



**Compact for
Young People**
in Humanitarian
Action

THE YOUTH COMPACT CHAMPIONS PROGRAMME

Executive Summary



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SUMMARY

The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action was launched during the World Humanitarian Summit (2016) and secured long-term commitment from **60 Members** (including governments, UN agencies, academic institutions, private firms, (I)NGO's and youth networks) for the Compact's **5 actions to support young people** in humanitarian crisis (1) **services**, (2) **participation**, (3) **capacity**, (4) **resources**, and (5) **data**.

The Youth Compact Champions programme will provide **18 months support to 35 hard-to-reach young leaders** who have been affected by humanitarian crisis and have experience of leading humanitarian action. These **Young Leaders** will:

- 1) **Support** the design and evaluation of initiatives by the Compact to deliver on its **5 key actions** and,
- 2) **mobilise over 1,000 young people around the world** to engage in Compact initiatives, **supporting over 100,000 people affected by humanitarian crisis**.

The Youth Compact Champions programme builds on the collective work and passion of Compact members to date, and is aligned to the IASC Guidelines on working with and for Young People in Humanitarian and Protracted Crises

GOALS

The overall goal of the programme is for young people to **improve the effectiveness and quality of humanitarian action** and **strengthen the resilience of affected communities**, in collaboration with Compact and non-Compact members.

The programme will also:

- **develop humanitarian initiatives** and ensure they are adapted to the realities that young people in humanitarian settings are facing.
- build young people's humanitarian **leadership skills**, strengthening their ability to deliver positive change during and after the programme.
- **develop the skills of the programme partner's staff** to meaningfully engage young people in their work.
- provide a **sustained platform for Compact members** to meaningfully engage young humanitarian leaders from around the world in their projects.

DELIVERABLES

Deliverables of the Youth Compact Champions programme are aligned to the five actions committed to by Compact Members.

Action 1 - SERVICES

- **Support the development of Compact technical guidances** by gathering feedback from young people, developing youth-friendly dissemination tools as well as engaging the media, government and humanitarian actors during the roll-out of the guidances.
- Support communities in their own **positive local actions** to respond to the pandemic and **tackle mis-information around COVID-19**.

Action 2 - PARTICIPATION

- Inform and **support overarching Compact strategy** and work-plans.
- improve the **meaningful engagement of young people in humanitarian decision-making** at the local, national and international level

Action 3 - CAPACITY

- Design, coordinate and facilitate **online and face-to-face capacity-development initiatives** for young people in humanitarian contexts
- Develop a **toolkit for youth leadership** in humanitarian context, with a focus on building on examples of best practices from Compact Members.

Action 4 - RESOURCES

- Participate in the design and evaluation of the Compact's **Youth Fund**, which will provide small grants to grassroots youth-led organisations and young leaders.
- Develop **campaigns and advocacy initiatives** including: #YouthAgainstCOVID19 (UNFPA), #CopingWithCovid (UNOSGEY) and #FeelingRestless (Restless).
- Develop **accountability initiatives** to support young people to influence and hold accountable commitments made by their governments, Compact Members and multilateral institutions for their pandemic responses.

Action 5 - DATA

- Support **production of case studies on data and youth in humanitarian contexts**
- Develop **longitudinal youth-led research** capturing young people's resilience throughout the pandemic.

PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING

The Youth Compact Champions aims to be an **umbrella programme linking the experiences, expertise and vision** of the Youth Compact Champions from Argentina to Afghanistan, Palestine to Pakistan, Nepal to Nigeria and beyond, **to the ongoing and planned initiative of humanitarian actors** including governments, UN Agencies, NGOs, the private sector, academic institutions as well as youth networks and leaders.

The programme is currently co-coordinated by the **UN Major Group for Children & Youth, ActionAid and Restless development** with funding from the **Danish Government (DANIDA)** and support from Compact members including **Norwegian Refugee Council, WarChild Holland and UNFPA**.

As we kick start the programme from June to December 2020, working on initiatives such as The Youth Fund, disseminating Compact guidance and youth capacity-building, **we aim to co-design the second phase of the project from January to December 2021 with interested partners.**

To sustain the programme **we require resources** for:

- a) The **initiatives the Youth Compact Champions are supporting**, eg. funds for The Youth Fund, or humanitarian capacity building for youth networks.
- b) Core **programme coordination costs** including youth engagement and safeguarding expertise, stipends for the young people, as well as project learning, communications and management capacity.

If you would like to join or support the Youth Compact Champions programme, please contact **Craig Dean** via craig@restlessdevelopment.org or visit us at youthcompact.org

RESOURCES

- [COVID-19: Working with and for young people](#) (2020)
- [Compact COVID-19 resource hub](#)
- [The Youth Compact Champions Programme landing page](#)
- [Data Collection and Age Disaggregation: for young people in humanitarian action](#) (2019)
- [Ignighting Hope](#) (2018)

