Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - IMPACT Initiatives

Stakeholder Information

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IMPACT Initiatives

Organisational Type
NGO - International

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(1C) Remain engaged and invest in stability

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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.

IMPACT, in partnership with ACTED, have launched their new inter-agency initiative AGORA. Its aim is to provide predictable capacity to localise aid action and promote efficient, inclusive and integrated local planning and service delivery in contexts of crisis, enabling better responses and linkages between humanitarian and development interventions.
IMPACT conducted further pilots of this approach in Bangui (Central African Republic), Jeremie (Haiti) and Mosul (Iraq) in 2017, working in close partnership with United Nations (UN) Agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the European Union (EU).

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.
☑ 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.

☑ Institutional/Internal constraints
☑ Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis, planning, funding and/or response
☑ Strengthening national/local systems

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

IMPACT will continue leading pilot programs in Lebanon, Iraq, Uganda and Syria to further develop area-based approaches in contexts of crisis, leading to increased sustainability of the response.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

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Keywords

Local action

(3A) Reduce and address displacement

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Leave No One Behind
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.	Leave No One Behind

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Refugees

IMPACT, through its initiative REACH, has been promoting and generating field-evidence for refugee responses across all major refugee crises. Through REACH data and analysis, humanitarian organisations and policy makers have been able to better tailor their programming and policies to refugee needs and intentions across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

IDPs (due to conflict, violence, and disaster)

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☑ Field conditions, including insecurity and access
☑ Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis, planning, funding and/or response

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

REACH is aiming to enable more comparative analysis within and across countries on the situation of refugees and IDPs in and out ot camps.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

In 2017, REACH facilitated joint and independent multi-sector needs assessments in Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Libya, Ukraine

and other large humanitarian crises. This process constitutes a good practice due to the implication of United Nations (UN) Agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and donors throughout the process, and strong analysis of needs/priorities of IDPs/Refugees/host communities as a basis for the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview/Humanitarian Response Plan (HNO/HRP).

Keywords

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

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

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Strengthening national/local leadership and systems

IMPACT launched a new initiative, AGORA, aiming at promoting more localised aid action, by strengthening linkages and cooperation between international and local actors.

IMPACT has been working closely with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), ACTED, United Nations (UN) Agencies, the European Union (EU) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) over 2017 to pilot approaches for increased centrality of national and local systems in contexts of crisis. Pilot cities included: Bangui (Central African Republic), Jeremie (Haiti), Kampala (Uganda), Mafraq (Jordan), Diffa (Niger) and Kabul (Afghanistan).

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B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

IMPACT is leading the development of a Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidance Note on coordination mechanisms for

urban crisis settings, which will be approved in 2018 by the IASC Working Group - leading to system change on the inclusion of national/local actors in aid responses.

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☑ Institutional/Internal constraints
☑ Multi-stakeholder coordination

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

IMPACT and its partners will continue piloting this approach in 2018, including in cities such as Mosul and Raqqa.
IMPACT will facilitate global level discussions about these pilots with UCLG, NGOs, UN Agencies and donors to advance the agenda of stronger cooperation and integration of international and local actors.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

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Keywords

Local action, Urban

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Commit to taking concrete steps to ensure that humanitarian action is based on high quality evidence. We will do this by investing in research and the collection, synthesis and analysis of data, by improving the quality and accessibility of this evidence, and by adopting better practices and systems to use and value evidence. We commit to developing this more evidence-based humanitarian sector through collaborations that are multi-national, multi-organisational and multi-sectoral.	✔ Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP) ✔ World Vision International ⧖ Oxfam International ⧖ International Rescue Committee ⧖ Feinstein International Center, Tufts University ⧖ Sphere ⧖ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) - University of Manchester, Public Health in Humanitarian Crises Group - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Wiley, Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University, Cochrane, Queen's University Belfast, REACH Initiatives, ELRHA, Georgetown University, The Assessment Capacities Project (ACAPS), Groupe URD, Center for Refugee and Disaster Response - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
IMPACT Initiatives commits to develop and operationalise settlement-based approaches for more efficient humanitarian responses in urban areas.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
IMPACT Initiatives, through its REACH initiative, commits to continue promoting innovation among humanitarian actors, and providing support to mainstream innovative approaches among humanitarian responders for a more efficient response.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

IMPACT Initiatives, UNOSAT and ACTED, through their joint REACH initiative, commit to continue generating evidence and contextual understanding as a basis for decision-making, aid planning and delivery, in both protracted and sudden onset crisis, including in hard-to-reach areas.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

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Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis and planning towards collective outcomes

As part of its new initiative AGORA, IMPACT has been promoting area-based approaches for response planning and coordination. Within this framework, IMPACT supported local/national authorities, clusters, United Nations (UN) agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as donors in developing area-based response plans, inclusive of immediate/humanitarian and long-term priorities, transcending the humanitarian-development divides.

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☑ Multi-stakeholder coordination
☑ Strengthening national/local systems

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

Building on its area-based assessments, analysis and response approaches developed so far, IMPACT will continue working with global clusters/inter-cluster, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and key development stakeholders to bridge the humanitarian-development divide and promote more integrated coordination and responses between humanitarian and development actors at field and global level.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

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Humanitarian-development nexus, Local action

(5A) Invest in local capacities

Core Commitments

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Other-5A

IMPACT in partnership with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) has been working on developing peer-to-peer capacity building for local/national actors in countries in crisis, building partnerships with local/national actors from other countries and regions. This approach has been piloted in 2017 in Jeremie/Haiti, following the hurricane, and in Bangui/Central African Republic.

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

IMPACT and UCLG will continue working on this model of peer-to-peer cooperation, enabling local actors to play a central role in crisis response and coordination. Pilots will take place in Mosul (Iraq), Saida (Lebanon) and Kampala (Uganda) in 2018.

Initiative Reports

Global Alliance for Urban Crises :

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

IMPACT has been promoting the Global Alliance for Urban Crises through the organisation of several events on behalf of the Alliance, such as events during the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Humanitarian Netwo rks and Partnerships Week (HNPW), Ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) and so forth. IMPACT is also an a ctive member of the Alliance Steering Group, and is co-leading with UN-Habitat the Working 1 on coordination and urban profiling.