

The Grand Bargain

Progress towards implementing the commitments

Summary for the 76th Standing Committee



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Implementation by Workstream



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A. Greater transparency



Commitment achieved: UNHCR began **publishing data** in accordance with the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standards in September 2018.



Further improvement: the publication process is now **automated**, improving data quality, with the publication of full data on 2018 expenditure made in June 2019.



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B. More support and funding tools for local and national responder



Commitment: to transfer 25%+ of program expenditures to local and national responders by the end of 2021.



Achievement: UNHCR moved closer to its target by transferring **21.4%** of its annual programme expenditure (\$ 3.453 billion) **to local responders**.



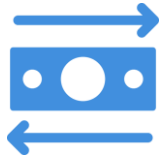
New policy: A policy adopted 1 June 2019 redefines UNHCR's contributions towards partner integrity capacity and support costs. The changes comprise a contribution of **4% for national partner programme support costs**, and greater discretion in the way in which partners make use of this additional resource.



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C. Increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming



Commitment: Double the amount of funds programmed for **cash based interventions** as a proportion of the overall assistance.



Achievement: UNHCR has delivered \$2bn since 2016 - \$568m in 2018. **Cash assistance has nearly doubled** from the 2015 baseline and exceeds in-kind assistance and services.



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D. Reduce duplication and management costs with periodic functional reviews



Commitment: expand the **use of biometrics** for refugee registration to a total of 75 country operations by 2020.



Achievement: **62 country operations** are using biometric refugee registrations. Beyond its use in registration, the use of biometrics ensures that rightful food beneficiaries have equitable access to assistance.



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E. Improve joint and impartial needs assessments



Commitment: coordinated **joint needs assessments** and continue sharing **evidence-based needs assessment data**.



Achievement: UNHCR participated in at least **128 joint multi-sectoral assessments** – 46% of these UNHCR led/co-led. UNHCR a leading agency for the **Humanitarian Data Exchange**, uploading over 1500 datasets in 2018.



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F. Participation Revolution



Commitment: Ensure equal **(50%)** and meaningful participation of **women and girls** in all decision-making processes in forced displacement contexts.



Updated Age, Gender and Diversity policy: mandates the **establishment and promotion of feedback and response systems**, including for confidential complaints across all UNHCR operations.



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G. Increase collaborative humanitarian multi-year planning and funding



Commitment: pursue institutional changes to facilitate **multi-year protection and solutions strategies**, and programming in partnership with humanitarian and development actors.



Achievements:

- **Multi-year multi-partner strategies:** **22** developed.
- **Multi - year agreements:** UNHCR has enabled operations to sign multi-year agreements with partners; there are **10 such agreements** signed for **5 operations**.



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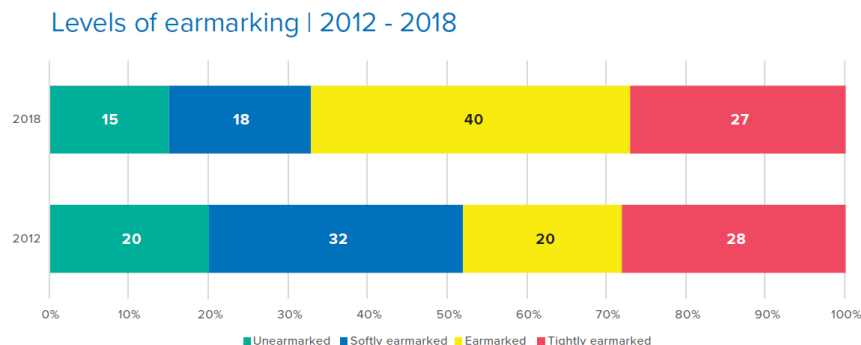
H. Reduce the earmarking of donor contributions



Commitment: increase the visibility of **unearmarked and softly earmarked funding**.



Results:



In June 2019, UNHCR published the **“Report on Use of Flexible Funding in 2018”**.



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I. Harmonize and simplify reporting requirements



Commitment: Harmonize and simplify **reporting requirements** by end 2018.



Achievements:

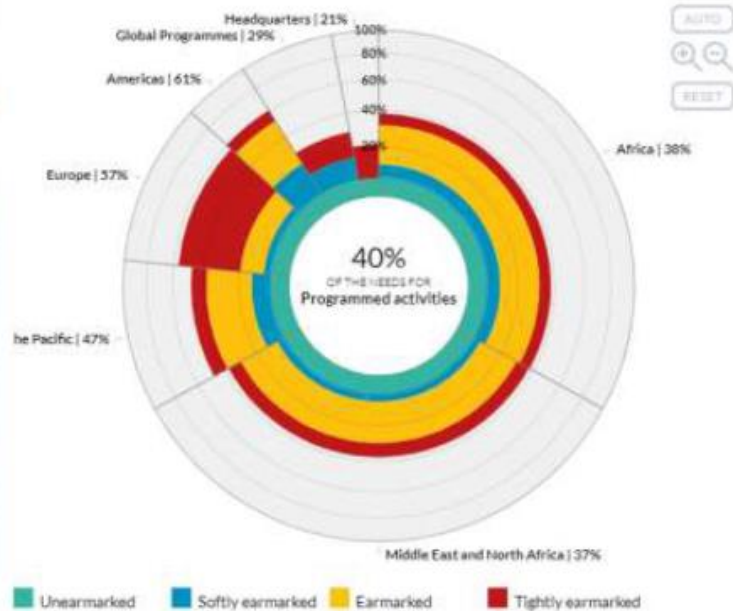
- **Common narrative template:** '8+3' adopted by UNHCR.
- **Global Focus:** invested in **Global Focus website** <http://reporting.unhcr.org/> that exhibits donor funding, to coincide with the 2018 Global Report.



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2019 Contributions



*Potential coverage before allocation of flexible funding and taking into account current earmarking levels.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN USD | ALL DONORS

Donor	Contributions
United States of America	1,438,785,528
European Union	461,880,896
Germany	197,550,698
Sweden	132,906,145
Japan	121,595,876
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ir	100,211,521
Norway	71,564,251
Denmark	70,268,413
Canada	59,194,791
Private donors in Spain	57,025,965
Private donors in Qatar	43,012,940
Netherlands	41,982,196
France	40,635,704
Switzerland	32,387,282
United Arab Emirates	31,767,000
Total	3,327,382,314

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J. Enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors



Commitment: cooperation with **multilateral development banks** to facilitate their engagement in forced displacement and support efforts that enable economic participation of the forcibly displaced.



Achievements:

- **World Bank:** Close collaboration providing **strategic and technical support** to International Development Association requirements and on the Global Compact for Refugees.
- **Others:** UNHCR-UNDP partnership on **rule of law** projects in 20+ countries.
- **NGOs:** Together with the World Bank, UNHCR facilitated the establishment of a Poverty Alleviation Coalition <https://alleviate-poverty.org/> working with 11 NGOs to apply the “graduation approach”.



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- 1) Innovation,
- 2) harmonise partnership arrangements,
- 3) harmonizing cost structure,
- 4) joint procurement and
- 5) reducing individual donor assessments



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Thank You!



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