banking sector, financial institutions, regulators and other key stakeholders to ensure full cross-stakeholder engagement on the myriad of issues related to counter-terrorism financing that impede the delivery of aid.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	205021
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Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

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Islamic Relief commits to encouraging the use of Islamic social finance for humanitarian funding, particularly through sensitising Muslims and governments of Muslim-majority countries to its application for this purpose, but also through expanding its own Islamic endowment (waqf) and Zakat programmes.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	205009

Core Commitments

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.

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.

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.

Leave No One Behind

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- 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 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.