



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

**Organisational Type**

Private Sector

**City and Country where Headquartered**

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**Attachments**

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## 4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation pledges US\$ 300,000 (through a combination of financial and in-kind support) to the Connecting Business Initiative.	Financial Contribution (US\$ 300,000)	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

**1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.**

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Previous continued the support (both with actual funds and with in-kind support) provided in November/December 2016 which ensured continued engagement with the Connecting Business initiative. Senior staff from the Hilton Foundation served as a co-chair for this project throughout the duration of 2017.

**2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Through multi-stakeholder processes or initiatives (e.g. IASC, Grand Bargain, Charter for Change, etc).

**3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Buy-in  
 Funding amounts

**B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?**

Without additional financial support from donors (multi-lateral/bi-lateral, private philanthropy, corporate philanthropy, etc.), the Connecting Business initiative is having difficulty maintaining key operational expenses to support the partnerships that are being developed and strengthened in the participating target pilot countries. As well, plans of scaling up this project have been adjusted as a result.

**4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.**

Consideration of further support (again, in both financial and in-kind proceeds) for this project.

**5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?**

Additional buy-in from other donors (focusing on the private sector) that see the potential for strengthening public-private partnerships to support disaster relief, response, and resilience building at the country level.

**Keywords**

Private sector



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation supports the SDG Philanthropy Platform (US\$ 1.4 million through 2017) as a model for multi-stakeholder engagement in the humanitarian sector.	Financial Contribution (US\$ 1.4 million)	Invest in Humanity
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation commits to support disaster relief and recovery activities for a total of US\$ 10 million over five years (US\$ 2 million per year).	Financial Contribution (US\$ 10 million)	Invest in Humanity

#### 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation provided continued support and funding for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Philanthropy Platform. After the initial grant term had ended, the Foundation provided additional bridge funding to help the project develop a strategy for future iterations of this project.

In 2017, the Foundation approved funding totaled 3.7 million USD. A large proportion of our awards are to medium- and longer-term recovery efforts, with flexible grants meant to allow partners to plug in our funds to meet specific gaps that were not met by other funding sources.

#### 2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

#### 3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Buy-in  
 Funding amounts  
 Multi-stakeholder coordination

#### 4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

In the latter part of 2017, program staff engaged in a process to develop strategic options for our grant-making portfolio that will help dictate how funds are administered in the future. We expect these grant-making guidelines (which will address issues of financing) to be instituted by the end of 2018.

#### 5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

For the SDG Philanthropy Platform, additional buy-in from entities (organizations engaged in philanthropy, primarily) that see the value of having multi-stakeholder collaborations at the country level, involving all stakeholders including civil society actors, the private sector, local/regional/national governments, and donors (ranging from large multi-lateral entities to small indigenous philanthropy) is required to sustain the existing network infrastructure that has been built.

#### Keywords

Private sector



## 5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation commits to award the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize annually (US\$ 2 million per year) to a nonprofit organization doing extraordinary work to reduce human suffering.	Financial Contribution (US\$ 2 million)	Invest in Humanity

**1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.**

In October 2017, the 2 Million USD Hilton Humanitarian Prize was awarded to icddr,b, for its innovative approach to solving global health issues impacting the world's most impoverished communities.

**2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

**3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Buy-in
- Data and analysis
- Institutional/Internal constraints

**4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.**

The Foundation is undergoing a strategic review of its current disaster grant-making portfolio and will likely consider supporting pilot projects that address the differentiated needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises or promote efficiencies within the humanitarian response system as a whole. Any resulting increase of resources made to this Core Responsibility will be above and beyond those made at the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in 2016.



## Initiative Reports

### Education Cannot Wait :

#### What concrete actions have you taken in support of the initiative.

While not direct contributors to the "Education Cannot Wait" fund, the Foundation has supported a research project that will help to inform its parent organization, Theirworld, to deliver a flagship safe schools report that provides a blueprint for action for addressing the right to education and achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 in complex humanitarian conflicts and areas impacted by violence. Among the outcomes of this effort will be recommendations made to inform policy, practice, and strategy among foundations, governments, donor agencies, international financial institutions, the business community, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). It is hoped these recommendations will result in changes in policy among all donors aiming at financing and delivery of education in complex humanitarian conflicts and areas impacted by violence.

### The Connecting Business Initiative :

#### What concrete actions have you taken in support of the initiative.

The Foundation continued to be an executive resource partner in 2017 for the Connecting Business initiative. Representation from the Foundation served as a co-chair on the executive committee for the duration of the year. The Foundation remains actively engaged in supportive activities to help bring in additional resource partners to help continue funding this initiative.