



## UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HUMANITARIAN ENVOY 2019 STRATEGY

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### Humanitarian Needs

In 2019, more than \$21.9 billion, will be needed to provide life-saving assistance to more than 131.7 million people devastated by wars and natural disasters. Humanitarian needs are increasing despite global economic and development gains. In the past decade, the world has made profound development progress. Between 2008 and 2015, the number of people living in extreme poverty fell from 1.2 billion to 736 million. The world is also richer than ever before: global GDP rose from \$63.4 trillion in 2008 to \$80.7 trillion in 2017. But in recent years, more than 120 million people each year have needed urgent humanitarian assistance and protection. There are more crises, affecting more people, and lasting longer today than a decade ago. Most humanitarian crises are not the product of any single factor or event, but of the interaction between natural hazards, armed conflict and human vulnerability.

### Role of the UN Secretary-General's Humanitarian Envoy

Envoys of the UN Secretary General are appointed to deal with a specific set of issues. The continually increasing humanitarian needs of individuals, particularly those due to protracted conflict, requires specialised in-depth knowledge of stakeholders and the needs of those affected. Thus, the UN Secretary-General's Humanitarian Envoy ("HE") is charged with ensuring stronger linkages between the United Nations and decision makers in the Gulf countries and beyond ensuring the humanitarian needs of affected persons are communicated.

Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi was appointed in December 2016 as the UN Humanitarian Envoy to the UN Secretary General, succeeding Dr. Abdullah al Matouq of Kuwait who held the post since its inception in 2012. Dr. Al-Meraikhi's overall objective focuses on supporting multilateral humanitarian response efforts by raising the profile of humanitarian crises with traditional and less traditional stakeholders and increasing their engagement with the international humanitarian community whilst embodying the UN's New Way of Working, endorsing the Agenda for Humanity and the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Al Meraikhi works closely with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Mark Lowcock, to build stronger partnerships between the UN and stakeholders globally to respond to the humanitarian needs facing the world.



## Strategic Objectives

1. Resource Mobilisation
2. Advocacy & Awareness
3. Influencing Policy
4. HE Leadership



### UN HUMANITARIAN ENVOY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2019

<b>Resource Mobilisation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Utilise a new approach towards resource mobilisation by targeting governments, NGOs, charities and the private sector.</li> <li>1.2 Identify less engaged donors and encourage them to come to the table of multilateral humanitarian financing in support of the international response for humanitarian needs.</li> <li>1.3 Encourage transparency and recognition for donors in financing the Humanitarian Response Plans of 2018.</li> </ol>
<b>Advocacy and Awareness</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Focus the mind-set of stakeholders and the UN towards a more effective and functioning partnership with particular attention on the humanitarian-development nexus.</li> <li>2.2 Encourage trilateral partnerships between traditional, less traditional donors, and the UN for recipients of humanitarian assistance.</li> <li>2.3 Advocate for increased humanitarian access and easing of bureaucratic restrictions that compromise humanitarian actors' ability to reach populations in need.</li> </ol>
<b>Influencing Policy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Encourage the shaping of institutional and foreign aid policy to be strategically aligned with the Agenda for Peace, SDGs and the HRPs.</li> <li>3.2 Strive for a more effective and flexible system for the UN to engage with less traditional donors.</li> </ol>
<b>Leadership Role</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Regionally – Leverage stakeholders to engage further with the multilateral system.</li> <li>4.2 Internationally – Advocate both in the field and at high-level events for new ways of working, building relationships, increased financing of the multilateral system.</li> </ol>



## 2019 Key Initiatives

### Increasing UN Bilateral Engagement with Targeted Stakeholders

The Humanitarian Envoy wishes to continue to build on the relationship between specific donor countries and the UN through developing longer-term engagement with UN entities and a stronger presence of the UN in targeted donor countries. Sample activities to support this include -

- Stakeholder UN Humanitarian Framework
- Stakeholder UN Development Framework
- Opening of new UN Humanitarian Advisory Team and Country Offices
- Capacity Building of National Institutions
- Young Humanitarians Programme
- Future Humanitarian & Development Leaders Programme

### Building Private Sector Partnerships - Invest in Humanity/SDG 17

To realise the goals of the Agenda for Humanity and the SDGs we need to foster a new era of collaboration and coordination, particularly with the private sector. With the scale of humanitarian need fast outpacing the ability of traditional actors to respond, it is more important than ever to engage the private sector in disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The potential for the business sector to collaborate with the international community is vast and while businesses are already making significant contributions, there are still many opportunities to expand the impact. The HE will convene the Global Humanitarian Action Executive Council, an informal advisory group representing the global perspective of corporate leaders would convey invaluable expertise, knowledge and resources while advocating for a new business model for principled and effective private sector engagement in emergency preparedness and response.

- Global Humanitarian Action Executive Council – Davos Meeting
- Global Humanitarian Action Executive Council – UNGA Meeting
- New Local Global Compact Networks

### Tripartite Engagement with Stakeholders

The HE is actively engaged with both traditional and non-traditional donors. Encompassed within that is the cooperation between differing donors and knowledge sharing for a third party's benefit. These tripartite relationships along with bringing new stakeholders, such as development institutions to address underlying root causes of needs, will contribute to reduction of humanitarian needs and strengthening resilience of communities. Within this context, the HE will work towards develop local actors' capacities in support of bridging the donor concerns/conditionalities with capacity and awareness of local actors. Sample activities to support this include -

- Syria Top Donor Group
- Pledging Conferences
- Stakeholder Missions - China, India, Malaysia, Brazil, Turkey
- Raise awareness to forgotten crisis – Afghanistan, Rohingya, Ukraine, etc.



### No Lost Generation

As a Champion of the No Lost Generation for children in Syria and Iraq, the HE will continue to advocate for those most affected by humanitarian crisis, children and young people. Specifically, the HE will actively campaign for increased humanitarian access, adherence to international humanitarian law and the protection of children and their right to an education. Sample activities to support this include -

- Brussels III Conference on Supporting Syria
- Syria Top Donors Group Meetings
- Support durable solutions for refugees including platforms for job creation and livelihood generation

### UNRWA

UNRWA's work has an immediate effect by meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of millions of Palestine refugees in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. UNRWA human development and humanitarian services encompass primary and vocational education, primary health care, relief and social services, infrastructure and camp improvement, microfinance and emergency response, including in situations of armed conflict. The HE will use all available tools, reaching out to traditional and non-traditional financing while advocating for continued support of UNRWA.

- Partnership mission
- Engage with less-tradition donors to support UNRWA