



**World Humanitarian Summit Commitments
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the
Empowerment of Women (UN WOMEN)
2019**

Individual commitments

Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
UN Women commits to systematically promote multi-dimensional empowerment hubs that can decrease women's risk of gender-based violence and accelerate early recovery in the aftermath of crisis, and also foster effective, sustainable livelihoods for affected women that enable them to reach their full potential as agents of peace and sustainable development in a protracted crisis.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	278008
UN Women will build the capacity of its partners to integrate evidence based GBV prevention and response interventions into humanitarian appeals and recovery programmes, aiming at tripling the current funding on GBV prevention and response by 2020.	Capacity	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	278010

Empower and protect women and girls

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As part of the Secretary General's Global Strategy on Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health as well as its Every Woman Every Child Everywhere [EWECE] initiative to end all preventable deaths of women and adolescent girls in crisis settings, UN Women commits to support the efforts of the multi-stakeholder partners to facilitate women and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian settings by raising women's awareness and capacity to demand and realize their rights and by removing structural barriers such as discriminatory policies and practices.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	278002
By 2017, UN Women commits to lead the development of an accountability framework to monitor progress against the global humanitarian system's implementation of policy commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment in humanitarian action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	278003
In 2016, UN Women will work with its partners to operationalize the Global Acceleration Instrument (GAI) on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action to provide additional and flexible funding to advance the participation, agency, voice and meaningful engagement of local women's groups in humanitarian action.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	278004
In 2017, UN Women commits to facilitate the development of a policy on gender equality and women's empowerment in humanitarian action for the global humanitarian coordination mechanism, which includes prescribed roles and responsibilities for its constituent structures and field-based mechanisms.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	278005

In partnership with the UN System and other key partners, UN Women commits to launch a portfolio of regional/country initiatives to enhance the resilience of women and girls to political, socio-economic and climate shocks by the end of 2016.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	278006
UN Women commits to ensure that at least 35% of its humanitarian funding builds the sustainable capacity of women first responders, local women's civil society organizations and national women's machinery partners to participate and contribute in the implementation of all facets of humanitarian action by 2017.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	278007
UN Women will support policy, programme and operational efforts of humanitarian stakeholders to integrate evidence based gender equality and women's empowerment interventions into humanitarian appeals and recovery programmes, aiming at 15 percent funding over the total appeals by 2020, akin to SC Resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	278011

Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

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UN Women endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	278012

Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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UN Women commits to work with the United Nations system and other key partners on innovative cash transfer schemes to provide greater access to lifesaving and early recovery assistance to women and girls across the humanitarian development continuum.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	278009
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4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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As part of the implementation of the Sendai Framework, UN Women commits to launch an UN-wide transformative programme to engender natural disaster prevention and preparedness in a changing climate in 2016/17.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	278001

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 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.

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").