



## **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Kesh Malek**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Kesh Malek

**Organisational Type**

NGO - National

**City and Country where Headquartered**

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## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Kesh Malek commits to adopt the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at the individual agency level.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
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.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
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.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind

#### 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.

##### IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

- Kesh Malek developed a gender sensitive child protection policy which is strictly applied in the educational facilities supported by Kesh Malek through the Education and Child Protection program.
- Kesh Malek hired a gender consultant to review and develop all Kesh Malek's policies and procedures to be gender sensitive. The gender consultant developed a gender equality strategy, and guidelines for improving gender sensitivity in media, advocacy and reporting within Kesh Malek.

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

Other: By developing the internal framework of the organization

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

The actions carried out by Kesh Malek are long-term actions with strategic results which will make it hard to assess. However, the written papers facilitate the work flow and highlight the importance of such procedures in order to reach gender balance and prevent sexual abuse.

#### 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.

- Field conditions, including insecurity and access  
 Human resources/capacity



- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Field conditions are an obstacle to the application and follow-up with the developed policies including remote management, security situation, lack of skilled women through years of marginalizing women, weak participation of women especially at the decision-making level.

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

Kesh Malek has changed the mandate of the women empowerment program and is looking forward to scale up its project to tackle issues related to women and child abuse on different levels and through several program including girl's education, inclusive education, women support, and capacity building.

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

Adapting strict procedures with local service providers regarding sexual abuse especially educational authorities, and to develop more programs that enable women and break the typical role of women in local communities.

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

Deploy child protection officers (one male and one female) in each educational facilities to ensure application of the principles of child protection.

**Keywords**

Gender, IHL compliance and accountability, Protection

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Kesh Malek commits to make sustained funding conditional on the systematic collection of feedback from affected people on the quality and utility of humanitarian programmes.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Kesh Malek commits to establishing a common approach to providing information to affected people and collecting, aggregating and analysing feedback from communities to influence decision-making processes at strategic and operational levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Kesh Malek commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

### 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 increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.	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 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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
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

**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.**

**People-centered approaches (feedback mechanisms, community engagement, etc)**

Kesh Malek has worked through its programs to develop local communities resilience. The community mobilization program and through "A Country's Identity" centers it has targeted 30,500 beneficiaries (12,881 men, 12,410 women, 2,492 boys, and 2,717 girls) in several activities including awareness raising, political-social participation, women empowerment, capacity building, and meeting the intellectual needs of people.

In northern Syria, Kesh Malek has provided quality formal education services for 1,700 boys and girls, and raised the awareness through "My Rights" advocacy campaign of 1,698 people (302 men, 334 women, 625 boys, and 437 girls) regarding child protection principles and children rights to education. The girls' education project returned 373 girls who had dropped out back to education with several approaches specially designed for such cases. The women's empowerment program raised awareness and built capacity of 1,384 women. And finally, the Ta'afi project enabled support to 14 survivors from political detention.

**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.

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

The indicators in the project are divided to quantity and quality which measure the accomplishment of the activities and the beneficiaries, along with measuring the increase in skills and participation of people.

**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.**

- Field conditions, including insecurity and access  
 Funding modalities (earmarking, priorities, yearly agreements, risk aversion measures)  
 Human resources/capacity

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

The security situation and forced displacement has had a major effect on the implementation of the project. Furthermore, limited resources and unsustainable funding prevent the organization from launching comprehensive and long-term interventions and cause gaps in funding.

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

- Scale up the existing project and develop the mandate of some projects to launch more focused programs.
- Take the lead in advocating toward social and political issues related to the Syrian context.
- Share good practices and focus on the media reach.

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

- Develop the program in coordination with grass-root organizations to avoid applying standard interventions that are unrealistic in the Syrian context.
- Focus on building the capacity of Syrian civil society organizations.

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

Increase the involvement of the field staff in the process of developing the project and problem analysis.

**Keywords**

Community resilience, Education, Gender, Local action, People-centred approach



## Additional Reports

### Attachment

[Kesh Malek 2016 Annual Report Eng.pdf](#)

[Organization Profile 2017 V0.1.pdf](#)