



**Annual Report on World Humanitarian
Summit Commitments - Catholic Agency For Overseas
Development - CAFOD
2016**



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Catholic Agency For Overseas
Development - CAFOD

Organisational Type

Faith-based Organisation

City and Country where Headquartered

London, United Kingdom of Great
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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
CAFOD commits to the Charter for Inclusion.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
CAFOD commits to the Core Humanitarian Standard, (CHS) and will continue to promote and adhere to Sphere Minimum Standards and other companion and complementary technical standards for humanitarian response, and will continue to support partners to understand and implement projects in compliance with minimum standards.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

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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

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

Having worked for several years with the Missed Opportunities group of INGOs (CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Action Aid, Tearfund, CARE) researching and developing an evidence base to demonstrate the effectiveness of working through national actors in humanitarian crises, CAFOD recognised the need to continue to improve our own partnership practices; that there is a need to demonstrate commitment and leadership to demonstrating change within our own ways of working and that the evidence of improved effectiveness can encourage other international actors to change their approaches and increasingly work in partnership with national actors rather than replacing them and implementing themselves.

Achievements at a glance

CAFOD has played a leadership role in bringing together the 29 Charter4Change (C4C) signatory organisations and supporting implementation of the 8 commitments. In October 2016 CAFOD hosted a meeting at which signatories shared approaches, learning and challenges and committed to continue to drive through internal change and act as Champions for localisation and changed approaches to working with national and local organisations. Key achievements:

- Commissioned research on C4C Commitment 4 on impact of INGO recruitment of NNGO staff during emergencies, produced Time to Move On report (see www.charter4change), developed internal guidance for HR and programme managers on how to implement this Commitment.
- Reviewed categorisation of grant recipients and pending outcome of decisions on definitions within the GB Workstream2 CAFOD will develop a new categorisation to record the percentage passed to national actors.
- Mainstreamed C4C into new Corporate Communications Strategy.
- Staff training to ensure awareness of C4C commitments.

How is your organization assessing progress

CAFOD is currently assessing progress in several ways:

- We are writing an in-depth report as part of an internal reporting process for Charter4Change (C4C) signatories, which will be completed in April 2017. Together with the reports from the other 29 signatory agencies this will form the basis of a consolidated report on how the 29 signatories are taking forward implementation of C4C
- Progress on the Charter4Change is regularly discussed within the CAFOD Emergency Response Group's Management Team
- The Emergency Response Group within CAFOD works closely with the People and Performance Group which supports, monitors and evaluates corporate compliance with such processes.

Challenges faced in implementation



Working to make the internal changes required to comply with the 8 commitments of the Charter4Change by May 2018 takes time, and the understanding and buy-in not just of corporate managers but also programme staff working with national and local partners. Challenges are less related to corporate buy-in, which is high, than to time constraints and the competing priorities of staff.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

As noted CAFOD will be part of a group producing a synthesis of achievements and progress of Charter4Change (C4C) signatories. Along with several other signatory agencies we are members of the C4C Facilitation Group and we are currently considering different approaches to sharing learning and supporting change within the signatory agencies. The C4C Facilitation Group is encouraging signatories to work together in specific interest groups which focus around different C4C Commitments. We are exploring with the 130 C4C endorsers what their role should be in working with and holding to account their INGO partners which have signed the C4C.

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

There are numerous examples of the increased effectiveness of working with and through national actors. The synthesis report must evidence and highlight those and note the need for incentives for international actors to change the ways they work (eg the Grand Bargain Commitments in Workstream2).

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

People-centred approach

Specific Initiatives

Charter for Change

Grand Bargain

Agenda for Humanity

5A - Invest in local capacities

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



Additional Reports

Attachment
Time to move on Exec Summary (002).pdf
CAFOD_CHS report_4A_March2017.docx
CAFOD_CharterforInclusion_report_4A_March2017.docx