

Compilation of Commitments for alignment by Malteser International on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Summit on the basis of Core Commitments to the 7 High Level Leaders' Roundtables as well as samples of additional Commitments laid out in WHS-Commitment documents with references to these Roundtables and last but not least Commitments and equivalents "action areas" (charters, platforms etc.) laid out with the 15 Special Sessions.

These aligned commitments will be reflected within our internal strategy development and thereupon in our programming design as well as in our monitoring and reporting procedures.

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HLL-RT (1):

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Core Commitment 1:

Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis.

Malteser International will strengthen and if necessary, develop comprehensive, shared frameworks for conflict and risk analysis including early warning mechanisms at the local, national, regional and international level.

Malteser International declares its support for the Code of Conduct on mass atrocities

Malteser International will systemize Gender and Gender Based Violence (GBV) risk analysis in conflict analysis including the use of community and wo-men informed local early warning mechanisms to identify and defuse conflicts early.

HLL-RT (2):

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Core commitment 3: Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.

Malteser International commits to actively promote the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in humanitarian action in its programming, liaison with partners and stakeholders on the ground, reporting and publications.

Malteser International commits to ensuring that all humanitarian response activities have the aim of making people safer, preserving their dignity and reducing vulnerabilities by building the skills of staff according to their duties in areas such as protection, international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and adhering to humanitarian principles.

Core commitment 4: 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.

HLL-RT (3):

Leave No One Behind: A Commitment to Address Forced Displacement

Core Commitment 1: 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.

Core Commitment 3:

Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced populations or receiving large of number of returnees with the necessary financial, political and policy support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.

By 2018, Malteser International will direct 20% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.

Malteser International will provide technical support and funding to its partnership network to collect data disaggregated by sex, age and other social factors, and assess needs of urban IDPs/refugees and the impact of displacement on host communities in urban areas, and enhance coordination with local actors and implement solutions that benefit the displaced and their host communities in urban areas.

HLL-RT (4):

Women and Girls: Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality

Commitment 1:

Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women-led groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.

Malteser International commit to ensuring that women access equally cash assistance programmes, sustainable and dignified livelihoods, vocational and skills training opportunities throughout humanitarian programme cycle by 2020.

Malteser International commit to ensuring meaningful participation of women and adolescent girls in all formal and informal decision-making from refugee camp committees to peace processes, reaching parity with men and adolescent boys by 2030.

Malteser International commit that 25% of implementing partners are women's organizations by 2020, and are 30% by 2030.

Commitment 3:

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.

Malteser International that has not yet signed on to the Call to Action and its Roadmap, including those from crisis-affected countries commits to do so by 2017 and make commitments commensurate with their mandates, capacities, and resources.

Malteser International commit to developing and implementing strategies for the engagement of men and boys as part of the solution to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis settings by 2018.

Malteser International commit to fully implementing the IASC GBV Guidelines by 2018.

Commitment 4:

Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive

Malteser International commits to apply the IASC, ECHO or other gender and age markers to 100% of their humanitarian funding allocations by 2018.

Commitment 5:

Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment and women's rights.

Malteser International commits to comply with existing gender equality norms enshrined in international legal frameworks governing conflicts, including the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, customary international law as well as international refugee law with immediate effect.

HLL-RT (5): Changing People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Commitment 1:

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.

***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.**

Malteser International commits to promote lessons learned, best practice and evidence based innovation through the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation.

***Reinforce, Do Not Replace:* to support and invest in national and local leadership and response systems wherever possible, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms.**

Malteser International commits to support the Humanitarian Partnership Platform to better utilize the contributions and comparative advantage of businesses in addressing risk and vulnerability at national and regional levels.

Malteser International commits to transition systematically from a leading delivery role to an advisory/ enabling role to national and local actors in its operational areas by 2025, wherever the context allows.

Malteser International commits to translate into operational terms the goal of cash-based delivery of assistance as preferred method, where context allows.

Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles.

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.

Malteser International commits to adopt a new model of working, based on a coordinated analysis of vulnerability as well as other tools and processes such as multi-year planning that enable humanitarian-development collaboration to meet humanitarian needs, and reduce people's risk and vulnerability and increase resilience at national levels.

Malteser International commits to support the UN Resident Coordinator /Humanitarian Coordinator's leadership on the coordination of international engagement and to mobilize resources to support the delivery of collective outcomes.

HLL-RT (6):

Natural Disasters & Climate Change: Managing Risks and Crises Differently

Core Commitment 1:

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.

Malteser International commits to increasing its own funding for disaster risk reduction and preparedness activities.

Core Commitment 3:

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.

Malteser International commits to systematically collect, analyse and use data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant factors and incorporate a gender analysis when developing, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction and management programs.

Core Commitment 4:

Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.

Malteser International commits to join a new coalition to strengthen the resilience of 1 billion people by 2025.

Malteser International commits to align its support behind national and local resilience efforts, and provide vulnerable people with a mix of short term assistance to address immediate needs and longer-term assistance to improve self-reliance.

Malteser International commits to increase substantially cash-based assistance to enable people to exercise choice and be more self-reliant, and make this the norm for humanitarian relief wherever feasible.

Malteser International commits to the participation of civil society, including the private sector, in the design, implementation and monitoring of disaster risk management policies and programs.

Malteser International commits to stimulate locally devised strategies and services, including livelihood generation and employment opportunities, to reduce dependency and vulnerability before, during and after shocks.

HLL-RT (7):

Financing: Investing in Humanity

Core Commitment 1:

Increase substantially and diversify global support and share of resources for humanitarian assistance aimed to address the differentiated needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises in fragile situations and complex emergencies, including increasing cash-based programming in situations, where relevant.

Recognising the potentially transformative power of humanitarian cash transfers Malteser International commits to:

- ensuring that cash is equally considered alongside other response modalities throughout a humanitarian response and that where feasible, cash is used as the preferred and default modality;
- significantly increasing the amount of funding available to support cash programming, including multi-purpose cash transfers;
- building internal capacity to carry out cash programming;
- systematically carrying out joint cash feasibility assessments as part of preparedness.

Core Commitment 2:

Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the financing available to local and national actors, and providing support to enhance national delivery systems, organizational capacity, and preparedness;

Core Commitment 4:

Invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.

Recognising that there is a range of tools that be used to finance reduction of risks and anticipatory approaches to responding to crises Malteser International commits to:

- expanding the use of tools and approaches that strengthen systemic shifts toward better risk management and financial planning and preparation, including national contingency reserves, shock-responsive social protection mechanisms, insurance and catastrophe bonds;
- working with private sector, academia and the scientific community to help forecast the

anticipated scale and frequency of crises in order to inform the design of ex-ante financial planning measures; -

- exploring financial opportunities through further piloting social impact bonds, scaling up of insurance, among other solutions

- putting in place adequate emergency reserve funds and funds for risk-reduction activities and investments to reduce the drivers of fragility and conflict;

- creating incentives for more coherent approaches built on common understanding of the need to manage risk, both as a moral imperative and as an expedient investment to protect development investments and assure sustainable development outcomes.

Special Session: People at the Centre

There was a strong call from the World Humanitarian Summit consultations for all humanitarian action to put affected people at the heart of humanitarian action by making changes which:

- recognize people and communities affected by crises as the primary agents of response, increasing their voice, choice and leadership in humanitarian assistance and protection
- support individual and community-based self-protection coping strategies, systems and mechanisms, reducing dependency and vulnerability
- increase accountability to affected people

Please check the appropriate box below to make the following commitments:

- Adopt the Core Humanitarian Standard and International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard, with clear benchmarks for achieving these through the CHS Alliance self-assessment tool.
- Adopt the IASC statement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at the individual agency level
- Establish 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.

Special Session: Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities into Humanitarian Action

Persons with disabilities are among the most marginalized in crisis affected communities. They are often unable to access assistance and are rarely included in decision-making processes. **To address these challenges, the Special Session will launch a Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, as well as a concrete action plan to implement it.**

- Ensure full participation of persons with disabilities in all phases of humanitarian response
- Participate to the development of global guidelines and standards, aiming at improving the practices of humanitarian actors towards emergency preparedness and responses that are inclusive of, and accessible to, persons with disabilities
- Strengthen cooperation among all humanitarian actors to improve their response in terms of inclusion, facilitating cross-learning, training programmes, sharing of information and best practices

Please indicate your organisation's support for the charter and its associated action plan by checking the boxes below

- Endorse the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action
- Endorse part or all of the action plan to implement the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

Special Session: The Education Crisis Platform *Education in Emergencies and Protracted Crises*

The **proposed Education Crisis Platform** addresses one of the greatest development challenges of our day – that of restoring the hope and futures of new generations whose lives have been shattered by crises. Fixing the system will require more than piecemeal reform. The proposed Education Crisis Platform is about taking decisive action on behalf of children and young people in emergencies and protracted crises. The Platform is framed to deliver early, cost-effective results while building for the future. Rather than create a new institution and more fragmentation, it harnesses and weaves together the expertise, energy and capabilities of a range of actors. It requires additional funding and the proposal is relatively modest. By scaling up towards a funding target of at least US\$3.85 billion by 2020, the Platform could restore education opportunities to some 13.6 million children and young people – more than 15% of those in need – over the next 5 years, rising to reach all 80 million affected by crises by 2030. It's a shared problem, with massive potential to

make progress by working collaboratively: every contribution, whether financial or non-financial, will make a difference. What does it mean to commit to the Education Crisis Platform?

- Political commitment - Draw attention to and mobilize support, across all stakeholders, for education crises. Work at all political levels to support national governments on education response and to facilitate efficient ways of working across the humanitarian and development architecture.
 - New and additional funding - Mobilize additional funding and new investments, offering up-front and medium-term help to those responsible for providing, maintaining or reconstructing education.
 - Contribute to innovative solutions - Promote new solutions and incentivize existing systems to improve data and evidence, build capacity and strengthen accountability, with an emphasis on sustainable initiatives.
- To register your organization as a supporter of the Education Platform, please check here

Special Session: Global Health in Crisis Settings

A global accord to enable the provision of an essential package of services for protecting and promoting the health of crisis-affected people through an inter-connected set of actions:

- Promote health outcomes at the centre of collective humanitarian action
 - Build national core capacities required under the International Health Regulations, as part of sustainable national health systems
 - Improve the reliability of collective health emergency response by transforming international health co-operation and more predictable financing arrangements
 - Bridge the humanitarian-development divide and strengthen the links between health and humanitarian actors
 - Prevent attacks and protect healthcare delivery
- To register your organization as a supporter of the Global Accord please check here

Special Session: Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation (GAHI)

The Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation (GAHI) aims to help the global community more effectively and efficiently meet humanitarian needs by promoting the use and application of innovative tools, approaches, partnerships, and processes and by

engaging a diverse and valued group of thought leaders, practitioners and innovators. The GAHI's purpose is to address the innovation needs of the humanitarian sector which cannot be effectively tackled in isolation or by individual actors working on their own. Furthermore, by stocktaking and connecting existing initiatives, associations and networks under the umbrella of a global alliance and matching their capacities against our shared humanitarian challenges; the GAHI can ensure that efforts in addressing humanitarian challenges are not duplicative but rather building on existing solutions. The GAHI will function to ensure that the lessons, effective practices and networks of disparate humanitarian innovation initiatives that have trialed novel ways to engage and work with businesses and affected communities are promoted, connected and leveraged on a wider scale. The launch of the GAHI will mark a critical shift in how humanitarians collectively engage with those outside of their traditional circles, through an alliance approach with a common goal: to overcome humanitarian challenges by using innovation to build bridges between actors with different expertise and comparative advantages. This new alliance will be uniquely positioned to bring together people and organizations from across different areas and expertise to collaborate on innovative and transformative solutions to the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges.

- ☑ To register your organization as a supporter of the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation (GAHI), please check [here](#).

Special Session: Humanitarian Principles

The first goal of the Summit is to reaffirm and re-inspire our shared commitment to humanity and the universality of humanitarian principles. This is the only way we can hope to alleviate the suffering of the 125 million people in our world who are at risk of being left behind. Ensuring universal respect for the humanitarian principles is a critical element for taking the Agenda for Humanity forward, while recognizing the different responsibilities of different stakeholders in relation to those principles. The objective of the Special Session on humanitarian principles will be to identify a series of commitments on how to better respect and more consistently apply those principles, as a major contribution towards the Agenda for Humanity.

- Malteser International commits to greater transparency on how it upholds humanitarian principles in practice, including on the constraints faced in applying them, through peer-to-peer lesson learning or other relevant accountability mechanism

Commitment type: – Policy

Special Session: Transforming Humanitarian Action with and for Young People

Recognizing the humanitarian responsibility to protect the rights and address the specific needs of young people, including adolescents, and to engage them and their unique capacities in humanitarian action the Special Session will launch a “Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action” that will work towards ensuring that the priorities and needs of all affected young people, including forcibly displaced and host community youth living alongside them are addressed, and that young people are consulted, informed and engaged in humanitarian preparedness, response and recovery. The Compact will be operationalized through a multi-stakeholder platform that will build upon the work of existing inter-agency groups.

- To register your organisation as a supporter of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, please check here

Special Session: Connecting Business Transforming Private Sector Engagement in Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Connecting Business is a multi-stakeholder initiative that replicates and scales effective structures for private sector engagement in disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery in high risk countries and regions, and operates a global portal connecting businesses with each other and other actors. It is transforming the way the private sector engages before, during and after crises to create more resilient communities, increase local capacity and alleviate human suffering. The Connecting Business initiative is meeting the demands of the private sector and other actors heard during consultations for the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) to create and strengthen business networks, to engage the private sector holistically and to create a clear entry point for the private sector. The initiative is managed by a secretariat, operating a global portal and supporting business networks. The Connecting Business initiative will be formally launched during a Special Session at the WHS, where institutional and joint commitments will be made by Connecting Business partners and delivered over the next three to five years. The Connecting Business initiative has multi-tiered partnering opportunities for businesses, governments, civil society organizations and international organizations. New and existing stakeholders are invited to register their commitments.

- I / my organization wishes to participate in and support the Connecting Business initiative by

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Special Session: Risk and Vulnerability Analysis

The objective of the **Special Session on Risk and Vulnerability Analysis** is to call for urgent action to improve collective understanding, analysis and action for future crisis in order to avoid precipitation of multi-causal, complex humanitarian, political, social, and economic crises - at all levels and most importantly, to generate a range of commitments and concrete actions to establish a global community space which does not currently exist.

The Global Risk Platform is an innovative, interlinked, integrated global community space for stakeholders and practitioners from all relevant disciplines to map, unite the existing risk, vulnerability and threat analysis initiatives, to share data, strategies and resources – human, material or financial – backed by political action in building resilience to evolving risks.

To register your organization as a supporter of the **Global Risk Platform**, please check here.