

# OCHA on Message: Agenda for Humanity Cycle

## What is the Agenda for Humanity?

The Agenda for Humanity is a five-point plan to prevent and reduce human suffering during crises.

Through its 5 core responsibilities and 24 transformations, the Agenda for Humanity sets out a vision and road map for how the humanitarian system can reduce humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability for the more than 100 million people who are affected by humanitarian crises annually and for the millions more people at risk.

Each core responsibility is underpinned by several strategic and normative transformations that outline the necessary actions to make the responsibilities a reality. Together, the core responsibilities and transformations form a framework for action, change and mutual accountability.

The core responsibilities include:

- 1. Political leadership to prevent and end conflicts**
- 2. Safeguard the norms that uphold humanity**
- 3. Leave no one behind**

### The World Humanitarian Summit

The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) took place in Istanbul, Turkey, in May 2016. It brought together some 9,000 participants representing 180 Member States, more than 700 local and international NGOs, the private sector and other stakeholders.



- 4. Change people's lives: From delivering aid to ending need**
- 5. Invest in humanity**

The Report of the Secretary-General on the outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit (A/71/353) invited stakeholders that made commitments to implement

the Agenda for Humanity to participate in an annual self-reporting process.

2019 – the third year of reporting since the Summit – was the final year of self-reporting, which culminated with the production of the final Annual Synthesis Report on the Agenda for Humanity.

The Summit mobilized support and action for the Agenda for Humanity, and catalysed major changes in the way we address humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.

At the Summit, stakeholders made more than 3,500 commitments<sup>1</sup> to support the

implementation of the Agenda for Humanity and launched dozens of initiatives and partnerships on issues including disabilities, gender, innovation, localization, humanitarian-development collaboration, education in emergencies and youth.

<sup>1</sup> All commitments, stakeholder reports and annual synthesis reports are available at [www.agendaforhumanity.org](http://www.agendaforhumanity.org)

## Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations

The Agenda for Humanity Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations (PACT) ([agendaforhumanity.org](http://agendaforhumanity.org)) was created as a dynamic advocacy and implementation tool for all stakeholders.

The PACT displays the commitments to deliver on the Agenda for Humanity's 5 Core Responsibilities and 24

Transformations, and until 2019, allowed stakeholders to voluntarily self-report on their progress on an annual basis.

The Report of the Secretary-General on the outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit (A/71/353) established the PACT for a period of three to five years. In 2020, the PACT transitioned into an online,

read-only site, serving as an information hub where stakeholders can learn more about the World Humanitarian Summit, the Agenda for Humanity and many of the major initiatives.

The PACT will no longer serve as a tool for self-reporting on the progress of commitments made at the Summit.

## What is OCHA's role?

Immediately after the WHS, OCHA focused on advocating for the implementation of the Agenda for Humanity, encouraging stakeholders to deliver on their commitments and shepherding the self-reporting process through the PACT, publishing the Annual Synthesis Report in December of each year. OCHA also prioritized the

delivery of its commitments to mainstream gender (Core Responsibility 3), enhance humanitarian-development collaboration (Core Responsibility 4 and the New Way of Working) and increase funding efficiency and availability through Country-Based Pooled Funds and the Central Emergency Response Fund (Core Responsibility 5), among other commitments.

Since the archiving of the PACT, OCHA will continue to encourage stakeholders to deliver on the commitments made at the WHS, with the aim of realizing the broader ambition of the Summit. OCHA, however, will no longer synthesize or report on overall achievements and challenges.

## What does OCHA say?

**1.** While recognizing that Member States have the primary responsibility to deliver humanitarian assistance and protection, the Agenda for Humanity is a call to action to all stakeholders to implement major changes to deliver better for the world's most vulnerable people.

**2.** Since the Summit, normative and policy changes have laid the

groundwork for change. Stakeholders must continue to focus their efforts on closing the gap between policy and practice and adapt to different contextual realities on the ground.

**3.** A diverse, inclusive and bottom-up approach will be paramount to maintain momentum and drive forward an agenda for change.

**4.** Looking beyond self-reporting, stakeholders must continue to engage one another on key questions for the future – including on how to strengthen the measurability of achievements and progress.

**5.** The Agenda for Humanity remains a framework to guide the broader humanitarian community and partners in reducing human suffering

## To find out more

- Visit website: [agendaforhumanity.org](http://agendaforhumanity.org)

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