



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



Stakeholder Information

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Romania

Organisational Type

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1B Act early

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.	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.

The creation of a new profession - the gender equality expert. The need to create and implement this profession came through the understanding that only an institutionalized effort would bring effective and quantifiable change within society. This is why the gender equality expert profession targets all the stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of public policies. Furthermore, it applies to all sectors of activity that play a role in ensuring active gender mainstreaming across all areas of activities in the public sector (social welfare, police, justice, border police, gendarmerie and penitentiary staff). By 2020, 70% of Romania's national and local public institutions will have experts and technicians in gender equality.

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

The Ministry of Labour and Social Justice is in charge of this issue. The assessment of the progress on Romania's commitment indicates that it is on good track.

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

In 2018, Romania remains committed to continue organizing training courses across the country.

Keywords

Gender



2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Romania commits to engage constructively in the intergovernmental process as set out in Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015, "to find agreement on features and functions of a potential forum of States and ways to enhance the implementation of IHL using the potential of the International Conference and the IHL regional forums".	Partnership	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

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The General Inspectorate for Immigration initiated the project for amending the Government Ordinance np. 44/2004 on the social integration of foreigners who have acquired international protection or a right of residence in Romania, as well as citizens of the European Union (EU) Member States (MS) and of the European Economic Area and the decision no. 1483/2004 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of the Government Ordinance no. 44/2004. Also, in view of the proposals for amending the common European asylum system, after approval, further amendments will need to be made in order to adapt the national legislation to the new provisions.

The relocation of refugees from third countries to Romania is carried out on the basis of Government Decision no. 1596/2008 on the resettlement of refugees in Romania and the transferred persons receive government assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Law no. 122/2006 on asylum in Romania. In addition, through projects funded by the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund, they can benefit from compensatory payments for rent and utilities in private dwellings, intensive Romanian language and cultural accommodation sessions, until obtaining a form of protection and with it the entry into the integration program.

After the approval of the Memorandum by the Romanian Prime Minister, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, through General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations submitted an Official Letter to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), notifying about the Government Decision to become the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) member and sending contact details of the UNDAC National Focal Point.

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

The assessment on the progress on commitments indicates that Romania is on good track in achieving concrete results.

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

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is in charge with the follow up process on the implementation of these commitments. Actions planned for 2018 are under consideration and pending approval.





3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Romania acknowledges the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large number of refugees and commits to foster host communities, self resilience and resilience.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
Romania commits to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees, as appropriate and within the framework of its national legislation.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Romania will explore the possibility of creating additional legal pathways to the national resettlement programme for admission of refugees, such as education opportunities (scholarships).	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Romania will strive to include countries hosting large numbers of refugees, IDPs and returnees among the beneficiaries of its official development assistance.	Financial	Leave No One Behind

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
Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced population or receiving large numbers of returnees with the necessary political, policy and financial, support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.	Leave No One Behind



<p>Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.</p>	<p>Leave No One Behind</p>
<p>Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.</p>	<p>Leave No One Behind</p>

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The Ministry of National Education of Romania supports the process of integration of the children and youth that have obtained a form of international protection or the right to reside in Romania, through the following means: 1. The provision of Romanian language courses for beginners. 2. The provision of access to education. Law no. 331/2015 guarantees the access to education of minor asylum applicants. 3. The equivalence of studies. 4. The granting of scholarships. More details are presented in the annex.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs supports the relocation of refugees from third countries to Romania which is carried out on the basis of the Government Decision 1596/2008, and the transferred persons receive assistance in accordance with Law 122/2006 on asylum. In addition, through projects funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, they can benefit from compensatory payments for rent and utilities in private dwellings, intensive Romanian language and cultural accommodation sessions, until obtaining a form of protection.

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

In 2018, the Ministry of National Education of Romania will continue its work on these issues.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs, the General Inspectorate for Immigration will continue in 2018, to develop resettlement programs, financed by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

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

The recognition of professional competences. Foreign citizens, who obtained a form of protection in Romania, and who cannot provide professional certificates can follow the same certification procedures as those used for the attestation of professional competences/qualifications gained in non-formal and informal contexts, applicable for Romanian citizens.

The granting of scholarships.

Keywords

Displacement, Education, Youth



3D Empower and protect women and girls

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.	Leave No One Behind
Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.	Leave No One Behind
Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.	Leave No One Behind
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

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1. To support the autonomy of women and girls Romania elaborated the Draft Decision on the approval of the National Strategy for the Promotion Gender Equality and Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence, 2018 - 2021, and the Operational Plan aimed at concrete measures in the field of education by setting out the related indicators: 1.1. Raising awareness of children and young people about the legal provisions in the field of gender equality. 1.2. Combating gender stereotypes among young people; 2. Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health - The National Program for women and children's health; The National Program for surveillance and control of infectious diseases includes measures for preventing and controlling sexual and transmissible diseases and HIV; The National Program for smear test that includes early screening. According to the National Program regarding the family planning, a national network of family planning offices was established. 3. Implement a coordinated approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in a crisis context - in order to implement the Istanbul Convention, the Government of Romania, submitted to the Parliament, the Law on the preventing and combating domestic violence. Regarding social services, the Government Program 2018 - 2020 Section 8 "Respect and dignity of women" stipulates concrete measures taken, namely: the development of a network of at least 20 protected shelters for victims of domestic violence, the creation of 10 crisis centers for rape cases. The National Agency for Equal Opportunities has developed a number of projects. Annex with more details is attached.

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

There is an active involvement of all institutions in charge with this issue, including the National Commission in the field of gender equality (CONES), for the implementation of the provisions of the Strategy and the Action Plan.

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

The creation of a new profession - the gender equality expert. It was a simple idea of training specialists in the field of gender equality, who would promote and apply the principles of equal opportunities between women and men in all of their activities. So far, 1.100 people were trained.



Keywords

Gender



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
As a contribution to strengthening local capacities, the Romanian National Meteorological Administration will organize short-term training courses, within the premises of the National School of Meteorology, on subjects like meteorology, climatology and agrometeorology, addressed to experts/representatives from disaster-affected countries.	Training	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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



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The National Meteorological Administration of Romania organized specialized training courses, within the premises of the National School of Meteorology, in the domains of meteorology (forecasting, weather radars), agro-meteorology and climatology, aimed at training specialists.

Also, at the World Meteorological Organization's initiative, teleconferences were organized with representatives (specialists in weather forecasts) of the National Meteorological Services in order to facilitate the elaboration of special forecasts. The National Meteorological Administration of Romania, through its experts (e.g. dr. Florinela Georgescu, executive director) participated in these teleconferences.

Also under the coordination of the World Meteorological Organization, within the IPA Project "Building resilience to disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey", the National Meteorological Administration hosted training activities on the theme "On-the-job training on severe weather forecasting and warnings". Other training courses were organized for young specialists in weather forecasting from the State Hydro-meteorological Service, Republic of Moldova.

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In the future, the National Meteorological Administration of Romania is willing to organize/host other training initiatives within its premises, in the field of weather forecasting, meteorological radars, agro-meteorology and climatology, and is ready to provide scientific and logistic (technological) support for these activities for the national meteorological services' specialists and young researchers from the South-East of Europe, and not only.

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

The National Meteorological Administration is enhancing its cooperation with the National Meteorological Services in Europe (Regional Association VI of the World Meteorological Organization) in terms of carrying out forecast and warnings in case of occurrence of severe weather phenomena that can generate critical humanitarian situations.

Keywords

Disaster Risk Reduction, Local action



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Romania commits to invest more in data collection, analyses and early warning of climate risks. In particular, the Romanian National Meteorological Administration will further cooperate with European national meteorology services and other relevant partners in preparing weather forecasts, meteo warnings for refugees transit zones and alerts for extreme weather events (like floods) that can generate critical humanitarian situations.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Romania will further work to expand, consolidate and operationalize its National Strategy for Climate Change 2013-2020, based on an action plan outlining concrete responsibilities, timelines, financial resources, as well as performance indicators.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

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The Ministry of Environment is in charge with the follow up process in the area of climate change. Romania consolidated its National Climate Change Strategy 2016 - 2020 through a complex project which updated and extended it to the National Climate Change and Low Carbon Green Growth Strategy on the medium term, 2016 - 2030, and operationalized through the National



Action Plan on Climate Change for the period 2016 - 2020.

The current Climate Change Strategy has the objective to mobilize and enable public and private actors in Romania to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from economic activities in accordance with the European Union (EU) targets and to adapt to the effects of climate variability and change, both current and future.

As regards of mitigation, the Climate Change Strategy has adopted quantifiable targets in line with the EU 2030 objectives. As regards of adaptation, it aims to protect Romania's environment, people and economic activities from climate change, especially from extreme events in the context of climate change.

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4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Romania commits to become a member country of the UNDAC in 2016.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

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Other-4C

Following the endorsement of the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in Istanbul, 23 - 24 May 2016, Romania has initiated the steps for becoming a country member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC).

After the approval of the Memorandum by the Romanian Prime Minister, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs, through the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, submitted an official letter to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), notifying about the Romanian Government decision to become an UNDAC member and sending the contact details of the UNDAC National Focal Point.

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In 2018, Romania, in its capacity as UNDAC country member, in case of an emergency situation, upon request, could deploy coordination/assessment experts to support the affected countries and join the UNDAC response to disasters.



Additional Reports

Attachment
Contribution MLSJ ROMANIA follow up WHS.docx
Contribution MNE ROMANIA WHS 2018_en.docx