



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



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**  
Hungary

**Organisational Type**  
Member State

**City and Country where Headquartered**  
Budapest, Hungary

**Focal Point Name**  
Lilla Vulcz

**Region**  
Europe

**Twitter ID**  
Nil



## 3A Reduce and address displacement

### Individual Commitments

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**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.**

#### Refugees

Hungary contributed € 2.33 million to the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey (the total sum, paid 2016-2018, is € 14.66 million).

#### IDPs (due to conflict, violence, and disaster)

Hungary funded the implementation of various humanitarian projects in the Middle-East, such as those of the *Hungarian Interchurch Aid* in Iraq, or the programmes of the *Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch*, the *Melkite Greek Catholic Church* and the *Catholic Church in Syria*. Hungary also contributed € 1 million to the WFP's famine programmes in Kenya, Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen.

#### Cross-border, disaster and climate related displacement

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary provided financial assistance (\$ 7510) to Sierra Leone after the 2017 August landslide, and in-kind assistance (a water purifier) to Cuba after the devastation of several hurricanes.

**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.
- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

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

The diplomatic missions of Hungary keep in touch with the implementing NGOs/recipients and report regularly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). The annual report compiled by the MFAT for the Government on the development and humanitarian



activities of Hungary serves as the main tool of internal assessment.

**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 amounts
- Human resources/capacity

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

Not being a big donor means Hungary can only make moderate progress on its own. Hungary is open to engaging in the implementation of humanitarian projects together with the like-minded Visegrad 4 countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic).

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

Hungary is about to adopt its Strategy on International Humanitarian Assistance which will reflect the Government's approach to bring help to those in need close to their homes, so that they will not become displaced or embark on a dangerous migratory journey. Hungary intends to follow this approach in its humanitarian activities in 2018.

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

Hungary supports the operationalisation of the humanitarian-development nexus, as outlined in the recently adopted approach of the EU, since it can greatly enhance the efficiency of collective attempts to tackle the root causes that lead to displacement as well as to voluntary migration.

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

Hungary has provided financial assistance to fund the humanitarian programmes of various Christian churches in the Middle East, who already have an efficient social infrastructure and can thus reach the target groups easily.