



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Habitat for Humanity International 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Habitat for Humanity International

Organisational Type

NGO - International

City and Country where Headquartered

Atlanta, United States of America

Focal Point Name

Irantzu Serra-Lasa

Region

Global

Twitter ID



1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

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

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Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Sign-on to InterAction letters which address "political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict."



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

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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

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Sign-on to InterAction letters which address "respect and protect medical personnel, transport and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attack, threats or other violent acts."

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Humanitarian principles



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Habitat for Humanity 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
Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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

Habitat for Humanity incorporated the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse into its Ethics Covenant a few years ago. All staff must sign the Covenant. Additionally Habitat for Humanity recently incorporated the IASC statement into its new Volunteer Code of Conduct. Both require the organization to remain vigilant and to engage in continual improvement.

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity recently incorporated the IASC statement into its new Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Habitat for Humanity will be training staff and volunteers on the terms of the new Volunteer Code of Conduct over the next several months.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

- Accountability to affected people Humanitarian principles



2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm 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

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

Habitat for Humanity is committed to promoting enhanced respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable. Recent tragedies in violation of such laws led Habitat to feel the need to publicly reaffirm said commitment.

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity signed two important InterAction letters which called for increased respect for humanitarian law among other things. One letter went to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. A second letter went to the two Co-Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Sign on to InterAction letters which address "increased respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law."

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Keywords

Humanitarian principles

Agenda for Humanity

2C - Speak out on violations



3A Reduce and address displacement

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 promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.	Leave No One Behind

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

Habitat for Humanity's Pathways to Permanence methodology addresses "immediate humanitarian needs" but also "reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs." Additionally, the Pathways to Permanence methodology promotes "safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees." Because of these elements of Habitat's Pathways to Permanence methodology, the organization felt it particularly important to make this public commitment.

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity initiated a new shelter and settlements upgrading project in Beirut, Lebanon, in partnership with CARE Lebanon this past quarter. The project is targeting refugees as well as the host community outside of camps.

How is your organization assessing progress

The project has a proper monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning element.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Habitat for Humanity is actively seeking additional funding to replicate the current project in both Lebanon and Jordan.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Accountability to affected people

IDPs

People-centred approach

Refugees



3D Empower and protect women and girls

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

Habitat for Humanity wishes to be more intentional about programming in such a way as to prioritize the leadership skills of women within Habitat for Humanity and the communities we serve.

Achievements at a glance

Together with the IFRC Habitat for Humanity rolled out PASSA* Youth during the past quarter. Among other groups, PASSA Youth targets the engagement of girls and young women in order to maximize their many talents and innate leadership skills.

*PASSA stands for Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

PASSA Youth will be cascaded throughout Habitat for Humanity vis-à-vis Training of Trainer workshops.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

Accountability to affected people Gender

Agenda for Humanity

2D - Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability 3F - Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation



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

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Habitat for Humanity commits to adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard 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
Habitat for Humanity 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
Habitat for Humanity 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

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
Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need



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

Habitat for Humanity is a network of affiliated, indigenous, national organizations. Habitat International works to increase the capacity of those organizations and is committed to strengthening the accountability of their programs.

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity is developing clearer guidance for its network of affiliated national organizations on how to implement proper community-based complaint mechanisms. The guidance will allow for the systematic collection of feedback and complaints as well as the proper management of the same in order to ensure they are properly analyzed to inform current and future programming.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Habitat for Humanity's guidance on community-based complaint mechanisms will become official procedure agency-wide. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity International will support several pilot countries during 2017 as they set up such mechanisms. Following the pilots the guidance will be reviewed, modified, and then rolled out across the agency.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

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Accountability to affected people



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Core Commitments

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<p>Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.</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

Habitat for Humanity is seeking to develop climate change adaptation programming in the most at-risk communities in the countries where we work, identifying them through rigorous use of technology.

Achievements at a glance

In October 2016 Habitat for Humanity piloted the use of a private sector partner's risk identification / risk analysis tech capacity to facilitate risk mapping and risk analysis in Monrovia, Liberia.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Habitat for Humanity is in negotiations with their private sector partner to replicate the work undertaken in the Liberian pilot project in other communities in other countries.

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Keywords

Disaster Risk Reduction

Innovation

Private sector



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

Habitat for Humanity's International Centre for Disaster Resilience is predicated on our methodology the Pathways to Permanence, which affirms 1) building local capacity to prepare for and respond to disasters, and 2) transcending the artificial divide between relief and development. All Technical Guides and their related training materials affirm the organization's preference for permanent solutions or solutions which incrementally deliver towards a permanent solution.

Achievements at a glance

Two regional Training of Trainers were held for 24 people (Asia Pacific; Europe, Middle East and Africa). Four national-level trainings were held for over 100 people (Guatemala; Romania; Ethiopia; Indonesia).

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Keywords

People-centred approach

Agenda for Humanity

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



5A Invest in local capacities

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
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

Habitat for Humanity's International Centre for Disaster Resilience is a capacity building initiative focused at increasing that capacity of our national, regional and global staff and volunteers to prepare for and respond to disasters.

Achievements at a glance

Two regional Training of Trainers were held for 24 people (Asia Pacific; Europe, Middle East and Africa). Four national-level trainings were held for over 100 people (Guatemala; Romania; Ethiopia; Indonesia).

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Hold 3 regional-level trainings and 6 national-level trainings.

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Agenda for Humanity

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



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

Habitat for Humanity's International Centre for Disaster Resilience is predicated on our methodology the "Pathways to Permanence," which is "the process of reducing vulnerability as well as supporting disaster-affected families and communities using holistic program interventions that enable incremental progress towards the achievement of permanent, durable shelter and settlements." A key part of this approach to our work at the household and community level is about reducing vulnerability before a disaster strikes. Because Habitat for Humanity advocates so strongly for risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity building, we felt it particularly important to speak out in favor of "investing in humanity".

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity has been an early adopter of the IFRC's PASSA methodology (Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness) and uses it at the community level to identify risks, assets and develop a community-owned action plan for reducing vulnerability. During the last quarter, Habitat for Humanity and the IFRC jointly developed PASSA for Youth. By making this participatory, inclusive methodology accessible to youth ages 13-17, Habitat for Humanity and the IFRC are helping to develop tomorrow's leaders in the area of risk identification and mitigation.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Habitat for Humanity and the IFRC are jointing promoting PASSA for Youth and have an ambitious plan to cascade the methodology around the world in the coming five years. 2017 will be a crucial year as the two agencies seek funding for the initial pilot projects and implementation.

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Keywords

- Disaster Risk Reduction People-centred approach

Agenda for Humanity

- 3F - Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation 4B - Anticipate, do not wait, for crises



5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.	Invest in Humanity

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

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Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Sign-on to InterAction letters which address "predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding."



5E 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

Habitat for Humanity is a Founding Member of the CHS Alliance. The CHS Alliance aims to improve "the effectiveness and impact of assistance to crisis-affected and vulnerable people." As a Founding Member of the CHS Alliance, Habitat for Humanity demonstrates its full support of the Core Humanitarian Standard and the increased importance being placed on "quality, accountability and people management" within the humanitarian and development communities.

Achievements at a glance

Habitat for Humanity's Disaster Risk Reduction and Response team has invested countless hours over the past year developing agency-wide humanitarian Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Guides. Those documents and tools reflect the agency's commitment to living into the 9 commitments of the Core Humanitarian Standard.

How is your organization assessing progress

Habitat for Humanity's new humanitarian Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Guides are being tested as they come online. Based on real-time feedback and evaluations, they are being modified and improved.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

2017 represents the third and last year of a 3-year capacity building grant which has allowed for the development of Habitat for Humanity's new humanitarian Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Guides. The agency will again this year conduct three regional-level trainings as well as at least six country-level training using the same. All of those documents, tools and training materials will be refined and improved in real time.

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People-centred approach

Agenda for Humanity

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