



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

RET International

2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
RET International commits to support the UN in convening a World Prevention Forum by 2020 to identify how Member States, the UN Secretariat, the Security Council and Regional Organisations can work more effectively together on conflict prevention and resolution.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	246035

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

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RET International commits to actively promote the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in humanitarian action by ensuring all its local, regional and HQ personnel is well aware of these principles and how to respect them in their daily work. Information sessions (face-to-face, virtually or by the use of other communication tools) will be held each year with RET staff.	Capacity	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246007

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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RET International commits to comply with existing gender equality norms enshrined in international frameworks governing conflicts, including the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, customary international law as well as international refugee law with immediate effect.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246010

RET International commits to continue mainstreaming international humanitarian law, human right law and refugee law when applicable, in its awareness-raising and capacity-building training with community members, local and national stakeholders in contexts of crisis and fragility.	Capacity	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246011
RET International commits to developing and implementing strategies for the inclusion and engagement of men and boys as part of the solution to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis by 2018.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246015
RET International commits to disseminate, respect and implement in all its interventions the existing gender equality norms enshrined in international frameworks governing conflicts, including the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, customary international law as well as international refugee law by 2018.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246018
RET International commits to sign the Call to Action and its Roadmap by 2017 and make commitments commensurate with its mandate, capacities and resources.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246032
RET International commits to undertaking GBV prevention and mitigation interventions throughout all stages of humanitarian action within and across 100 % of our interventions by 2018.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	246036
RET International 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	246040

Reduce and address displacement

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<p>RET International commits to disseminate best practices and lessons learned on building and supporting processes of economic recovery, self-reliance, education, social and economic integration into the host communities, as well as, youth empowerment as agents of positive social change using a differential and human rights-based approach, which have been developed and successfully implemented, over 15 years working in fragile, crisis-prone contexts with a particular focus on displaced populations and communities affected by displacement.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246016
<p>RET International commits to facilitate the equal participation of refugees, returnees, IDPs and affected local populations, women, adolescents and girls in civil society organisations to inform and influence solutions that protect and respond to their specific needs and aspirations as of 2016.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246022
<p>RET International commits to prioritize solutions that improve the self-reliance and resilience of IDPs, refugees, returnees and host affected communities, by addressing their education, livelihoods and protection needs with a particular focus on adolescents and youth, as well as, on female groups targeting at least 50% of this concerned population in each of RET projects as of 2016.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246028
<p>RET International commits to respect and include in all its activities concerning raising awareness and disseminating information on refugee and IDPs rights, the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (the Kampala Convention), / the Guiding Principles on internal displacement, the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol.</p>	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	246030

<p>RET International commits to support the development of national legislation, capacities, policies and/or strategies for the protection of IDPs, refugees, persons under international protection status, as well local affected populations, by fundraising for projects aiming at strengthening social/health safety national nets, ensuring quality and inclusive education programmes, preparing, supporting and integrating them into the labour market, providing psychosocial support and legal advise when required as from 2016, in a way which leverages the varying levels of capacity, indigenous and traditional knowledge, and resources embedded in communities.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246034
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Empower and protect women and girls

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<p>RET commit to continue amplifying the voices, concerns and expectations of all those adolescents, girls and boys, and youth, female and male, who have been left behind by the lack of prioritisation and understanding of their vulnerabilities, as well as, their incredible potential to be the most active and engaged partners in humanitarian crisis to contribute overcoming the challenges their communities and they are facing daily to break the cycle of dependency and become responsible citizens of the world, critical thinkers, creative entrepreneurs, agents of their rights, and accomplished human beings.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246002

RET International commits to design a project component and implement it as soon as possible after an emergency on comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and reproductive rights, including legal and psychosocial advise and support, as from 2017.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246013
RET International commits to ensure that all women (girls, adolescents and adults) access and benefit equally from cash and non-cash assistance programmes, sustainable and dignified livelihoods, education, vocational and skills training opportunities through all RET-funded projects as from 2017.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246020
RET International commits to establish quotas to ensure at least 50% of its staff at are women by 2020.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	246021
RET International commits to facilitating meaningful participation of women with emphasis on young women and adolescent girls, in all formal and informal decision making processes in crisis-settings concerning their education, social and civil engagement, livelihoods and self-sufficiency, health/reproductive health and psychosocial wellbeing, from refugee camp/urban committees to peace processes, reaching parity with men and adolescents boys by 2030.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246023
RET International commits to joining the Secretary General's Every Woman, Every Child, Everywhere (EWECE) initiative and corresponding roadmap, by 2017, to work to end all preventable deaths of women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	246026

RET International commits to providing support to national and local leadership to ensure that long term, collective programming incorporates gender equality analysis and concrete steps to empower women and girls, by 2020.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246029
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3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

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RET commits to specifically support the international community efforts to bridge the gaps in education opportunities, in terms of access, but also quality and inclusiveness, for the most vulnerable young people affected by crisis around the world, with a specific focus on adolescents girls and young women.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246004
RET International commits to develop and implement, upon available funding, education strategies using an inclusive human rights approach and aiming to strength individual and community resilient capacities with a particular focus on children and youth to overcome the challenges imposed by contexts affected by disasters and climate-related risks.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246014
RET International will expand the education, self-reliance and protection interventions for refugees, IDPs, returnees, persons under the international protection status, to access quality, inclusive and accredited education at all levels (with a particular focus on post-basic education), sustainable livelihood opportunities, referral systems to health care and legal services, etc. without discrimination, and in a manner that also supports host communities.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246039

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

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RET International commits to facilitating meaningful participation of women with emphasis on young women and adolescent girls, in all formal and informal decision making processes in crisis-settings concerning their education, social and civil engagement, livelihoods and self-sufficiency, health/reproductive health and psychosocial wellbeing, from refugee camp/urban committees to peace processes, reaching parity with men and adolescents boys by 2030.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246023
RET international commits to share its expertise in building comprehensive grassroots and human right-based interventions leading to the empowerment of vulnerable adolescents and young people to become agents of positive social change in contexts of fragility.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	246031



Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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RET International endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.

Policy

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

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By 2020, RET International commits to invest efforts to ensure that its international assistance based on its donor funding, that RET addresses the gaps between humanitarian and development funding, that RET looks to strengthening the technical capacities of national and local authorities and stakeholders, as well as, the capacities of IDPs, refugees, returnees, affected host communities and populations affected by violence, with a particular focus on young people, female adolescent and young adults, to the attainment of durable solutions in partnership with local/civil society and national authorities, which will play a progressively greater role in the response.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246001
RET commit to continue amplifying the voices, concerns and expectations of all those adolescents, girls and boys, and youth, female and male, who have been left behind by the lack of prioritisation and understanding of their vulnerabilities, as well as, their incredible potential to be the most active and engaged partners in humanitarian crisis to contribute overcoming the challenges their communities and they are facing daily to break the cycle of dependency and become responsible citizens of the world, critical thinkers, creative entrepreneurs, agents of their rights, and accomplished human beings.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246002

RET commits to support a "common approach" model for collective community engagement and accountability as a means to connect community feedback to strategic decision-making processes in all its countries of operation by 2018.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246005
RET International commits to align its support behind national and local resilience efforts, and provide vulnerable people with a mix of short-term assistance to address immediate needs and long term assistance to improve self-resilience.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246009
RET International commits to continue supporting cooperation amongst key national and international stakeholders (governmental and non-governmental) on how to build affected people's resilience after a crisis, through active engagement at country and regional levels to avoid overlaps and duplication, and to promote synergies with existing infrastructure within the host country, working together with the host government and any intergovernmental coordination bodies that may be officially empowered, such as CORELAC in Latin America, Education and Protection clusters, UNHCR, UNICEF and particularly with the affected populations themselves. RET International commits to share successful and replicable project sustainability models in this regard with national stakeholders in each country of operation.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246012
RET International commits to joint a new coalition to strengthen the resilience of 1 billion people by 2025.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246027
RET International commits to work with national counterparts, whenever possible, to expand access to sustainable protection systems within all countries of operation, with immediate effect.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246037

RET International commits, when appropriate and upon funding available, to reinforce national and local leadership in natural disaster preparedness and response by tailoring their response to the specific context, using national mechanisms as the default coordination arrangements and ensuring assistance is targeted at filling gaps.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246038
RET International 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	246042

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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RET commits to include education of DRR and preparedness in all its education modules in Latin America and the Caribbean, and other regions at risk and to do this in a coherent way from multiple sources, including enhanced domestic resources mobilization, private sector investment and higher proposition of development and climate adaptation finance, such as the Green Climate Fund.	Training	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246003
RET International commits to achieve the Sendai Framework target to increase people's access to multi-hazard, Early Warning Systems, where possible and disseminate disaster risk information and assessments by 2030, including through initiatives, such as the Climate Risk Early Warning System, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246006

RET International commits to agree on actions that should be undertaken, within defined timelines, once a heightened risk of an El Nino or La Nina event is confirmed.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246008
RET International commits to disseminate information about situations and factors of risks able to increase, expose and/or affect persons living in emergency settings, with a particular focus on children and youth using an inclusive human rights perspective; RET International also commits to inform about the different type of threats, including those who are caused by the climate change.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246017
RET International commits to enhance countries' preparedness, and accelerate this initially in its countries of operation, so they reach a minimum level of readiness by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246019
RET International commits to invest in national early warning capacity in a disciplined manner that leverages global and regional support structures, is cost effective, reaches the last mile, and engage the private sector particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246025
RET International commits to strengthened disaster preparedness and response through partnership and cooperation amongst practitioners, and to use the Humanitarian Network and Partnerships Week (HNPW) as a platform to develop collaborative solutions to the recurring challenges faced in local, national, regional and global preparedness and response including those raised at the World Humanitarian Summit.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	246033

Invest according to risk

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RET International commits to increase investment by 2025 - upon available donor funding - in building community resilience as a core foundation of national risk management efforts, the key elements of which could include raising awareness of critical risks and how all community members may be affected; collaboration between local government businesses and neighbourhoods in tackling its most important risks; ensuring women's participation; reinforcing local infrastructure, and improving communities' capacity to provide coordinated first response.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	246024
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5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

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.