

# Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - YUVA 2016



# **Stakeholder Information**

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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
YUVA 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

# **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

YUVA works with around 60 000 refugees and people from host community. Therefore we try to enhance our capacity and codes of conduct.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA included PSEA in its draft Code of Conduct and is developing a CRM system to suit this commitment.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Finalizing the Code of Conduct and the internal and external CRM system.

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

#### Keywords

People-centred approach



# (3A) Reduce and address displacement

# Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Yuva commits to foster self-reliance of refugees through adult learning and livelihoods programs.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Yuva commits to providing legal assistance sessions to Syrian refugees in their community centres.	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
Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.	Leave No One Behind
Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.	Leave No One Behind

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

YUVA made this commitment to emphasize its determination to foster self reliance in contrast to continuous humanitarian aid. Refugees define dignity not as cash assistance but earning their livelihood and being a productive part of the society. We wanted to systematize legal assistance to refugees to enable their access to health, education and justice services and to the job market.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA was able to increase the quantitative and qualitative capacity and geographical coverage in Turkey, providing Turkish language and vocational training services and cash for work programs for refugees and host community. Self reliance remains the main aim of YUVA's refugee program. YUVA committed to provide training on legal rights and legal assistance to refugees, and has reached 4,000 people so far.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Our adult learning programs, job creation and cash for work programs are growing. The target is to provide employment to 900 people, vocational training to 2500 people and Turkish lessons to 8000 people.

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

#### Keywords







🗹 Cash

☑ Refugees

🗹 Urban

# **Specific Initiatives**

Commitment to Action: Transcending the humanitarian - development divide

### Agenda for Humanity

 $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  4A - Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems



# **Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawfu opportunities for migration**

### **Individual Commitments**

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Yuva commits to start providing adult learning programs on migration to host communities.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

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

Although there are numerous efforts to foster social cohesion between refugees and host communities, the target group of the majority of the activities is refugees. YUVA aims to increase the general awareness of the host community about migration, migrant rights and the current situation, and to overcome prejudices.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA has secured funding for this program and started hiring key personnel to open its Learning Center in Istanbul.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA aims to create a training module, train 30 volunteer trainers and provide migration awareness trainings to at least 250 people from the host community in 2017.

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

#### Keywords

☑ People-centred approach ☑ Refugees

#### **Specific Initiatives**

☑ The Inclusion Charter

#### Agenda for Humanity

☑ 3A - Reduce and address displacement



# (3D) Empower and protect women and girls

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Yuva commits to provide a gender responsive program by giving kindergarten service to be able to reach women with children.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Yuva commits to provide education programs for adolescent girls and adult women on reproductive health and rights.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

# **Core Commitments**

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.	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

YUVA's refugee program and its community centers and vocational training centers all include kindergarten services to enable women with children to attend trainings and other services of our centers while their children are being taken care of.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA has provided kindergarten services to 1000 children and their mothers or caretakers since 2016. YUVA could not continue its education programs on reproductive health and rights, partly due to cultural challenges.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA aims to provide kindergarten services to 2000 people in 2017.

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#### Keywords

☑ Gender

Refugees



# (3E) Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Yuva commits to launch a human rights literacy adult learning program in 2016.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

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

YUVA wants to increase awareness of the Turkish society on human rights.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA has prepared its project and made several applications to donors regarding its human rights education program. The program is due to be implemented in Istanbul at YUVA's Learning Center when the appropriate funding is found.

#### Challenges faced in implementation

Funding could not be secured yet.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA will continue to search for funding for this program and aims to start implementation within 2017 and by the latest January 2018.



# (3G) Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

# Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
YUVA 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

YUVA wants to be more inclusive regarding persons with disabilities.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA has started cooperation with Handicap International and the Finnish Refugee Council regarding inclusion of people with disabilities. Field staff has taken capacity building trainings and a new inclusion program will start in 2018 in Kırıkhan.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

The new inclusion program is being developed together with Finnish Refugee Council and due to start in 2018.

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

#### Keywords

☑ Disability

Refugees

#### **Specific Initiatives**

☐ Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
YUVA commits to make sustained funding conditional on the systematic collection of feedback from affected people on the quality and utility of humanitarian programmes.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
YUVA commits to establishing a common approach to providing information to affected people and collecting, aggregating and analysing feedback from communities to influence decision-making processes at strategic and operational levels.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
YUVA commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self- assessment tool.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

# **Core Commitments**

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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

The need for a participatory approach is essential. YUVA is committed to work with people rather than for people.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA has created the first Youth Refugee Council at its Community Center in Kırıkhan. YUVA is developing a sophisticated Information Management System to evaluate people's needs and satisfaction with its services. YUVA has endorsed CHS.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA will build on the data being gathered in 2017 from the outreach and MEAL activities and will create services accordingly. YUVA is working on its Code of Conduct and orientation program for staff.

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







### Keywords

☑ People-centred approach

#### **Specific Initiatives**

☐ The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

# Agenda for Humanity

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



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

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Yuva commits to provide adult learning programs on ecological literacy and to promote renewable energy sources instead of coal power plants as root-causes of climate change.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.	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

YUVA aims to halt climate change by changing behavior of the Turkish public towards sustainable life styles and the energy policy of the Turkish Government towards renewable resources.

#### Achievements at a glance

YUVA was able to train 400 people on ecological literacy and stop one new coal power plant by increasing capacity of local environmental groups.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA will continue its ecological literacy program and supporting local anti coal movements.

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☑ Disaster Risk Reduction









# **(JE)** Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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

YUVA wants to standardize its interventions in a structured way.

#### Achievements at a glance

Staff have been through CHS trainings. Yet the self assessment tool is not in use yet.

#### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

YUVA aims to fully adopt CHS and its self assessment tool in 2017.

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#### Keywords

People-centred approach

#### Agenda for Humanity

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