



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Norwegian Refugee Council

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Individual commitments

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC commits to advocating for the adoption and implementation of the 2015 Safe Schools Declaration. It also commits to promote implementation of the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict among non-state armed groups.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229009

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC commits to addressing violence and abuse against civilians in all its programmes, and to promote the recognition of protection as a primary need for people affected by crisis. It will lead by example by ensuring that protection is central to its work.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229007
NRC commits to build upon strategic partnerships with humanitarian actors to ensure protection leadership, coordination, and outcomes are achieved across the whole humanitarian system.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229012
NRC commits to challenging states on counter-terrorism measures that impede principled humanitarian action, and will continue to request exemptions to such counter-terrorism measures for humanitarian actors.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229014
NRC commits to defending the humanitarian principles through provision of humanitarian assistance and protection, and through courageous advocacy.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229016

NRC commits to providing impartial assistance and protection based on needs alone, rather than countering violent extremism and other political agendas.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229023
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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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NRC commits to being a courageous advocate on issues vital to the protection of the rights of displaced and other crisis-affected populations.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229011
NRC commits to adopt the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at the individual agency level.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229034

2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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NRC commits to uncompromising defence of international legal instruments designed to protect displaced people and will actively work against any movement to weaken the rights accorded by those instruments.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	229028

3A Reduce and address displacement

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NRC also commits to continuing to engage in constructive dialogues with national governments to ensure that IDPs are not forgotten or sidelined in policy and operational approaches to prevent, respond and find sustainable solutions to displacement. It commits to addressing the protection gap faced by IDPs worldwide by holding IDP-hosting states accountable for better data collection and data sharing on internal displacement.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	229002
NRC commits to actively contributing to all efforts to defend and strengthen the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Optional Protocol, and to supporting all other legal frameworks and policies that ensure the protection of people on the move.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	229004
NRC commits to actively identifying obstacles to durable solutions, and to working towards their resolution with duty bearers and other stakeholders at local, national, and international level.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	229005
NRC commits to actively supporting the right of persons to seek asylum, and will work with states to ensure that their obligation to provide safe, fair and efficient asylum access is fulfilled.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	229006
NRC commits to supporting efforts to improve global responsibility-sharing for the protection of forcibly displaced persons, and to speaking out wherever states take steps to outsource their protection responsibilities.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	229026
NRC commits to supporting the ratification, wider domestication and effective implementation of regional protection mechanisms such as the Kampala Convention and the Cartagena Declaration, seizing on opportunities for the regional bodies to improve the protection, assistance and dignity of displaced and crisis-affected people.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	229027

NRC commits to working in partnership with other stakeholders to find durable and sustainable solutions for populations with humanitarian needs.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind	229029
NRC commits to working with states and other stakeholders to prevent and address disaster and climate displacement, including through support to the implementation of the Nansen Initiative's Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	229030
Through NRC's Internal Displacement Monitoring Center, NRC commits to providing global data, evidence and tools to develop and implement policies and measures that can help prevent and respond to internal displacement worldwide. It also commits to working with partners to improve global monitoring of internal displacement, and to develop approaches that link prevention, humanitarian action, sustainable development, and climate change policy frameworks.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	229032
Through NRC's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), NRC commits to continuously highlighting the plight of people caught in protracted and chronic displacement situations, and to improving measurements of displacement severity and risk in order to target resources to where they are most needed.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	229033



3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

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NRC commits to eliminating gaps in education for children and youth by ensuring its programmes are relevant, responsive, safe and meet global education standards.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	229018
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3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	229035

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC commit to always asking: "Why not cash? And if not now when?" It, therefore, also commit to providing multi-purpose cash payments wherever possible.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229003
NRC commits to advocating for humanitarian and refugee response plans that promote the use of multi-purpose cash assistance, wherever possible. It commits to participating in multilateral efforts to address the challenges in delivering cash safely and effectively.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229008
NRC commits to building capacity within cash transfer programming and coordination by working with INGOs, UN agencies, national and regional institutions, and through our expert deployment rosters.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229013
NRC commits to improving the capacity of the international humanitarian system and national stakeholders to communicate effectively with communities affected by crisis, in order to increase the efficiency and accountability of the humanitarian response.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229020

NRC commits to providing humanitarian assistance and protection that empowers people to meet their most urgent needs.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229022
NRC commits to scaling up cash programmes, both through contextualised partnerships and systems and by developing "grab and go" platforms that can be used in any crisis.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229024
NRC commits to sharing risk with local partners. Working in strong and mutually beneficial partnerships is critical to providing humanitarian assistance and protection.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229025
Through its deployment instruments, NRC commits to supporting the national, regional and international efforts to strengthen community resilience, by integrating displacement and climate services within disaster risk reduction and management, climate change and development plans. It commits to building the capacity for dissemination of climate information to affected populations, tailored to their needs and changing climates.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229031
NRC commits to make sustained funding conditional on the systematic collection of feedback from affected people on the quality and utility of humanitarian programmes.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229036
NRC commits to establishing a common approach to providing information to affected people and collecting, aggregating and analysing feedback from communities to influence decision-making processes at strategic and operational levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229037
NRC commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	229038

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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NRC commits to contributing to disaster risk reduction and management efforts related to disaster and climate displacement through supporting capacity development to national authorities, regional and international institutions.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229015

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC commits to bridging the gap between prevention, response and recovery by providing timely expert capacity to national and international stakeholders.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229001
NRC commits to always asking: Are we reaching those most in need of help and protection?	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	229010

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
NRC commits to encouraging donors to develop flexible funding mechanisms to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development action. It commits to advocating that funding for durable solutions to displacement is available during a humanitarian response, not after.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity	229019

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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NRC commits to drawing upon its extensive experience with a diversity of donors to review current reporting practices, and advocate for harmonised narrative and reporting templates.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	229017
NRC commits to maintaining strong risk management systems to minimise the risk of diversion of humanitarian assistance.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	229021
NRC commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	229038

Core Commitments

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.

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.

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").