OPEN HUMANITARIAN DATA

Aligning an organization's strategy and actions to the principles of Open Humanitarianism, an organization not only commits to improving humanitarian response, but also to opening its humanitarian data.

In endorsing the Open Humanitarian Data Declaration:

We *acknowledge* that crisis-affected communities and humanitarian responders are demanding more openness regarding humanitarian response and aid delivery, greater participation and collaboration in emergency response and recovery, and a humanitarian process that is more transparent and accountable.

We *recognise* that humanitarian organizations are at different stages in their efforts to promote open data, and that each has valid concerns about protecting national security and personal privacy.

We *accept* the responsibility to promote transparency through open data, to improve two-way communication with affected communities, to provide the conditions for crisis-affected communities to receive and give integral information, and to harness new technologies to make humanitarian response more effective and accountable.

We *uphold* the value of openness in our engagement with crisis-affected populations in order to improve humanitarian response, promote innovation, and create less vulnerable communities.

We *embrace* the principles of open data with an aim of achieving effectiveness, well-being, and human dignity in crises and in an increasingly vulnerable world.

We declare our engagement to:

Increase the availability of information about humanitarian aid.
Acknowledging that organizations collect and hold information on behalf of communities, and that citizens have a right to be provided integral information about humanitarian issues, activities and performance, we strive to share said information as openly and constructively as possible, in a timely manner, in formats that adhere to open and/or global standards, and in ways that crisis-affected people can easily locate, understand, use, and reuse the information.

Support communities participation.
In valuing participation of all crisis-affected communities equally and without discrimination of ethnicity, age, sex or social class and status, we commit to solicit public feedback and to create mechanisms that enable greater collaboration between humanitarian organisations and crisis-affected populations.

Increase access to new technologies.
Recognizing that new technologies offer opportunities for improving transparency, collaboration, participation and accountability, we commit to harnessing these technologies for these purposes. To enable a participatory aid model, we commit to supporting affected-person information centres where people can access and interact with appropriate technology and support services.

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