

Good Evening Mr. High Commissioner,
Distinguished DELEGATES
All protocols observed

Thank you for inviting **ADRA** to the forum and for your hospitality

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency, ADRA, HAS impacted and improved the lives of 16.3 million people around the world in 2018. That number includes women, children, and men in more than 118 countries in an integrated approach including: Health, WASH, Livelihoods and Education. our work connects us with refugees and IDPs in many of these countries.

ADRA is committed to a holistic approach and a comprehensive response as the answer to the refugee crisis. As a faith-based organization and a global community of 20 million Adventists we want to be trusted partners with governments, host communities and more important to be trusted by the refugees themselves as they rebuild their lives and continue the journey to self-reliance.

Towards that goal we have made the following two commitments:

In October 14, 2019 – As the official International Humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church the and recognizing that the Adventist church has the second-largest protestant school system in the world. we partnered with the global church body to announce a new global campaign, “Every Child. Everywhere. In School.” The joint campaign is an urgent call to leaders around the world that all children, regardless of race, age, nationality, gender, religion or origin, have a right to earn and complete an education, and that being in school is a recognition of the value and potential of each individual child. One of the key motivators of the campaign, is that we do not accept the that refugee children are five times more likely to be out of school than their non-refugee peers.

Our second commitment is for the refugee crisis in Latin American. Never before has Latin America suffered a social and economic crisis of this magnitude, a crisis that continues to disrupt the lives of millions of people across the region. A holistic approach is a priority for ADRA’s work with refugees and host communities, especially when it comes to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable, such as women and children and people with special needs.

It is for these vulnerable populations that ADRA remains committed to play a key role in implementing global compact on refugees and specially in addressing the Latin America crisis.

As a result, ADRA has committed \$1,000,000 dollars of emergency private funding to the response efforts in Latin America.

These resources will be used IN ADDITION TO public funding that ADRA has SECURED to COVER ANY gaps in our interventions.

Thank you for your support.

Wishing everyone a happy new year.