



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



Stakeholder Information

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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

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During 2018, the Ministry of National Education of Romania has continued to provide the support measures specially put in place for the benefit of foreign citizens and children who obtained a form of international protection or the right to reside in Romania. This consists in the provision of free Romanian language courses, for both minors and adults, access to education, at all levels, under the same conditions as those in place for Romanian citizens, equivalence of studies in view of continuing education at both pre-university and university level, the recognition of professional competences in view of gaining access to the labor market. These support measures have been enlarged upon within our report on actions implemented by Romania. In regard to the support offered to foreign pupils and students who received some form of protection in Romania, the Romanian authorities covered the financial expenses of seven Syrians and five Iraqi pupils, respectively, enrolled in the Romanian educational system in the school year 2017 - 2018, as well as those incurred by the attendance of the Romanian language preparatory year by four Syrians and six Iraqi students, respectively during the academic year 2017 - 2018. In addition, in the same academic year, students from Syria and Iraq, have benefited from grants in form of scholarships and other facilities.

Romanian contribution for these Iraq and Syrians pupils/students, in 2018 is approximately 607.582 EUR.

2. 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
- Gender and/or vulnerable group inclusion
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

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

Acting early for supporting the foreign citizens in need promotes IHL through these kind of activities, along with the integration of IHL into the national education system, promoting IHL through the activities of the institutions represented in the National Commission on IHL and supporting the organization of meetings and various training courses.

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

Actions to provide the support for foreign pupils and students who get a form of international protection or the right to reside in Romania, through the educational system.

Keywords

Displacement, IHL compliance and accountability



1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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In 2018, Romania's contribution in the field of humanitarian assistance targeted both disaster-affected countries, as well as conflict-affected countries.

Individual commitments

Commitment 2: monthly aid to refugees from Afghanistan - 21,098 USD; monthly aid to refugees from Syria-232,853 USD; temporary assistance provided to asylum seekers and refugees in Romania (North Africa, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, India, Nigeria) - 15,503 USD; Core contribution to the UNRWA - 5,795 USD; Core contribution to the International Organization of Migration- 98,968 USD; Core contribution to the UN Refugee Agency - 150,913 USD.

Commitment 3: Higher Education scholarships for a preparatory year for 10 refugee students from Syria and Iraq to learn Romanian - 29,530 USD; Upper secondary scholarships for 12 refugee children from Syria and Iraq - 27,762 USD.

Commitment 4: Contribution to the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey - 8,637.862 USD; Assisted voluntary return and social reintegration operations for migration - 13,855 USD.

Commitment 7: Core contribution to the World Meteorological Organization - 117,782 USD; Core contribution to the UNFCCC - 2,044 USD; Core contribution to the UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol - 62,902 USD.

Commitment 9: A Romanian expert from the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Internal Affairs, has been deployed to Dominica in response to the post-disaster waste-hurricane Maria as part of the UNDAC team, under the management of the UN OCHA - 900 USD.

Core commitments

Core commitment 1: Training Program on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Stabilization (12th edition) in Bucharest - for G5 Sahel countries, prevent the return to crisis in post-conflict contexts - 57,470.900 USD.

Core commitment 2: Voluntary contribution to support the Jordan National Red Crescent Society - 33,540 USD.

Core commitment 5: Assistance for Cuba's reconstruction after Irma and Maria - 67,416 USD; Saint Kitts and Nevis - 36,339 USD; training program on DRR (for CARICOM states) - 803,523 USD.

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- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Romania sought to contribute to initiatives addressing capacity building efforts and post-disaster conflicts reconstruction as well as providing aid to refugees seeking support. This is the reason Romania is annually contributing to support countries in need and in order to reach stability in those areas.

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



In accordance with the Decision no. 40 for amending the Government Decision no. 1596/2008 on the resettlement of refugees in Romania published on the 12 February 2018, Romania will accept 109 refugees in need of resettlement during the period of 2018 - 2019. Romania should continue to invest in stability.

Keywords

Displacement



2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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Romania has been actively participated to the Intergovernmental Process on Strengthening Respect for International Humanitarian Law, co-facilitated by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Switzerland, with the view to supporting the creation of a new space for regular dialogue on IHL among States.

Romania will continue to promote the efforts at international and regional levels aimed at strengthening compliance with IHL, while remaining convinced of the need for a meaningful dialogue among States in this area.

Since 2014, the Romanian authorities have organized various celebratory events (seminars, debates) to mark the 14 May (the date of ratification by Romania of the 1949 Geneva Conventions) as Day of International Humanitarian Law at national level. As an example, on this occasion, the Center of International Humanitarian Law within the Ministry of National Defense (MoD) organized the Round Table entitled "The importance of IHL in the current security environment".

The Nicolae Titulescu University in Bucharest organized, in partnership with the UN Refugee Agency in Romania, the Romanian Red Cross, the National Commission on IHL and the Center of IHL within the MoD, an inter-university contest of international humanitarian and refugee law which helps bolster the IHL profile and the students' interest on this topic within the academic community.

The National Commission has proved its usefulness. It has promoted initiatives to modify legislation to bring it in line with international obligations. As recent examples, Romania's endorsement of the Safe Schools Declaration which was first discussed and recommended by the Commission.

Another examples of commitments, Romania has made important progress in implementing UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on Women, Peace and Security, based on measures undertaken by the Ministry of National defense and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. At present, women represent 10% of the Romanian personnel participating to UN peacekeeping operations.

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- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Romania has manifested its commitments to raising awareness to ensure full access to and protection of humanitarian missions, through improving its national capacity and by organizing activities at national, regional and global level.

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

More actions for raising awareness are needed, being organized by countries in the region.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



2C Speak out on violations

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

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From the perspective of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, the Law no. 174/2018 shows interest in preventing and combating domestic violence: a Provisional Protection Order (PPO), a tool in administrative matters, which will allow the policeman to intervene quickly to protect the victim and to remove the perpetrator immediately (Article 52 of the Convention), it is regulated as a central pillar. In the monitoring process, the policeman will make permanent checks to comply with the measures imposed on the aggressor (home visits, gathering information from neighbors, victim service, and school, as the case may be). After the PPO is issued, the policeman will ensure that the rights of the aggressor are respected through measures aimed at correctly informing about PPO and also guidance to a specialized social service for hosting and counseling. At the same time, the possibility of monitoring PPO through an electronic system is regulated for the first time. Other important provisions in the field of violations: the law provides that under no circumstances, habit, culture, religion, tradition or so-called "honor" can be considered justification for any type of violence against women and men (Art. 42, art. 121, paragraph 5 of the Convention); the field of social services for victims and domestic violence aggressors has been expanded by regulating services such as emergency hotlines, integrated emergency services for victims of sexual violence and protected shelters that can provide victims of domestic violence the transition to an independent living. In accordance with the Program of the Government of Romania 2017 - 2020, the implementation of the measures foreseen in the section 8 "Respect and dignity for women" will be achieved through two specific projects: A national innovative protected housing network for domestic violence victims, as an integral part of a future National Program for the Protection of Domestic Violence Victims, and Crisis Centers for rape situations in emergency hospitals.

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

Romania consider that the norms, methodologies and working procedures, the development of which all actors responsible in the field actively participate, will have a great importance and will ensure the future application of the provisions and in diminishing the phenomenon. An inter-institutional Working Group for the elaboration of normative acts was established.

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

The legislative measures will be matched by training programs for all specialists in the field (judges, policemen, social workers, public and private social service providers etc.) that will contribute in order to make collective progress in relation to the victims of domestic violence and also to increase the confidence of the victims in the effectiveness of prevention and protection measures

Keywords

Gender, IHL compliance and accountability



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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

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IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

Following the inter-institutional consultations, in 2018, the National Focal Point for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 was designated within the Ministry of National Defense, namely the Head of the recently established Unit for Gender-related issues, within this institution. In the next period, the Ministry of National Defense will coordinate, together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the preparations for the elaboration of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1325. In June, the Ministry of National Defense organized in Bucharest a Regional Conference entitled "The comprehensive approach to increasing the role of women in the fields of security and defense". The event gathered military personnel working with gender-related issues from the States of the region, NATO and SEEBRIG. In September, Romania organized a ministerial side-event during the general debate of the UNGA session with the topic "Enabling Implementation of Women, Peace and Security mandates in Peacekeeping Operations". The event facilitated an exchange of information on this topic.

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- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Romania is party to most of the treaties in the field of International Humanitarian Law. The Criminal Code in force, with subsequent amendments, has incorporated all main IHL rules. The Romanian authorities are striving to ensure that all missions abroad are undertaken in compliance with international humanitarian standards, which represent an essential requirement.

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

The most important steps are to be taken at the national level in order to put in place the requirements of the decisions that were taken at the global level. For example, in Romania, the National Commission on IHL, as a consultative body of the Government, helps to monitor the fulfillment of Romania's obligations under international law treaties, as well as identifying the most adequate means of implementing IHL at the national level.



Keywords

Gender, IHL compliance and accountability



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 dissemination of international humanitarian law norms within the armed forces and other structures with responsibilities in this field, as well as within the civil society is one of the most important objectives of the Romanian National Strategy on the implementation of International Humanitarian Law. An adequate organizational framework has been set up within the Ministry of National Defense in order to ensure the integration of IHL in the training of armed forces. The specialized structure of the Ministry of National Defense - the Center of International Humanitarian Law - also offers qualified support for various activities of IHL dissemination. Within the military education system, the instruction in the field of IHL is carried out through the completion of general and specialized curricula. Prior to deployment in the operation field, the military personnel involved in missions abroad, including crisis management operations, benefits of additional instruction. As regards the issue of security training for journalists operating in conflict areas, the Ministry of National Defense organizes each year, including 2018, a special course for journalists working in conflict areas. The curricula for educational institutions belonging to the Ministry of Internal Affairs also contains relevant courses of IHL.

As a contribution to the IHL promotion at the regional level, in March 2018, the Romanian National IHL Commission and the International Committee of the Red Cross organized, in Bucharest, a Regional IHL Conference for States in Central and South-Eastern Europe, with the purpose to discuss IHL issues of common interest and foster peer to peer cooperation.

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- Adherence to standards and/or humanitarian principles
- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

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

Romania is party to most of the treaties in the field of IHL, including the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 1977. The Criminal Code in force, with subsequent amendments, has incorporated all main IHL rules. Each new action represents added value to this commitment.

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

Romania agreed on the need to develop the regional dialogue on IHL as means of boosting the impact of relevant national mechanisms/processes. Romania expressed availability to contribute to establishing and maintaining a network of IHL focal points in the Central and South-Eastern region with the purpose of exchanging information, experiences, best practices in support of strengthening IHL compliance.



Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



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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Gender equality programming

The new integrated National Strategy for Promoting Equal Opportunities between Women and Men and Preventing and Combating Violence against women for the period 2018 - 2021 includes measures regarding gender balanced participation in the decision process. The National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men conducts several actions: performing analyzes on the balanced participation of women and men in decision making positions in the central public administration; analysis on the participation of women and men in the presidential/local/parliamentary election process; supporting initiatives to adopt affirmative measures to increase the number of women in the political or economic decision-making process; developing initiatives to adopt affirmative measures to increase the number of women in operations and missions at all levels of the armed forces; organizing campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of women's presence in the management of listed companies at the Bucharest Stock Exchange; and organizing information/training sessions to increase women's participation in political, public and private decision making.

According to the national legislation, in all territorial administrative units of Romania (42 counties and Bucharest), there are organized County Commissions for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men having, as a main responsibility, the promotion and implementation, at local level, the values and principles of non-discrimination based on sex.

2. 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.

- Data and analysis
- Human resources/capacity
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

Based on the national legislation, central and local public and civilian institutions, civil and military, economic and social units, political parties, employers' and trade union organizations and other non-profit entities, women and men in leadership and decision-making are taking the necessary measures to ensure balanced participation of women and men in leadership and decision-making.

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

For this reason, Romania needs to continue actions to fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights. In exercising its function of state authority, the National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men (ANES) will continue to ensure the coordination of the implementation of the two key programmatic documents: the UN Convention on the Eliminations of All Forms of Discrimination



Against Women (CEDAW) and the Istanbul Convention.

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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Strengthening national/local leadership and systems

The objectives of the National Strategy on Promoting Gender Equality and Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence for the period 2018 - 2021 are: developing the capacity of local public administration authorities to intervene in the preventing and combating of domestic violence situations; the implementation at national level of the Integrated Information System for registration, reporting and management of domestic violence situations; increasing efficiency in combating domestic violence situations; stimulating the responsible authorities to develop, in partnership, actions of prevention; training programs; program of rehabilitation; and set up new units for preventing and combating domestic violence. The dialogue with civil society representatives continues and 17 Protocols of Collaboration were signed with different NGOs actively participating in the field of gender equality and the prevention and combating of domestic violence. At the national level, there is a free telephone line for Victims of Domestic Violence, a social service set up in accordance with the provisions of Art. 24 of the Istanbul Convention (24h./24h., 7 days/7 days).

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- IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability
- Multi-stakeholder coordination
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

In order to provide financial support for the development of all working tools and instruments for the implementation of primary legislation, ANES (National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men) has developed a number of projects (more details are in the annex to this report).

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

The Romanian Government is aware of the importance of the inter-institutional cooperation and civil society involvement, and from this perspective, an Inter-Ministerial Committee for Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence was set up, in order to ensure the implementation of all provisions of the Istanbul Convention through the collective action and cooperation of all relevant actors in the field.

Keywords

Gender, Local action, Strengthening local systems



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

Core Commitments

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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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Disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management (including resilience)

The National Meteorological Administration of Romania has continued the process of modernizing the meteorological



infrastructure through different projects such as "Developing of the national system for monitoring and warning of dangerous meteorological phenomena to ensure the protection of life and material goods", and its specific objective of "Reducing impacts and damage to the population caused by the natural phenomena associated with the main risks posed by the climate change, mainly by floods and coastal erosion". By developing the National Monitoring and Warning System, the operational activities (forecasting and warning of the severe weather) will be improved, so that the Romanian population and national authorities with a role in preventing and managing emergency situations will be able to take measures to reduce the risks associated with extreme weather events, in order to ensure the protection of life and property. In the annex of this report there are more details on these projects.

As regards the climate change issue, Romania consolidated its National Climate Change Strategy, 2016 - 2020 with 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 through the National Action Plan on Climate Change 2016 - 2020. Details in the same annex.

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- Information management/tools
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

By taking anticipatory measures, Romania are not waiting for crises to occur. Romania is further working to expand, consolidate and put in place actions at the national level, based on an Action Plan with responsibilities, timelines, financial resources, as well as performance indicators.

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

Progress is measured in results on the ground, this is the reason for Romania to continue working for mobilizing and enabling the public and private actors in Romania to adapt their activities to the effects of climate change in order to reach the sustainable development targets and making our country a climate-resilient.

Keywords

Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness



5B Invest according to risk

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Romania commits to make regular financial contributions to the Green Climate Fund subject to available resources.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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
Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.	Invest in Humanity

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Through the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (GIES), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), has completed the RO-RISK project (Disaster Risk Reduction at National Level) project with the aim of achieving landslide hazard and risk evaluation at the national level, as well as the close inter and trans-disciplinary collaboration through the involvement of specialists and stakeholders during the whole research process, the results of which can be assigned to geomorphic services. A common methodology to analyze all selected risks has been followed within the project, mainly focusing on hazard and impact analyses. It focused on assessing the specific hazards and risks occurring on the Romanian territory. In order to ensure a proper identification of risks having major impact at national level and their integrated management, research and consultation activities have been undertaken, before the start of the actual assessments, to set out a common language base and a coherent and unitary frame for the analyses. The resulting methodology for risk evaluations and integration of individual risk assessments was constantly subject to improvements during the projects implementation as risk assessment activities were advancing. The project identified 10 types of hazards and risks significant for the national security. Therefore, scientific evaluations performed in the frame of the project, by research institutes as well as central administration institutions, have been concentrated on floods, drought, forest fires, land slides (slides), earthquakes, nuclear and radiological accidents. Romania, through MIA/GIES, is permanently focusing on increasing the level of training in the field of disaster management, by designing and organizing at national, regional and local level, simulation exercises on various types of scenarios (earthquakes, floods, landslides).

Romania has 2 High Capacity Pumping capacities certified under the Union Mechanism for Civil Protection/European Civil protection Pool/ECPP and has 1 MUSAR team (Medium Urban Search and Rescue Team), INSARAG accredited.

2. 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
- Preparedness
- Strengthening national/local systems

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

In 2018, RO-ALERT system launched which allows sending Cell Broadcast Messages to warn and alert citizens in case of emergency according to the legal provisions. It has also launched the web platform <https://fiipregatit.ro> which shows guidelines in different



emergency situations.

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

As actions needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation, at national level there are 23 partnerships agreements drawn up with the public entities which foresee the population awareness in case of emergency situations. Also, in 2018 there were finalized 2 National Intervention Strategies in the field of floods and forest fires.

In case of worldwide disaster occurrence, Romania can provide experts under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to offer support to the national authorities in coping with the disaster consequences.

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Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness



Additional Reports

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