

CALL TO ACTION on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies

COMMITMENTS GUIDANCE NOTE

This brief note is intended to guide partners in the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies (Call to Action) as they make commitments to implement the initiative's 2021-2025 Road Map. Commitments will be published on the [Call to Action website](#) as part of the initiative's emphasis on accountability and transparency.

Partners' commitments to implement the Road Map are at the heart of the Call to Action. Partners make commitments to contribute to specific Key Action Areas based on their roles, missions, responsibilities and capacities. The number of commitments will vary, but partners must make commitments to at least two (2) Key Action Areas of the Road Map.

As indicated in the 2021-2025 Road Map, commitments should be:

- **Aspirational:** Knowing that the Call to Action aims to transform humanitarian practice on gender-based violence, commitments should be forward looking and contribute to transformative change.
- **Concrete and Measurable:** To keep faith with the commitment to accountability and to allow the partnership to assess collective progress, partner commitments need to be actionable and measurable. Each commitment should be framed in such a way that it is clear how it contributes to progress on a Key Action Area.
- **Periodically Reviewed:** Each partner should take stock of their commitments during the annual reporting process. The collective partnership should do so in conjunction with the annual partners meeting. This will help ensure that partners make individual and collective adjustments to their commitments in order to close gaps, respond to changing circumstances and remain accountable to the Call to Action Road Map.

Commitments should follow this template:

1. Partner name
2. Whether it's a joint commitment, if yes, with who
3. Location of the planned work
4. Outcome and KAA in the 2021-2025 Road Map to which commitment is linked. (Be specific)
5. A clear, concise, and measurable commitment statement worded as an outcome or action¹.
6. Additional narrative as relevant
7. Timeframe for completion and benchmarks over the life of the 2021-2025 Road Map
8. Information on how the partner will measure progress for annual reporting²

¹ Examples can be found on the Call to Action website and provided to potential new partners.

² Partner should indicate how they will measure progress towards achievement of the commitment. This could include source of information about progress and/or more specific plans for measurement as appropriate/relevant.

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The process of updating the Road Map creates opportunities for partners to recommit to working individually and collectively to transform the way in which GBV is addressed in humanitarian settings. It enables partners to further advance this work through new commitments that respond to current realities and are based on up-to-date information. It also allows partners to fill identified gaps and increase action in priority areas. A consistent approach to expressing these commitments and regularly reporting on progress are key to identifying areas for further focus, and to documenting the impact of the Call to Action.