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# **Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Right To Play 2016**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Right To Play

**Organisational Type**

NGO - International

**City and Country where Headquartered**

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## 3A Reduce and address displacement

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Right To Play will prioritize solutions that improve the self-reliance and resilience of IDPs and host communities, including by implementing programming that promotes life skills development and ensures meaningful participation to support children and youth to become active agents of change in their own development. Right To Play commits to reaching 200,000 children through its humanitarian programming by 2020.	Operational	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

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

Refugee and displaced children and youth face a lack of permanence, inadequate support or basic services, and uncertainty over their future. This pervades all aspects of their lives, hindering their sense of belonging, their sense of self-worth and their agency. Life skills development and meaningful participation are a priority for Right To Play. Our projects use the power of play to build life skills and create supportive environments for children to become active agents of change. Children who are empowered can play an important role in shaping the knowledge, behaviors and practices in their family, community and society.

### Achievements at a glance

From June 2016 to December 2016, Right To Play programs benefited on average 60,000 children and youth in humanitarian contexts, including refugees, IDPs and host communities, in Thailand, Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Jordan and Ethiopia.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Right To Play tracks progress against our project results framework by monitoring outputs and measuring outcomes. We undertake output level tracking to assess the number of participants in our programs. Regular output monitoring takes place throughout the year to ensure accountability and adherence to plans and budgets. We also undertake annual outcome monitoring to gauge progress towards our outcomes to generate program learning.

### Challenges faced in implementation

A key challenge in some of our programs, especially in the Dollo Ado refugee camp in Ethiopia, is staff retention because of the hardship component of the work in a very remote and environmentally arduous landscape. In our work in Thailand, there is uncertainty around the future of the refugee camps, which causes anxiety among refugees about their future, limiting their participation in our programs. In our work in the Middle East, there have been challenges around finalizing the approval of our partnerships with host governments. Also, resources for programs have been diminishing, putting greater strain on organizations.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

In January 2017, we signed a new partnership agreement with IKEA Foundation to deliver a multi-year initiative that will use sport and play to improve the well-being of children and youth (aged 5-18) in Thailand. The project will focus on children living in seven



refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border, and migrant children living in Myanmar border towns, developing their life skills and striving to give them a greater voice in their communities. The implementation of this project in 2017 and beyond will help Right To Play to fulfill our commitment to reach 200,000 children by 2020.

**If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Reduce and address displacement , what would it be**

Empower children and youth to be active agents of change in their own development and in their communities.

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

**Keywords**

- IDPs  Refugees

**Specific Initiatives**

- Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action  The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

**Agenda for Humanity**

- 3E - Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people  3F - Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation



## 3D Empower and protect women and girls

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Right To Play commits to addressing barriers to participation of girls and adolescent girls in its programs and to ensuring meaningful participation of girls and adolescent girls in school-based groups, clubs, leagues and committees in refugee camps and humanitarian settings, reaching parity with boys and adolescent boys by 2020.	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

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

Girls in refugee camps and humanitarian settings are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, and lack the support networks to adequately protect themselves, grow and develop. Gender inequality is manifested in gender-based violence, limited education prospects and few leadership or income earning opportunities. Right To Play champions the rights of girls, strengthening their agency and supporting them to fully engage in community life. This includes equal access, participation and opportunities for girls and female youth. Sport and play provides a powerful means for girls and female adolescents to gain critical life skills that help to overcome barriers to equality.

### Achievements at a glance

Girls' participation in Right To Play programs varies depending on region. For example, at Dollo Ado in Ethiopia, girls made up 35.43% of 2016 participants. In the Palestinian territories, girls made up 57.03% in 2016. Right To Play is currently undergoing significant work to improve our monitoring and evaluation functions, with the support of the IKEA Foundation, which will help to better measure not only access of girls, but also their meaningful participation.

### How is your organization assessing progress

Right To Play tracks progress against our project results framework by monitoring outputs and measuring outcomes. We undertake output level tracking to assess the number of participants in our programs. Regular output monitoring takes place throughout the year to ensure accountability and adherence to plans and budgets. We also undertake annual outcome monitoring to gauge progress towards our outcomes to generate program learning.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Girls globally face high barriers to education, including as a result of violence at school, the cost of education and gender norms that prioritize boys' education over girls. Engaging female beneficiaries has been a challenge, as participating in sport and play activities is often not seen as culturally appropriate for girls. To resolve this challenge, Right To Play is recruiting and working with more female coaches and mentors as a way to engage greater numbers of girls and also by training teachers and coaches in creating spaces that are safe, free from discrimination and encourage the active participation of girls.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

In January 2017, we signed a new partnership agreement with IKEA Foundation to deliver a multi-year initiative that will use sport and play to improve the well-being of children and youth (aged 5-18) in seven refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border, and migrant children living in Myanmar border towns. We are partnering with women's organizations to campaign for gender equality and protection. Part of this project focuses on promoting and measuring the decision-making capacities that girls have in their home, school and community. This project will help Right To Play to address barriers to girls' meaningful participation in our programming.



**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**

Girls and female adolescents should be given the opportunity to learn and speak about their rights in order to promote self-agency and meaningful participation.

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

**Keywords**

- Gender  IDPs  Private sector  
 Refugees

**Specific Initiatives**

- Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action  The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

**Agenda for Humanity**

- 3A - Reduce and address displacement  3E - Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people  3F - Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation