



COMPACT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Terms of Reference

The "Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action" was launched at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 and represents an unprecedented commitment by humanitarian organizations - representing States, civil society, United Nations entities and the private sector - to guarantee that the priorities of young people are addressed by the humanitarian system and their participation in humanitarian action is supported and facilitated.

The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action guides Members long-term commitment to young people through the 5 key actions:

- Service Delivery
- Participation
- Capacity and Local Action
- Resources
- Data and Knowledge



The Compact builds on processes led by and for young people including the Global Refugee Youth Consultations, the Doha Youth Declaration on Transforming Humanitarian Aid and the Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security; all of which emphasizes the importance of meaningfully engaging young people at local, national regional and global levels.

Purpose of the Compact

The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action represents a formal agreement among the Members to be held accountable by each other, and by young people, in each of the key action areas. The Compact provides the dedicated space and the necessary framework for Members to ensure that the priorities, needs and rights of young women and young men, girls and boys affected by disaster, conflict, forced displacement and other humanitarian crises, are addressed; and that young people are informed, consulted, and meaningfully engaged throughout all stages of humanitarian action.

Compact Members acknowledge that young people have the skills, capacity and resources to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from humanitarian situations, and that supporting and working with them will help improve humanitarian effectiveness and efficiency and strengthen resilience of communities.

Objective of the Compact

The Compact will facilitate partnership building for young people in humanitarian action. It aims to achieve the critical mass required to embed its principles in the form of the 5 actions into the existing humanitarian architecture¹ to ensure the humanitarian system systematically and structurally addresses the needs and priorities of young people including adolescent in all stages of humanitarian action.

A successful implementation will result in an institutionalization of the key actions of the Compact in all stages of humanitarian action including an increase of humanitarian projects addressing needs of adolescent and youth, participation of young people in decision making, the systematic use of the age/gender marker and increased funding earmarked for youth-serving and youth-led action in emergencies.

¹ Including for example the Inter- Agency Standing Committee



Membership

Membership of the Compact is open to:

- Youth led and youth focused organizations and initiatives working in areas related to the Compact
- Civil Society and other organizations working in humanitarian action
- Formal youth coordination & engagement mechanisms with and interest in humanitarian action
- Representatives of all UN entities
- Member States of the United Nations
- Private sector organizations involved or engaged in humanitarian action

Members of the Compact voluntarily pledge to align their operations with the principles outlined in the Compact, take actions that support the young people in all areas of their work, commit to the effort from their organization's highest level, report annually on your ongoing efforts, engage locally with young people and participate as far as possible in the activities related to the Compact delivery.

Members further commit to sharing relevant knowledge and information to advance the Compact's implementation and participating in and contributing to the Compact-related meetings and events, including the regular Compact members' teleconferences and meetings. Members also ensure to be represented at the annual in-person Compact member meeting.

Governance structure

Leaders' Council

The Leader' Council of the Compact, which is chaired by the UNFPA's ED, IFRC's SG, the SG's Envoy on Youth, and the UN Major Group on Children and Youth, convenes the most senior executives of the Compact membership. The council provides a strategic guidance for the continued evolution of the Compact's delivery for maximum impact. Members of the Council commit to banking on the gravitas and convening power of the organizations they represent to advocate for the Compact and increase the political support for its implementation. As part of their contribution, the Council members will take stock of the Compact's delivery within the established global humanitarian architecture and advice on how to effectively address bottlenecks in the way forward. In their capacities, the Council members help identify opportunities for resources and partnerships mobilization.

The Leaders' Council will meet once a year or as required.


Compact Technical Working Group

The Compact technical working group consists of the technical focal points of interested Compact members. The Working group meets regularly (monthly) via teleconference and once a year at the face to face meeting. The technical working group is responsible for overseeing progress on the operational implementation of the Compact action points. The Working group engages in global advocacy and resource and partnership development, incl. fund-raising.

More specifically, the Technical Working Group is also responsible for:

- Identifying and pursuing strategic opportunities for advancing the Compact implementation;
- Developing and monitor a rolling work plan and monitoring progress on the operational implementation of Compact action points at the global level;
- Developing synergies and relationships to promote the components of the Compact as it relates to the IASC cluster work and other relevant stakeholders and opportunities in the humanitarian arena such as ECOSOC, Global cluster on Education, etc.;
- Advancing the Work-Plan implementation with priorities endorsed during the Annual membership meeting and.

The Compact Technical Working Group may establish Task Forces, responsible for specific aspects of the Compact. Such a Task force will be convened by one or more Members of the Compact and is open to all interested Compact members. Each



Task Force leads the development and implementation of the work-plan as pertinent to the respective area, establishes its own working modalities, tools, and systems to best advance the agreed tasks for the benefit of the whole membership. The Task forces work across all the Core Actions of the Compact.

Annual meeting

The Compact technical Working Group will meet in person at least once a year to review progress, define the priorities of the upcoming year and agree and adopt the yearly workplan.

Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Compact is made up of the UNFPA and IRFC, UNMGCY and the Office of the SG Envoy on Youth. The Secretariat is responsible for the overall coordination and day to day operations of the Compact. The Secretariat convenes regular Compact Technical Working Group meetings and organizes the annual membership meeting. It keeps track of the implementation of the work-plan, communicates with all its Member, and keeps the Members abreast of the implementation of the Compact. The Secretariat is also the first point of contact for potential new Members of the Compact.

Youth Participation

Partnerships with young people are an essential part of the Compact. Members of the Compact therefor commit to take all possible efforts, including funding when possible, to ensure that young people and representatives of the youth-led organisations amongst the membership of the Compact have the ability to participate fully in events around the Compact, in particular the annual in-person meeting.

Communication and Visibility

The Secretariat of the Compact will ensure that all Members of the Compact are regularly informed about the progress of the implementation of the Compact. An annual advocacy calendar will be developed and shared with all Members for their use. All communication of the Compact will, if possible, display the logos of all Member organizations.

Funding of the Compact

The Compact will build upon the existing activities of the Member organizations. The Technical Working Group will be to develop a resource mobilization strategy which will generate resources for the Compact global delivery and coordination primarily.

Engagement of the Member States

Member States, Members of the Compact will engage with the Compact via participation in the Leaders' Council and Compact through initiating a "Friends of the Compact" platform where representatives from Missions to the UN in New York will meet 2 times a year to receive briefings on the progress of the Compact.

Decision Making

All decisions will be made on a consensus basis, and where consensus cannot be reached, there will be a vote to determine the majority opinion among the Compact members. Information and suggestions for upcoming major decisions will be shared by email with all the Compact members to allow for input in a timely manner.

Members of the Compact²

ALEF - act for human rights, Amel Association International, Anti-Tribalism Movement , Arche noVa, Benetton Group, CANADEM, Committee for ASEAN Youth Cooperation, Crown Agents, Danish Refugee Council, FinnChurchAid, Germany, Global Development Community /Boston University, Global Platform for Syrian Students, GOODdler, IASC Gender Standby Capacity Project/GenCap , Ikea Foundation , International Federation of Medical Students Association / IFMSA, International Islamic Relief, International Movement of Catholics Students - Pax Romana, Istanbul Youth Council, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International, ReBootKamp (RBK), Reach out to Asia (ROTA) , Republic of Madagascar, Restless

² As of November 2016



Development , RET International, Right to Play , SG Special Envoy on Youth , The Humanitarian Forum, UKSSD e. V. (Unabhängiges Komitee für Sozialentwicklung und selbstorganisierte Demokratie e. V.) , UN Major Group for Children and Youth , UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Youth division, UNDP , UNFPA , UNHABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, United Kingdom/ DFID, United Muslim Relief, United Network of Young Peace Builders, UN PBSO, UNWOMEN, WeYouth, Women's Refugee Commission, World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)