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

Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name
Development Initiatives

Organisational Type
Other

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Europe

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

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Invest in Humanity

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An assessment by Development Initiatives showed that there has already been considerable progress in the reporting of humanitarian aid to IATI. In June 2017, from a total of 51 signatories, 73% (37 organisations or their members or affiliates) had published some data to the IATI Standard and 61% (31 organisations or their members or affiliates) had published humanitarian aid data to IATI.

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☑ 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).

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

Development Initiatives monitor progress against objectives to ensure that its analysis responds to and informs current developments in investments to end poverty and build resilience. Its work on transparency includes the development of an online dashboard to monitor progress of the Grand Bargain signatories in publishing high-quality data to the IATI standard.

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

Development Initiatives will provide independent and rigorous data-led analysis to help others to make informed decisions that lead to better outcomes for people affected by poverty and crisis, including publishing the 2018 Global Humanitarian Assistance report in June.

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

Development Initiatives believes that transparency is a fundamental part of improving the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of all crisis-related financing; humanitarian, development and beyond. Progress in implementing the Grand Bargain transparency commitment could underpin progress in other areas such as cash transfers, multi-year funding and harmonisation.

Keywords

Quality and accountability standards, Transparency / IATI

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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