



**AGENDA
FOR HUMANITY**
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Reach Out To Asia (ROTA)



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Reach Out To Asia (ROTA)

Organisational Type

NGO - International

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Middle East

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3F Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Reach Out To Asia commits to establish a regional capacity building initiative to catalyze local youth-led humanitarian action and to generate evidence on appropriate methodologies for helping young people gain the necessary capabilities to act effectively.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind

1. A. Highlight concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2019 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures as well as any good practices and examples of innovation.

In 2017, Reach Out to Asia (a program of Education Above All Foundation) launched the **MENA Youth Capacity Building in Humanitarian Action (MYCHA) Initiative** with the support of regional partners including OCHA, UNHCR, Qatar Red Crescent, and United Muslim Relief. The MYCHA Initiative has six interrelated components, each of which is designed to increase capacity among youth from crisis-affected contexts and to provide platforms for them to demonstrate their ability to contribute in positive ways. MYCHA is part of a global movement to promote the participation and leadership of young people in national, local and international humanitarian processes. The initiative contributes directly to Key Action 3 of the **Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action**, which in turn contributes to Transformation 3F of the Agenda for Humanity. Progress in 2018 built on the previous year's achievement where 116 youth between the ages of 18-30, representing 15 nationalities were convened in Doha, Qatar to participate in a regional MYCHA training.

Action 1: Local MYCHA Training in Amman, Jordan

In line with plans to replicate MYCHA youth trainings across the region, United Muslim Relief (UMR), in partnership with ROTA, numerous local partners, and various members of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, hosted a MYCHA training in Jordan. MYCHA Jordan was a five-day event, held from 9-13 September 2018. Forty-six (46) young people from across Jordan attended the training.

Action 2: Second Regional MYCHA Training in Doha, Qatar

In November 2018, 166 youth representing 12 nationalities were convened in Doha, Qatar to participate in the second regional MYCHA training. Upon completion of the training, 96 per cent of the participants reported that they believe youth can play a primary role in humanitarian action. The training served as a platform for learning, networking and knowledge sharing among youth interested in humanitarian action.

B. Please select if your report relates to any initiatives launched at World Humanitarian summit

- The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

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

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

Young people already engage in meaningful actions in crisis-affected contexts; however, there has been little investigation into the nature of their actions or the types of skills required for them to be more involved. Data and analysis in these areas will further enable young people to be agents of positive transformation.

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

An intended outcome of the MYCHA Training is that upon completion, youth are able to better demonstrate their capacity as agents of positive transformation in crisis-affected contexts. However, the nature and structure of the existing humanitarian system allows few entry points for young people to make meaningful contributions. Typically, young people have been seen as beneficiaries but more needs to be done collectively on the part of stakeholders to better engage youth in work that is already being conducted.

Keywords



Strengthening local systems, Youth



Additional Reports

Attachment
MYCHA 2018 Training Evaluation Report.pdf
mycha-jordan-report.pdf