



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



# **Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Trocaire 2016**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Trocaire

**Organisational Type**

NGO - International

**City and Country where Headquartered**

Maynooth, Ireland

**Focal Point Name**

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**Region**

Global

**Twitter ID**

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## 1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will advocate with the Irish Government as a UN and EU Member State on the prevention and resolution of conflict.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Every Member State has a responsibility to review their role and priorities towards preventing and ending conflict. There is simply no other way. Conflict only promotes inequality, creating massive wealth for a few and enormous hardship and suffering for millions.

### Achievements at a glance

Ongoing

### How is your organization assessing progress

Based on our advocacy engagement with the Irish Government and subsequent action taken at EU and UN level

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

1C - Remain engaged and invest in stability



## 1D Develop solutions with and for people

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will promote equal rights and responsibilities of men and women and continue its work with the Irish Government in promoting Security Council Resolution 1325 and Ireland's Second National Action Plan, advocating for equal participation and full involvement of women in all efforts for the promotion of peace and security.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Via our work with the Irish Government as a partner and a donor and a champion of Sec Res 1325.

Trocaire is an active member of the Oversight Group for Ireland's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and an active Member of the Irish Consortium on GBV and a member of the Refugee and Migrants Coalition that works with refugees in Ireland and within Europe.

### Achievements at a glance

- Post-WHS update to the Oversight Group to capture the great contribution of Ireland and particularly the Irish President at the Summit.
- Strong advocacy on ensuring the components of the Irish National Action Plan are incorporated into domestic plans of government departments tasked with supporting migrants and refugees in Ireland.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Ongoing

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

- 1D - Develop solutions with and for people



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will actively promote humanitarian principles in its work and ensure that its humanitarian activities and those of its partners have the aim of making people safer, preserving their dignity and reducing vulnerabilities by building the skills of staff according to their duties in areas such as protection, international humanitarian law and international human rights law.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

We need to increase awareness across the organisation on principled humanitarian action and how to balance views and tensions in this area.

### Achievements at a glance

A Humanitarian Learning Platform has been set up which can be accessed by every member of staff. The platform includes general and detailed information and accessible training modules on humanitarian principles and humanitarian action.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Progress will be assessed under the humanitarian outcome of the strategic plan with regular reporting systems in place as well as more fluid conversations and deeper understanding among staff and partners on the humanitarian principles.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

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



## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will implement the IASC GBV Guidelines by 2018 and incorporate the guidelines into all protection training modules.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Trocaire will integrate gender and HIV responses to deliver humanitarian programmes that address women's vulnerability to GBV and HIV.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Trocaire will maintain and enhance its support to protection and protection mainstreaming in its humanitarian programming to protect women and girls, boys and men from sexual abuse and exploitation in humanitarian crises situations.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Trocaire will work with partners on the protection of women and girls in emergencies, including support for women and girls who have experienced sexual violence, abuse or exploitation.	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
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

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Elevate attention and understanding in programming to protect women and girls.

### Achievements at a glance

Protection work accelerating to intensive programming and broader mainstreaming.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

2D - Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability



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

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### **Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments**

This commitment reinforced our organisational committeemen to human rights.

### **Achievements at a glance**

Ongoing

### **How is your organization assessing progress**

As part of the strategic priorities of the new strategic plan.

### **Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

#### **Agenda for Humanity**

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



## 3A Reduce and address displacement

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trociare commits to advocating for the protection of refugees and migrants as well as the responsibilities of EU Member States to recognise and fulfil commitments and obligations regarding refugee quotas, and the rights of refugees and asylum seekers to access safe, transparent and dignified services and support.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind

### How is your organization assessing progress

Ongoing





## 3B Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration

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Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
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### How is your organization assessing progress

Ongoing



## 3D Empower and protect women and girls

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will apply the IASC and /or ECHO gender and age markers to 100% of partner humanitarian funding allocations.	Financial	Leave No One Behind
Trocaire will increase investment and support to national and local partners to ensure that longer-term programming incorporates gender equality analysis and concrete steps to empower women and girls.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Trocaire will prioritise the equal participation of women and girls to inform solutions that protect and respond to their specific needs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Trocaire supports partners with technically skilled and experienced staff to deliver programmes that fully incorporate the protection of women and girls in emergencies and adhere to international standards.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

### 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 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

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

We wanted to prioritise the protection of women and girls and broaden women's empowerment in our work.

### Achievements at a glance

Protection programming and protection mainstreaming work is on-going, resourced and staffed. Research with key partners in Lebanon and DRC is started and extensive consultation and engagement with other actors in the sector are happening.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Staffing, funding and researching plans fulfilled and work progressing by the end of the first quarter in 2017.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Funding and staffing and time to work with partners - more time required than funding available.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

- Programming progressed with partners.
- Increased partnership and strengthened capacities of partners and colleagues at all levels.

**If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Empower and protect women and girls , what would it be**



End conflict and accelerate efforts to prosecute perpetrators of sexual violence. The work of millions can only be effective if women feel that security, dignity and respect are their rights and that sexual violence is not something that can be undone or forgotten. Address impunity.

**Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives**

**Keywords**

- Accountability to affected people       Gender

**Specific Initiatives**

- Charter for Change

**Agenda for Humanity**

- 3D - Empower and protect women and girls



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire is a signatory to the Charter for Change which commits it to implement the 8 point Charter by May 2018.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire commits to increase its utilisation of cash transfers as an effective humanitarian tool and commits to using or facilitating use of cash wherever feasible and appropriate in humanitarian response.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire commits to strengthen its engagement and advocacy work with partners and networks on the rights of crisis-affected communities to influence duty bearers to address the structural issues that underlie humanitarian crises.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trócaire is a signatory to the Inclusion Charter to deliver impartial and accountable humanitarian assistance that responds to vulnerability in all its forms, and reaches the most marginalised people (including children, youth, older people, people with disabilities, ethnic groups and others marginalised due to their social status).	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire supports national partners to strengthen in-country engagement in humanitarian action.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire will advocate for respect for the rights of communities affected by crises and hold duty bearers to account for the structural issues that underlie crises, where this does not present risks to communities or to partners.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire will strengthen and improve its partnerships with national organisations in programming and delivering principled and coordinated humanitarian assistance.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire will uphold the highest ethical and professional standards of accountability to the people it serves by seeking feedback on the level of satisfaction with assistance provided from women and men annually.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trócaire will work closely with partners in its commitment to adopt, use and monitor the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) to improve coherence in standards to improve quality, accountability, effectiveness and efficiency in humanitarian response.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>
<p>Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>
<p>Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

The above commitments reflect the values of the organisation and the objectives of our humanitarian work as outlined in the organisation's new strategic plan (2016-20). We are working on influencing our systems organizationally to ensure the commitments of the Charter for Change are realized - it takes a long time so we can indicate that the process is ongoing.

### Achievements at a glance

- CHS assessment is ongoing through 2017.
- Partnership and localisation research ongoing with Groupe URD. The output will contribute to discussion in the humanitarian sector on how localisation can work to increase the speed, efficiency and transparency of humanitarian assistance.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Slower than expected - organisation shifts and the need for cultural change take time.

### If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems , what would it be

International organisations have to work with local organisations as partners, building systems and capacities and increasing sustainability to ensure development happens, driven by local people as the agents of change.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

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



## 4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire will improve and strengthen systematic collection, analysis and use of data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant factors when developing, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction and management programs.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Trocaire will support country programmes and partners to invest in risk analysis and emergency preparedness work and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people, by supporting communities to design and implement appropriate risk reduction strategies, including ensuring adequate resources for risk mitigation.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

As a key component of our work, disaster risk reduction is a necessity to assist partners and communities to be crisis-ready.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Ongoing

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#### Agenda for Humanity

4B - Anticipate, do not wait, for crises



## 4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Programme integration is happening in each country we work in, though less so in those where active conflict is restrictive and our support to partners is limited to humanitarian action alone.

### How is your organization assessing progress

We are measuring progress via the strategic plan which commits to integration, to bridging the humanitarian-development divide.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

4C - Deliver collective outcomes:  
transcend humanitarian-development  
divides



## 5A Invest in local capacities

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire works with partners to advocate for more efficient, inclusive and streamlined funding mechanisms that promote stronger partnerships and increased direct access of local and national front-line responding NGOs to humanitarian funding.	Advocacy	Invest in Humanity

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Since the organisation was established in 1973, partnership underpinned by subsidiarity has been the only approach employed by Trocaire.

### Achievements at a glance

Extending our partnership approaches to ensure our humanitarian action is based on sustainable partnership and capacity building, and investing in local systems and mechanisms, to ensure appropriate programming is a key commitment for Trocaire under our new strategic plan. To assist the organisation in deepening our understanding of how our partnerships work in different settings, we are working with Groupe URD to study our work, our approaches and hear from our partners how we can do better.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Via research phases and action on recommendations.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

5A - Invest in local capacities





## 5B Invest according to risk

### Core Commitments

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

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Trocaire has a core belief to protect people and support them as appropriately as possible to recover from shocks in crises and rebuild their lives.

### Achievements at a glance

Ongoing

### How is your organization assessing progress

Via the organisational scorecard, based on the strategic plan.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

5B - Invest according to risk



## **5E** Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Trocaire commits to improve transparency on the full cost of humanitarian action, including the resources it transfers to its members.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Commitment to CHS and commitment to the Charter for Change and ongoing improvements within the organisation to ensure complete accountability and transparency with our supporters, donors and programme participants.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Via organisational scorecard, various initiatives to promote transparency and via our ongoing implementation of the CHS and our Charter for Change commitments.

### Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

#### Agenda for Humanity

5E - Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency