Today we face a global humanitarian challenge.

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per cent of preventable maternal deaths take place in settings of conflict, displacement and natural disasters.

60
per cent of internally displaced households in Yemen are female headed, compared to approximately 9 per cent before the current crisis.

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50
of refugees are women and girls.

4
of every 10 children who are displaced are targeted on women and girls in 2016.

0.4
of all funding for humanitarian needs is invested in women's groups, on women's right to recovery.

200.5
people are affected by natural disasters or displacement by conflict yet since 2016.

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Livelihoods

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Women are leaders and agents of change.

Women’s leadership is key to achieving sustainable development and the realization of their full potential in life.

Catalyzing action to achieve gender equality.

Together we must take bold steps to enable women and girls to make their rights a reality.

COMPETENCIES WE MUST MAKE

Commitment 1
Ensure women and girls can access humanitarian action and protection.

Commitment 2
Empower women and girls as change agents and leaders.

Commitment 3
Ensure that humanitarian action is more efficient and effective, the transition to recovery accelerated, and their needs are directly addressed.

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Closing the Gender Gap in Humanitarian Action

Step it up for gender equality.

We must achieve a Planet 50-50 by 2030.

SYRIAN REFUGEES, JORDAN
UN Women’s largest cash-for-work programme in Jordan’s Za’atari refugee camp increased the average income of full-time workers, improving diet, household hygiene and health.

EBOLA EPIDEMIC, WEST AFRICA
Informational radio programmes, psychosocial support and UN Women-facilitated trainings helped women adopt new strategies to respond to, cope with and curb the spread of Ebola.

EARTHQUAKE, NEPAL
When an earthquake rocked Nepal in 2015, UN Women partnered with national women’s groups and civil society to develop an early recovery strategy through a “Common Charter of Women’s Demands”.

CYCLONE, FIJI
Following the devastating cyclone in Fiji in 2016, UN Women worked with local partners to promote economic opportunities for women through market spaces.

CONFLICT, COLOMBIA
UN Women actively works with indigenous women, local authorities and educators, among other actors, to strengthen protection mechanisms on gender-based violence for conflict-affected populations.

REFUGEES, CAMEROON
In refugee camps across Cameroon, UN Women supports women’s peace caravans, dialogue committees and other activities to promote social cohesion among community members.

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