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### “Climate Change and Humanitarian Needs”

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#### Advocacy Messages

- Humanitarian organizations should internally prioritize climate change and demonstrate commitment by developing flexible and contextualized climate change programming, strengthening internal capacity/knowledge, and dedicating resources.
- Climate Change should be a cross-cutting theme across the coordination mechanisms and dedicated guests, and training opportunities should be provided on coordination mechanisms to both international and local NGOs
- Climate change response must be localized, and locally adapted solutions should be identified.
- Humanitarian actors should invest in new and diverse information and communication and recognize the need for more resilient and community-based programming, and ensure the inclusion of local, refugee and Internal Displaced (IDPs) community members.
- Increased quality, flexible, and long-term resources should be provided for climate change responses. Donors should specifically fund preparedness and risk management interventions.
- Standardization of Emergency Action and Response Plans should occur at the country and NGO level.
- Dialogue and coordination between the government, donor community, and civil society must be increased and organized.
- Humanitarian organizations should sign, commit, and adapt the Climate and Environment Charter.

#### Identified Recommendations

- EU should continue supporting NGO coalitions in the region by providing the financial means and expanding the needed support for advocacy with key institutional donors and through diplomatic communication and advocacy efforts with members states.
- Humanitarian organizations should incorporate climate change-related risk analysis, adaptation measures, anticipatory action, do no harm and/or climate smart programming in all refugee response work and long-term sustainable work.
- Humanitarian organizations recommend to the EU and donor community to support their humanitarian climate work by addressing the lack of buy-in from senior governmental and

institutional leadership. More capacity strengthening and awareness-raising are required to meaningfully integrate climate to programming.

- Donors should deploy multi-year flexible funding specifically addressing climate change and its effects. Moreover, donors should be very specific about their asks and recommendations addressing climate change, including mainstream vs targeted approaches. Especially for footprint and environment impacts. Adopt a holistic approach to addressing climate change over the long-term: preventive/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
- Mainstream and include climate change as part of the localisation agenda, with a strong component of capacity strengthening programmes for local actors, including establishing Early Warning Systems and adopting an integrated risk management approach.
- Multi-sectoral responses should be established to deliver climate-related programming in conflict areas.