



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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Individual commitments

Remain engaged and invest in stability

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The UK commits to invest at least 50% of the Department for International Development's budget in fragile states and regions in every year from 2016 to 2020. This is a major investment in global stability.	Financial	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	275013

Develop solutions with and for people

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The UK commits to invest in building local and national capacity for crisis prevention and response, increasing its support to local and national NGOs through the START Network and DEPP, as well as through the Humanitarian Leadership Academy.	Capacity	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	275014

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The UK commits to playing its part to protect civilian and civilians objects such as schools and hospitals through promoting compliance with IHL.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275018



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

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The UK commits to the 'Centrality of Protection' for civilians in conflict in its humanitarian programming.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275026
The UK demands that all parties to armed conflicts facilitate safe and unimpeded passage for medical personnel and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties, their equipment, transport and supplies, including surgical items, to all people in need, consistent with international humanitarian law.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275029
The UK will continue to promote and uphold the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275037
The UK will support full implementation of Security Council resolution 2175 on the protection of humanitarian workers, resolution 2286 on the protection of medical personnel and humanitarian personnel and resolution 2272 on sexual exploitation and abuse.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275042



Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The UK commits not to vote against credible draft resolutions before the UN Security Council on timely and decisive action to end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, or to prevent such crimes.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275005

The UK commits to build momentum around addressing violence against women and girls in emergencies through support to Sweden as the leader of the Call to Action on the Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies and their efforts to expand its membership.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275007
The UK commits to drive accountability for gender responsive humanitarian action, including offering support to the US and its partners of the Real Time Accountability Partnership (RTAP) on its efforts to promote system-wide accountability for the prevention and response of gender-based violence in emergencies, supporting real-time evaluations of humanitarian responses to ensure that they are responsive to the needs of women and girls, and make the use of Interagency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action mandatory in DFID humanitarian programming.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	275008
The UK commits to encouraging endorsement of the Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275010
The UK commits to provide further training on the international protocol on the documentation and investigation of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict affected States to assist those working to improve accountability.	Capacity	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275019
The UK commits to tackling survivor stigma in a conflict and post-conflict countries through a new programme under the UK's Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI).	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275024

The UK commits to take a leading role in pressing for strengthened accountability whenever sexual exploitation and abuse occurs. The UK also commits to continued support for SGBV prevention and is intent to do more on challenging social stigma affecting survivors.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275025
The UK suggests proxy IHL compliance indicators to be regularly reported at the UN Security Council to promote accountability. These might monitor global numbers of health facilities/staff attacked, children newly displaced and/or estimated levels of sexual violence (existing information capture mechanisms to be used for trend analysis).	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275033
The UK will continue to promote accountability for violations of IHL by promoting the universality and complementarity of the Rome Statute. It will continue to seek ways to support ICC and other tribunals to increase their efficiency and effectiveness.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275036
The UK will continue to support the UN Secretary General's zero tolerance policy towards sexual exploitation and abuse.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275039
The UK will lead by example and call for accountability for proven violations of international humanitarian law.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275040
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Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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The UK will continue to encourage other States to ratify IHL instruments not yet ratified.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275034
The UK will continue to support the intergovernmental process resulting from Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275038
The UK will ratify the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols by 2017.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	275041

3A Reduce and address displacement

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The UK commits to increasingly align its funding for large refugee populations to partners who can demonstrate that they are using funds to accelerate sustainable solutions where possible to deliver better outcomes for displaced populations and the communities that host them.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	275012
The UK will continue to increase the overall amount and predictability of finance including by providing multi-year funding and by working for reform of the multilateral development banks so they can better support countries hosting large numbers of refugees.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	275035

Joint Commitments

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The UK commits to work with the United States and other partners to build on lessons from Syria and establish international compacts on protracted refugee crises to provide jobs, education and services to refugees and the communities that host them, using a wide range of financial, aid, and trade instruments.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	275028
Other Partners that are yet to register: United States , others			

3C End statelessness in the next decade

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Other Partners that are yet to register: United States , others				

3D Empower and protect women and girls

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<p>The UK commits to drive accountability for gender responsive humanitarian action, including offering support to the US and its partners of the Real Time Accountability Partnership (RTAP) on its efforts to promote system-wide accountability for the prevention and response of gender-based violence in emergencies, supporting real-time evaluations of humanitarian responses to ensure that they are responsive to the needs of women and girls, and make the use of Interagency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action mandatory in DFID humanitarian programming.</p>	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	275008
<p>The UK commits to driving improved accountability for gender equality with its humanitarian partners to demonstrate compliance with the UK's International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014.</p>	Policy	Leave No One Behind	275009
<p>The UK commits to ensure that its early warning and joint conflict analysis and assessment tools are fully gender-sensitive by September 2016.</p>	Policy	Leave No One Behind	275011
<p>The UK commits to scale up support for women and girls in crises, including through expanded programmes to address VAWG and sexual and reproductive health and rights in protracted contexts such as South Sudan and Syria.</p>	Operational	Leave No One Behind	275021
<p>The UK commits to supporting women's civil society organizations to further support women's participation in formal and informal decision-making fora, including through dedicated financing instruments such as the new Global Acceleration Instrument on Women, Peace and Security.</p>	Financial	Leave No One Behind	275023
Joint Commitments			

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The UK endorses the UNFPA-led Joint Statement on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies: Accelerating Efforts to Save Lives, Protect Rights, and Dignity and Leave No one Behind.		Policy	Leave No One Behind	275032
Other Partners that are yet to register: UNFPA				

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

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The UK commits to invest in and support the new joint Education Cannot Wait Platform with £30m of funding over two years in order to mitigate the inter-generational effects of forced displacement and support equal access by girls to education in emergency and protracted crises affected countries.	Financial Contribution ()	Leave No One Behind	275001

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

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The UK endorses the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	275031

3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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The UK endorses the Charter on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	275030

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

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
The UK commits to more than double its use of cash-based approaches in crisis situations from current levels.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	275017

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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The UK commits to invest £5.8 billion over the next 5 years to tackle climate change; of this, £2.9 billion to help the poorest, most often women and girls, adapt to the effects of climate change, building resilience, preparedness and reducing the impact of shocks relating to extreme weather-related events.	Financial Contribution ()	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	275002

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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The UK commits to join the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	275015
The UK commits to join the Global Alliance for Urban Crises and signs up to the Urban Crises Charter.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	275016
The UK commits to pursue a 'whole of aid' approach to preventing and responding to humanitarian crises.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	275020

Joint Commitments

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The UK commits to work with the United States on the design of new crisis review mechanism.		Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	275027
Other Partners that are yet to register: United States				

5A Invest in local capacities

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5B Invest according to risk

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The UK commits to scale up technical assistance support around insurance and risk finance.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	275022

5C Invest in stability

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The UK commits to ensure adequate funds are available at short notice to provide comprehensive support to crises through the UK's £500 million crisis reserve.	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity	275004
The UK commits to invest at least 50% of the Department for International Development's budget in fragile states and regions in every year from 2016 to 2020. This is a major investment in global stability.	Financial	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	275013

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

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The UK will continue to increase the overall amount and predictability of finance including by providing multi-year funding and by working for reform of the multilateral development banks so they can better support countries hosting large numbers of refugees.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	275035

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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The UK commits to align its humanitarian financing with the Grand Bargain agenda for finance and system reform.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	275006

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 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").