



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Mercy Corps

2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Mercy Corps commits to actively use early warning findings to identify, address, and defuse critical risks before they deteriorate into intractable conflicts by using preventive diplomacy tools such as good offices, peace and development advisors, groups of contact and mediation.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	217004
Mercy Corps commits to conduct and share the learning from at least three major studies on countering violent extremism in complex crises by 2018.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	217006

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

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Mercy Corps aims to mainstream peace-building, conflict mitigation, and governance work to break cycles of conflict and fragility and build resilience in a majority of humanitarian responses by 2020.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	217002

3A Reduce and address displacement

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By 2020, Mercy Corps commits to use displacement data to better predict crisis onset, design crisis prevention programming, and position humanitarian assistance to contribute to greater resilience in the face of repeated shocks.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	217001

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

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Mercy Corps develops evidence-based approaches to reduce the vulnerability of youth to joining violent extremist groups by decreasing youth exposure to violence, promoting inclusive governance, and addressing youth grievances.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	217012
Mercy Corps ensures that female and male adolescents are meaningfully participating in the design, delivery, and monitoring of aid projects, and empower them to advocate at the local and national level on decisions impacting their lives.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	217013
Mercy Corps will aim to provide 10 million youth between the ages of 15-24 with access to socio-emotional programming, non-formal and informal education, and safe and equitable livelihood opportunities by 2020.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	217014

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

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Mercy Corps aims to scale up cash in 25% of its humanitarian assistance by 2018.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217003
Mercy Corps commits to contribute expertise and legitimacy to the WEF-facilitated Shaping Principles for Public-Private Collaboration in Humanitarian Payments, encourage others to do the same, and aim for the final principles to be broadly adopted in its own operations. It will use the principles to continue to accelerate the increase of responsible payments as an effective humanitarian programming modality, as appropriate.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217007

Mercy Corps commits to design and implement, in collaboration with partners new ways to effectively coordinate cash programming and break down sector silos.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217008
Mercy Corps commits to design and implement, in collaboration with partners, minimum standards and best practice in risk analysis and management, protection analysis, data protection and privacy, and working with financial services.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217009

Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Mercy Corps commits to build on its action research agenda for adaptive management and navigating complexity by field testing adaptive approaches in five response settings by 2018, and undertaking a major study on the operational implications of an adaptive approach.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217005
Mercy Corps commits to design and implement, in collaboration with partners, new ways to ensure the humanitarian system creates, shares, and uses appropriate assessments and analysis at crisis inception and throughout the response that informs appropriate decisions about program modality and design.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217010
Mercy Corps commits to develop a collaborative, multi-stakeholder Technology for Development (T4D) Innovation Lab, to focus on specific humanitarian priorities and the technology solutions needed. The T4D Innovation Lab will focus on alignment of priorities, leveraging skills and technology from member organizations and promoting and scaling innovative solutions - with a sharp view on humanitarian impact through innovative collaborative technology.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	217011

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.

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.