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The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's Pledges to the Grand Bargain

In our Joint International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement (Movement) Paper on the Grand Bargain, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) laid out our expectations and offers in the Grand Bargain. We believe many of these expectations have been met. We are pleased to join the Grand Bargain and the commitments contained in its 10 work streams.¹ The objective of this short paper is to illustrate what we can bring to the implementation of the Grand Bargain. Moving forward, we intend to develop more detailed plans across the various commitments and the below provides some specifics as to our expected approach. We acknowledge that these are not exhaustive and remain a work in progress. Timelines and key performance indicators will need to be developed for all.

Pledges of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to the Grand Bargain: ²

1. We will increase our support and investment in the institutional capacities of Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, including preparedness, response and coordination capacities, especially in fragile contexts and where communities are vulnerable to conflicts, disasters, recurrent outbreaks and the effects of climate change. We will achieve this through a unique partnership and a joint investment mechanism supported by IFRC, ICRC, as well as interested National Societies and Governments.
2. We will mainstream proven practices that reduce duplication of efforts and management costs, as we work toward acting as “one Movement” wherever possible and appropriate. We will report on progress towards implementing this commitment, including to:
 - a. Improve the Movement’s collective preparedness for and coordination in responding to crises, and adopt a “one Movement” approach in communications and resource mobilization in large scale emergencies;
 - b. Identify and act upon cases in which sharing resources, tools and assets with actors in the broader humanitarian sector will result in overall financial gains.
3. We will significantly increase cash-based programming, and are examining the possibility of setting an ambitious yet realistic percentage-based target to achieve.
4. We will develop a Movement-wide approach to Accountability to Affected People (AAP) that takes into consideration the respective mandates of Movement components. This approach will significantly improve our programs through engagement with and feedback from affected people, ensure good practices are widely rolled out across all contexts, and more systematically document, monitor and evaluate AAP initiatives. In doing so, we will work closely within the Movement and

¹ In doing so, we call attention to the footnotes in section 5 and section 10 of the Grand Bargain and further note that while joining the Grand Bargain does not directly create obligations for Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, the IFRC and ICRC will actively engage them in the implementation of the Grand Bargain Commitments.

² Note that we have chosen to express our various engagements in the form of “pledges” rather than “commitments”. We have taken this step in order to underline our caveat that we cannot be bound to a formal (but not yet defined) UN-led monitoring and reporting mechanism, due to our Fundamental Principle of Independence.



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explore developing strategic partnerships to utilize existing tools and contribute to the improvement of common platforms, approaches and standards.

5. We will invest in examining the feasibility of using the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) to publish timely, transparent, harmonized and open high-quality data. We note that reporting to IATI standards may test the current capacity of local and national responders, including some National Societies, and we will identify what specific capacity gaps exist and what actions would be necessary to address them.
6. We will have a multi-year outlook in the planning and delivery of our activities. Along these lines, in December 2015, the IFRC adopted its first four-year Plan and Budget. The ICRC will reform the yearly planning process to promote a multi-year outlook where applicable and better reflect ICRC's experience of sustained engagement in protracted conflict situations.

Individual pledge of the IFRC:

As part of its efforts to increase preparedness for early action and enhance engagement with development actors, the IFRC will rapidly scale-up the use of Forecast-based Financing (FbF) by 1) facilitating the doubling of existing coverage of this mechanism within the Movement by 2018, and 2) exploring integration of FbF in global disaster risk management funding tools, in order to systematically trigger early action based on reliable early warning.

Individual pledge of the ICRC:

As part of its efforts to reduce duplication of efforts and management costs, the ICRC will pursue its revision of its model of corporate services, including an element of delocalization, in order to make important financial savings. The ICRC is also investing in a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) to be rolled out between now and 2018, with measurement metrics in terms of improved order fulfilment, lead time, and material requirements planning.