



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Humanitarian Advisory Group 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Humanitarian Advisory Group

Organisational Type

Other

City and Country where Headquartered

Melbourne, Australia

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Region

Asia

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2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Humanitarian Advisory Group commits to adopt the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at the individual agency level.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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

Despite the emphasis on eradicating sexual exploitation and abuse by interveners in the past 15-years, namely the Secretary-General's Bulletin on Zero Tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) by peacekeepers and UN Security Council Resolution 1325, abuse by interveners remains prevalent. The Humanitarian Advisory Group strives to promote excellence in humanitarian practice through the provision of technical advice, training and education and conducting research – actively committing to actions which strive to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian practice, is very much in line with our objective and our core values.

Achievements at a glance

The Humanitarian Advisory Group in partnership with La Trobe University has conducted research to map the impact of sexual exploitation and abuse by interveners in peace operations. This research was the first global study to investigate the impact of SEA by peacekeepers, aid workers, private contractors and other civilians associated with peacebuilding operations on the capacity of the international community to fulfill its goals related to promoting security, stability and peacebuilding in post-conflict contexts. The outcomes from this research have been made widely available for the humanitarian sector to access. The Humanitarian Advisory Group have also been involved in pre-deployment briefing for Australia's peacekeeping forces on the protection of civilians which included a component on sexual exploitation and abuse.

How is your organization assessing progress

N/A

Challenges faced in implementation

No challenges were faced in the implementation of this commitment at the individual agency level. All of our staff are bound by a code of conduct, including a child protection policy, which promotes these values.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

The Humanitarian Advisory Group will continue to promote the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in all humanitarian action through our values and our actions as an organisation, as well as through our research and training programs.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability , what would it be

Stronger accountability mechanisms need to be established and adopted by all humanitarian actors and organisations. A "Rate-my-Humanitarian" model was proposed at a recent roundtable, where affected populations and national colleagues are able to report on and assess the effectiveness, achievements and suitability of the humanitarian aid workers operating in country.

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Keywords

Gender

Agenda for Humanity

3D - Empower and protect women and girls



3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Humanitarian Advisory Group endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind

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

Over the last three decades humanitarian actors have taken significant steps towards ensuring disaster response activities are more inclusive. Inclusion is a core value at Humanitarian Advisory Group. We identified many of our core values in the commitments laid out in the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action – non-discrimination, participation and inclusive policy in particular – and are pleased to be able to lend our support to this initiative.

Achievements at a glance

The Humanitarian Advisory Group co-hosted a follow-up symposium to the World Humanitarian Summit for Asia and the Pacific which included a panel on implications for the implementation of commitments made at the WHS for the region. This panel included representation by a prominent advocate for the inclusion of persons with disability and board member for the Pacific Disability Forum. We also have given training and lectures on inclusive humanitarian response with a focus on people living with disabilities.

How is your organization assessing progress

At this stage, no formal mechanism for assessment of progress has been established.

Challenges faced in implementation

No challenges have been faced in the implementation of this commitment.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Humanitarian Advisory Group are developing an action plan on how to, as an organisation, better implement and meet the commitments laid out in the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action in 2017.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings , what would it be

As well as considering the traditional groups who are considered vulnerable - older people, people living with disabilities, children etc., we must also focus on people from the LGBTIQ+ community and other SOGI issues in humanitarian response.

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Keywords

Disability

Specific Initiatives

Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action