

# The future of philanthropy in humanitarian action

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World Humanitarian Summit	Objectives and Outcomes
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The Summit heralds a call for decisive, collective action, and is an opportunity for all stakeholders to build the commitments, partnerships and transformative actions required for the increasing scale and costs of meeting humanitarian needs.

### Background

Philanthropy brings substantial resources to the table. But philanthropic action and funding are often fragmented and disparate and unconnected to actions by governments, the UN or even non-governmental actors. Lack of coordinating mechanisms hampers the effectiveness and efficiency of philanthropic resources that are committed to humanitarian causes. Important sources of funding, including Islamic giving instruments such as *waqf* and *zakat* and church-based donations, could be better programmed in concert with others. In this way, philanthropy-led solutions can reach scale and achieve deeper impact by leveraging the actions of others. Philanthropy's commitment to innovations will be an important input in all of the conversations during the Summit, not least in modernizing humanitarian assistance through systematic use of new technology and approaches.

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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Philanthropy Platform partners listed below, in collaboration with the Humanitarian Forum, Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Government of Romania, are hosting a World Humanitarian Summit Side Event to mobilize philanthropic leadership around the world for effective humanitarian action. The event will build on the existing global partnerships represented in the SDG Philanthropy Platform. Our conversation will harness the strengths of a **growing diversity of humanitarian organizations**, including faith-based, indigenous and community-level philanthropy.

### Objectives:

- To illustrate **opportunities and best practices** of philanthropy in humanitarian action
- To catalyse **collaboration in the field** anchored in the action areas of the World Humanitarian Summit, such as finding political solutions, bridging development and humanitarian aid, leaving no one behind, and closing financial gaps for what are necessary investments in humanity.
- Explore technology such as the database on *SDGfunders.org* that can spur more collaboration.

The speakers will focus on realistic but major changes that are required, resulting in a **call for action, and commitments and coordination mechanisms for philanthropy to participate in collective humanitarian actions** along with the UN system, governments, local authorities, civil society, communities, business and faith-based organizations.

### Expected outcomes:

<p><b>Endorsing principles</b></p>	<p><b>Endorse the priority areas of WHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through guidance and research integrate the principles and priority areas of WHS in foundation strategy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Commitments</b></p>	<p><b>Collective statement of philanthropy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Summit outcome document Commitments to Action will capture major announcements, and philanthropic leaders can contribute to this collective statement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>Network and hub for global philanthropy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joining the collective effort as a member of informal groups, a formal network, hub or platform</li> <li>• Co-creating and co-funding initiatives as a champion or part of the leading council</li> </ul>

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