



WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT

COMPACT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Call for UN Member States, UN System entities, Civil Society, Private Sector, Media, Local Authorities and youth-led Organizations to align strategies, approaches and programmatic responses with the principles outlined in the Agenda for humanity in view of reaching all young people and empowering young women, young men, girls and boys to be agents of positive transformation.

We, the participants of the World Humanitarian Summit High-Level Special Session on ***Transforming Humanitarian Action with and for Young People***, have gathered in Istanbul, Turkey, 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 they are informed, consulted, and meaningfully engaged throughout all stages of humanitarian action.

We recognize the humanitarian responsibility to enable and protect the rights, address the specific needs and build on the strengths of all young people. Ensuring young people have the skills, capacity and resources to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from humanitarian situations, will help reduce the costs of and need for international humanitarian support, improve humanitarian effectiveness and strengthen resilience of communities.

Drawing on the relevant international and regional instruments, the Doha Youth Declaration on Reshaping the Humanitarian Agenda, the Global Refugee Youth Consultations, the UN Security Council resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security, and the outcomes of other processes led by, involving and/or targeting young people, we call for a long-term commitment from stakeholders to the following actions:

Action 1: Promote and increase age- and gender-responsive and inclusive programmes that contribute to the protection, health and development of young women, young men, girls and boys within humanitarian settings;

Action 2: Support systematic inclusion of engagement and partnership with youth, in all phases of humanitarian action through sharing of information and involvement in decision-making processes at all levels, including budget allocations

Action 3: Recognize and strengthen young people's capacities and capabilities to be effective humanitarian actors in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, and empower and support local youth-led initiatives and organizations in humanitarian response, such as those targeting affected youth, including young refugees and internally displaced persons living in informal urban settlements and slums;

Action 4: Increase resources intended to address the needs and priorities of adolescents and youth affected by humanitarian crises, including disasters, conflict and displacement, and identify ways to more accurately track and report on the resources allocated to young people in humanitarian contexts;

Action 5: Ensure the generation and use of age- and sex- disaggregated data pertaining to adolescents and youth in humanitarian settings;

We the undersigned agree to collectively review at regular intervals and be accountable for the progress of the implementation of this compact. By agreeing to this compact, we are accountable for and commit to transforming humanitarian action *for* and *with* young people, guided by the Agenda for Humanity, to prevent and end conflict, safeguard human rights and rule of law, leave no one behind, and invest in young people for now and for the future.

