Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development

Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name
Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development

Organisational Type
NGO - International

City and Country where Headquartered
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

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Region
Global

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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development 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

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.

Gender-based violence prevention and response

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development is committed to expanding their scope to include GBV prevention and response into their programming. Jafra applied for a spot at a UNICEF (and their inter-agency Gender Based Violence (GBV) Guidelines Implementation Support Team) workshop to build our capacities on implementing GBV risk mitigation into our every day work. The training will take place in March 2018. The identified person who attends this training on behalf of Jafra will in turn train the staff upon their completion of the workshop.

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.

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.

☑ Funding amounts
☑ Human resources/capacity
☑ Institutional/Internal constraints

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

Without time and funding sources to support building capacities in this area, opportunities are limited.

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

- Attending UNICEF training
- Knowledge transfer of this training
- Develop policy/procedures for GBV
- Seek more learning opportunities

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

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Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development 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
Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development 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
Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development 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

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

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development involves community stakeholders throughout each project cycle. Jafra maintains constant communication with the municipality, beneficiaries, community stakeholders, and local authorities to ensure each project is transparent and running smoothly. Feedback mechanisms are also incorporated into each project, offering a platform for refinement of the ongoing program. Activities include:
- Hold interviews with community stakeholders, including beneficiaries
- Hold focus groups with community stakeholders, including beneficiaries
- Design programs which benefit the end-user
- Feedback "box", with appointed staff who will take feedback and are always on hand and clearly identified to the stakeholders
- Focus on people-centered approaches are included in our policies and procedures

Adherence to quality and accountability standards (e.g. CHS, SPHERE)

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development commits to adopt the CHS and IATI standards to improve the quality and effectiveness of the assistance they provide.

Cash-based programming

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development has committed to supporting the diverse needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises in fragile and complex emergencies. One way Jafra supports the beneficiaries' diverse needs is through cash based programming (unconditional cash transfers - UCT, cash for work - CFW) and livelihood development. In 2017, Jafra expanded it's cash based programming through out Syria leading to the financial empowerment of many beneficiaries.

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☑ Through multi-stakeholder processes or initiatives (e.g. IASC, Grand Bargain, Charter for Change, etc).

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☑ Human resources/capacity

☑ Institutional/Internal constraints
☑ Preparedness

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

- Use the CHS self assessment tool
- Continue to focus on people-centered approaches in all of Jafra's policies and procedures
- Build on data being gathered in 2017 from the outreach and monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning activities and adjust services accordingly
- Continue to seek funding opportunities for livelihoods programming involving cash transfer programming

Keywords

Cash, Local action, People-centred approach, Quality and accountability standards

5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development is committed to standardize its interventions in a structured way and because of this has begun using the CHS assessment tool.

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- Seek funding opportunities for implementing CHS Standard trainings
- Use the CHS Self Assessment Tool and alter policies/procedures/practices based on results

Keywords

Quality and accountability standards