



ACT Alliance membership includes over 140 churches and faith-based organizations, from over 70 countries around the world. More than 70% of ACT Alliance members are local and national responders. As a global alliance, ACT members are committed to working together in the areas of humanitarian response, development and advocacy.

The following international mandatory standards apply to all ACT Alliance Members: The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief, The Sphere Standards, the Principles of Partnership and the Core Humanitarian Standard.

Commitments towards the World Humanitarian Summit

CORE RESPONSIBILITY ONE – Global leadership to prevent and end conflicts

Develop solutions with and for people

We will use our influence with our constituencies, civil society and Government leaders to promote stability and long-term community reconciliation, strengthen social cohesion and address grievances.

CORE RESPONSIBILITY TWO – Uphold the norms that safeguard humanity

Meet people's essential needs

We will reinforce and highlight through our membership the integral role of faith-based responders in rapid and unimpeded access to communities in need by exhibiting full respect for the humanitarian principles. We will do this by engaging local and national members in information sharing, awareness raising and capacity building on the practical application of the guiding principles and ensuring complete and contextualized integration of the humanitarian principles into all ACT Alliance humanitarian responses.

Speak out on violations

In an expression of global solidarity with poor and marginalized people, we will amplify the voices that promote human rights and international humanitarian law and speak out against social and structural injustice.

CORE RESPONSIBILITY FOUR – Change people's lives – From delivering aid to ending need

Put people at the centre, build community resilience

We will support the agency of people by substantially increasing the proportion of our humanitarian investment that goes to cash transfer programming. Before providing in-kind inputs, we will ask ourselves whether cash would work in this context. We will share learning across the ACT Alliance network on best practice in cash approaches, and increase capacity-building on cash for local and national members.

By May 2018, we will revise and reform the ACT Alliance humanitarian response mechanisms in line with the direction set out in the UN Secretary General's Agenda for Humanity, including aiming to strengthen local capacities by reforming the ACT Rapid Response Fund so that it is targeted exclusively for national and local members and that it incentivizes greater investment in emergency preparedness, disaster risk reduction and resilience.

CORE RESPONSIBILITY FIVE – Invest in Humanity

Invest in local capacities

By May 2018, we will significantly increase the proportion of ACT Alliance members' humanitarian funding that goes directly to local and national members and their partners for humanitarian response and emergency preparedness. We will seek to transparently report on this amount as ACT Alliance, and encourage individual members to do the same.

ACT Alliance members commit to supporting initiatives that provide easier and better access to resources for local and national members, particularly where they are first and frontline responders.

We will continue to demonstrate, learn from, identify and share best practice in local-national-international partnerships, in line with the Principles of Partnership, that is inherent in the ACT Alliance's vision and working practices. We will also seek to encourage partnerships directly between local and national members through national and regional ACT Forums, encouraging complementarity and equality.

Invest according to risk

We will increase the proportion of our humanitarian investment that goes to community preparedness, prevention and resilience, with a target that over 10% of ACT Alliance programming should be invested in emergency preparedness and risk reduction.

We will use the extraordinary reach and trust of our network of faith-based and church organizations to raise disaster risk reduction awareness at grassroots level, including in hard-to-reach locations, by influencing local leadership and educating community members, including through the deployment of church volunteers, delivering over 30 examples of grassroots-level Disaster Risk Reduction awareness-raising activities by ACT Alliance faith-based and church member organizations by May 2018 as examples of good practice.

Improve cost-efficiency and transparency

ACT Alliance commits to streamline and harmonize reporting requirements for members, in line with the expected outcomes of the Grand Bargain. This specifically includes a commitment to not ask more from local and national members than what donors ask of funding members.