Every Woman Every Child Everywhere

World Humanitarian Day Messages

On August 19th, World Humanitarian Day, we honor those who provide humanitarian assistance and relief and advocate for a more humane world in increasingly challenging circumstances.

Every day, aid workers stand on the front lines of war and disaster, braving tremendous dangers and difficulties to deliver assistance to those who need it most. On World Humanitarian Day, we remember and pay tribute to those heroic colleagues who have lost their lives in the service of helping others. With more than 120 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and around 60 million displaced by disasters, conflict, and climate crises, we take this opportunity to underline the growing need for humanitarian services and international cooperation.

The Every Woman Every Child Everywhere platform brings together key actors from the humanitarian and development sectors to identify conceptual, policy and programming opportunities to better support the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents in all settings. Partners are encouraged to learn more about World Humanitarian Day, Everywhere and the Every Woman Every Child movement. See below for key messages, ways to engage, and suggested tweets.

**KEY MESSAGES**

- **The scale of human suffering is greater than at any time since the Second World War.** More than 130 million people around the world need humanitarian assistance in order to survive. Additionally, we know that 60% of preventable maternal deaths, 53% of under-five deaths, and 46% of newborn deaths occur in settings of conflict, displacement, and natural disasters. Reaching these humanitarian settings is essential to prevent deaths and protect the lives of women, children, and adolescents, everywhere.

- **Women and children are particularly vulnerable in crisis situations; however they are more than victims. Women and young people have a crucial role to play as front-line responders in humanitarian settings and fragile contexts.** They are not only key for the survival and wellbeing of children, families and communities, but also to build resilience and facilitate the transition from crises to development. We must put the last first if we are to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. **No one should be denied their right to health and wellbeing simply because of where they live, the context in which they live, or because of the unavailability of or inaccessibility to the services they need.** The Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030) introduces a greater emphasis on risk assessment and mitigation, disaster planning and contingency funding as health services are planned, designed, financed, delivered and reviewed.

- **The international community envisions a world in which every woman, child and adolescent, everywhere—even in the most fragile, complex, conflict, disaster or outbreak affected settings, including those which are protracted—is provided with essential services, supported, heard and included; and where women, newborns, children and adolescents have access to quality health care; where their vulnerability is replaced by their ability to realize their health and wellbeing, so they can exercise their human rights and fulfill their potential.** The international community must **invest in strategic collaboration within and across sectors, to strengthen both the resilience of health systems and the resilience of systems for health**—the very systems that enable, support and protect health.

1 https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/WHS_GloCon_final_report.pdf
WAYS TO ENGAGE

Learn More: #ShareHumanity is a campaign with stories from all the current emergency situations worldwide.

Take the online, interactive quiz, called “Impossible Choices”, which highlights the difficult choices many have to face in crises; it takes players on a personalized journey to inspire advocating for a more just and humane world.

Participate: The UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants taking place on 19 September in New York is a historic opportunity for nations to work together in a spirit of shared responsibility and solidarity to help countries manage the large movements of people.

Make a Commitment: The UN Secretary-General’s Office is welcoming commitments to the Global Strategy for the new sustainable development era from new partners, as well as updated and refreshed commitments by existing Every Woman Every Child partners. Learn more about how to make a commitment. The deadline for submission is midnight (EST) on Saturday 10 September in order to be assessed and, if accepted, highlighted during the UN General Assembly.

SUGGESTED TWEETS

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August 19th is #WorldHumanitarianDay. Help #ShareHumanity to ensure no woman, child, or adolescent is left behind. #EWECEveryWhere #EWECisME

@UnfEWEC will #ShareHumanity on August 19 to call for greater commitments to humanitarian action from global leaders. Join us! #EWECisME

60% maternal, 53% under 5 & 46% newborn deaths are in humanitarian settings. #EWECisME #EWECEveryWhere #ShareHumanity

125M are forced to make impossible choices every day—What would you choose? https://impossiblechoices.org/ #ShareHumanity #EWECEveryWhere #EWECisME

Women & children face sexual violence, depression & inadequate healthcare in fragile humanitarian settings. #EWECisME #EWECEveryWhere

Today, we honor & remember those who continue to work in the field & have lost their lives in humanitarian service #ShareHumanity #EWECisME

On #WorldHumanitarianDay let’s remember and pay tribute to the 108 aid workers who lost their lives to violent attacks in 2015. #ShareHumanity

Refugees&migrants = 1 of the world’s most vulnerable populations—Access to safety, healthcare & opportunities for all #ShareHumanity #EWECisME