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Highlights from August & September 2020

Message from Executive Director

Within our own organisations...

We cannot be fully accountable to the people we work with, without critically considering how we address racism and racial discrimination within our own organisations and in the humanitarian sector.

Over the past several months, the Black Lives Matter movement is reverberating through the aid sector. As member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), ICVA has [reaffirmed the pledges to zero tolerance to racism and racial discrimination](#) and committed to eliminating such behaviour. ICVA takes forward further actions to address racism and racial discrimination at the workplace, in [partnerships](#) and also through the work of the members on the ground.

The future that we are embedding in our [ICVA 2030](#) should value our [diversity](#) through active inclusion at all levels: in our membership, in our workplaces, and by fostering more inclusive and diverse ways of working.

We cannot either be fully accountable without critically considering... how we are [tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment](#) (SEAH). The [collective NGO statement](#) at the UNHCR 79th meeting of the Standing Committee recalls efforts to prevent and respond to SEAH. You will also read in this Bulletin on the "Interagency Community Outreach and Communications Fund on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)", led by UNHCR and ICVA.

People affected by crisis put a huge amount of trust in us. Being assertive at all times in addressing SEAH at all levels is critical. The [latest allegations](#) from the Democratic Republic of Congo that hit the media attention last week is just another reminder that ongoing work should continue. In no case should we be diverted by the responsibility and the related power and trust issues that go along with tackling SEAH.

SEAH inflicts harm on the people we are obligated to protect. It jeopardises the trust and credibility of our assistance work. With the twin health and economic crisis, humanitarian NGOs are under further pressure to remain and deliver principled and effective humanitarian assistance.

NGOs are also under pressure to step up to be key actors in delivering on expectations and build a more resilient system for the future. A system with valuable innovations and improvements in how we work, live, and treat each other.

To reach all of this, it requires us to continuously challenge and improve ourselves in how principled we are within our own organisations and in the humanitarian sector, taking all the necessary actions to ensure we remain faithful to the trust people put in us.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates

1. New Members: ICVA is pleased to announce that the following organisations are now members of the ICVA network:

- [Act for Peace](#), Australia
- [Building Foundation for Development](#), Yemen
- [Globalt Fokus](#), Denmark
- [Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies](#), Switzerland

For more information about membership [click here](#) or contact fiona.wilkie@icvanetwork.org

2. ICVA Staff updates:

It is our pleasure to introduce and welcome our new **incoming ICVA Asia/Pacific Regional Representative, Ms Keya Saha-Chaudhury**. Keya will start on 15 October and will be based in Bangkok, hosted by APRRN.

Isabelle Saussereau, Director of Finances and Administration since 2017, has moved on and we wish her the best in her new endeavours!

3. Vacancies:

- **Localisation in Humanitarian Leadership (MENA): Research and Documentation Consultancy** ICVA is recruiting a short-term consultant to hold a training on coordination skills that will be designed for National Syrian NGO Networks (for the Secretariats and Governance Board members). The training programme will focus on national, regional, and international humanitarian coordination architecture, joint Coordination, representation and networking skills and influencing the humanitarian processes. The ToR can be found [on ICVA's website](#) and [Relief web](#).
- **Joint Coordination Skills Training Development and Facilitation Online Training Consultancy** ICVA is also looking for a consultant for **Research on Localization in Humanitarian Leadership in the MENA Region**. The ToR can be found on [ICVA's website](#) We invite our local members and NGO Fora representatives to contribute to this research through their knowledge, experience and participation as a member in the advisory group for this important research. If you are interested in joining, please contact stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org

4. ICVA's COVID-19 Resources page:

ICVA's Covid-19 [resource page](#) has a collection of guidelines, tools, statements, papers and useful links which are relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ICVA 2030

Membership sessions!

5. ICVA membership sessions: A collaborative future for principled and effective humanitarian action

Throughout the past months over 80% of our members have contributed to the [ICVA 2030](#) strategy process. **We thank you all for your inputs** whether through the survey, interviews, regional member meetings and at the September membership sessions.

In August there were two regional meetings with members. On 12 August a **MENA Members and Partners meeting** which also included a session on financing priorities and trends. The meeting report is [available here](#). And on 26 August **members from the Africa region** explored synergies and how ICVA members could increase the presence of the network.

On 2 and 3 **September two online sessions** were held for ICVA members, replacing the ICVA membership day initially scheduled as a one-day event in March. These virtual sessions took place in a very different world from the one we were in in March.

During the two September membership sessions members considered the disruptors of climate change, inequality, shifting powers and technology. We know about the dynamics of current crises, and that the pandemic is rolling into a hunger pandemic and is increasing protection needs. There were rich discussions in breakout sessions around the strategic considerations of environmental change, private sector engagement and technology and humanitarian innovation. And also, on collaborative advantage, regional development, membership engagement and resourcing ICVA.

The draft strategy will be available by the end of this year for members to review before adopting it at the General Assembly in May 2021.

Forced migration

6. World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement

On 27 August, one year after the launch of the Center, ICVA and some of its members attended the second meeting of the Strategic Advisory Council of the World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center (JDC) on Forced Displacement. The meeting was an opportunity to hear an update on the Center's work programme; discuss the JDC Strategy for the next three years; and hear about partnership opportunities, and next steps. The JDC also took the opportunity to launch [its website](#). For more information, contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

7. UNHCR 79th Standing Committee

Thanks to NGO contributions, ICVA coordinated the drafting and delivery of two NGO statements during the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee (16-17 September). The statements were focused on [Efforts to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment](#), and on the [Update on the Grand Bargain](#). For more information, contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org and Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org

8. Informal briefing on the Global Refugee Forum follow-up and the Global Compact on Refugees

On 28 September, UNHCR organised the third informal briefing of the year on the follow-up to the Global Refugee Forum with a specific focus on the initiatives linked to the Global Compact on Refugees. On this occasion, ICVA delivered an NGO statement highlighting key messages, particularly on COVID-19, multi-stakeholder engagements, the three Support Platforms, and the Asylum Capacity Support Group. The statement is available [here](#). Detailed notes will be shared with ICVA members soon. UNHCR's agenda and presentation used on this occasion are accessible [here](#). For more information, please contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org and Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org

9. UNHCR-NGOs Annual Consultations: 29-30 September

ICVA and UNHCR co-organised this year the [virtual Annual Consultations](#) that brought together participants from over 110 organisations. This year, NGOs, Refugee-Led Organisations, and UNHCR exchanged on the theme: "Responding to pandemics", around Resilience and Inclusion; Protection Considerations; and Climate Action. As part of the Consultations, there was also a side event on "Partnership Agreements during

Pandemics” which took place on 28 September. The key outcomes of the Consultations including various recommendations are to be presented during the UNHCR’s Executive Committee. The recommendations will also feed into the [2020 High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#). For more information, please contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org and Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org



10. Nansen Award winners

ICVA congratulates Mayerlín Vergara Pérez who won the 2020 UNHCR Nansen Award. Working for the NGO Renacer Fundaciona, Mayerlín is a devoted Colombian human rights activist and campaigner who has been helping to identify and protect children from sexual violence and trafficking for twenty years. Four regional winners have also been selected. For full information on the Nansen Award and this year’s winners, [Click here](#).

11. Migrants in vulnerable situations:

The fires on the Greek island of Lesbos on 8 September renewed an urgency to address asylum access in Europe.

- The Civil Society Action Committee released a [statement](#) calling on the Greek government and the European Union (EU) to provide immediate humanitarian and human rights support to the Moria camp tragedy.
- In September, the European Commission launched a new Pact on Migration and Asylum. It consists of a communication and nine proposed instruments. You can [read more here](#). ICVA is reaching out to members to compile and share any relevant analysis they might have of the Pact from an NGO Perspective.
- On 22 September, Oxfam International and WeMoveEurope filed a complaint, submitted by international law firm De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, to the European Commission to trigger an infringement procedure against Greece for its systematic breached of EU law in its treatment of people seeking asylum. [Click here](#) to read the legal complain

GCM Objectives Review Series

[Migrant Forum in Asia \(MFA\)](#), the [Cross Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants \(CCRM\)](#) with the [Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism \(GRFDT\)](#) and the Civil Society Action Committee are jointly organising a series of 23 weekly review discussions focusing on progress at the global level of each of the 23 objectives of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). The discussions will provide multi-stakeholder space to review progress made on the implementation of each GCM objective. The sessions started at the beginning of September and take place every Tuesday until February 16, 2021, via Zoom. More information can be found [here](#).

Save the date: COVID-19 and the Global Refugee and Migration Compacts. What learning and way forward?

Between June and September, the Danish Refugee Council and the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) have conducted two studies, looking at COVID-19 and the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) respectively. The findings will be presented at a **joint MMC DRC webinar on 14 October 2020**. [Registration](#) is open until 13 October 17:00 CEST.

Situations questionnaire

ICVA contributed to the development of a questionnaire on existing practices on “Admission and Stay” and their use. This was a deliverable of the UN Migration Network Working Group 3 work plan. This working group was established with the goal of facilitating new avenues and access to legal admission and stay on the grounds of compassionate, humanitarian, and human rights protection purposes. Thereby reducing the risks and vulnerabilities migrants face at different stages of the migratory path, including in mixed movement situations. The questionnaire seeks to further that goal by identifying and mapping existing promising practice in these areas, as well as solicit information on the extent to which migrants have been able to make use of such practices.

Financing

12. IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5): RG5 reconvened on 22 September after a summer break in August. Co-chairs OCHA and ICVA updated the group on the future of the IASC Results Group structure following the RG Co-chairs meeting that took place the week before, including on the future priorities for RG5. The IASC RGs will now continue their work at least through the end of 2021, with a review of the structure to take place mid-year. For RG5, the current priority focus areas for the group will be continued and refined for 2021, to include: nexus funding issues, quality funding (multi-year, flexible), and harmonisation and simplification of systems. These priorities have been communicated to OPAG with positive feedback, and RG5 will work over the coming weeks to identify supporting deliverables for 2021. Localization will also be a focus for RG5 in the final quarter of 2020, with the objective of increasing national NGO participation in the group and establishing a plan for engaging with local and national partners when implementing deliverables.

13. Funding flexibility and COVID-19: One of the primary finance areas of focus for ICVA, and for RG5, under the umbrella of the COVID-19 GHRP implementation has been to introduce funding flexibility measures to reduce the administrative burden of partnership agreements. This work resulted in an advocacy message to donors followed by agreement on flexibility measures among IASC members in June. For the last quarter of 2020, ICVA will continue to support funding flexibility efforts through:

- Dialogue with IASC membership to assess the current flexibility measures and which should transition to standard practice.
- IASC RG5 engagement with the Good Humanitarian Donor group to advocate for donor adoption of IASC flexibility measures.
- Engagement with NGO colleagues to improve the collection of quantitative data on flexible funding and how it flows from donor to field use.

14. The future of the Grand Bargain: Based on the current dialogue on the future of the Grand Bargain that grew out of the June 2020 Annual Meeting, ICVA, SCHR, InterAction, and Voice have released a joint statement from the NGO networks available [here](#). ICVA will continue to engage with Grand Bargain signatories over the coming months to identify a clear path forward for the Grand Bargain. Priorities for ICVA include: preservation of the unique platform made up of donors, UN agencies, and NGOs; further refinement and prioritisation of key commitments; support for key root issues such as risk sharing; and further dialogue on how the Grand Bargain can adjust to maintain relevance as appropriate.

15. OCHA Regional Pooled Funds: One of the proposals developed as part of the effort to unlock NGO access to funding under the COVID-19 GHRP is to establish a regional-based pooled fund that is modelled after the current Country Based Pooled Fund approach. OCHA has initially proposed that a regional pooled fund be tested in the Sahel region and is currently working with donors to assess the potential for funding an initial rollout in 2021. This approach is distinct from the recently-piloted CERF IOM-NGO allocation, and would open access to OCHA pooled funds for NGO partners (international and local) in country locations without an established fund. As more details become available, they will be shared out through the ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group mailing list.

For more information on Humanitarian Financing contact: Jeremy.Rempel@icvanetwork.org and Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org

Coordination

16. COVID-19 GHRP Update

[Global Humanitarian Response Plan COVID-19 Progress Report: Second Edition, 31 August 2020](#) This Progress Report summarises the collective response to the humanitarian impacts of COVID-19 in the 63 countries covered by the GHRP. It presents an update on the operational context; examples of how humanitarian partners continue to adapt their field responses; in focus sections on Protection and Food Security; a funding overview and analysis; information on how pooled funds are supporting the response; and an update on the strategic response priorities and progress against key indicators.

17. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG):

The EDG met to discuss the situation in Lebanon, Central Sahel, and to conduct a stock-take session including consideration of the forward-looking agenda and where support from the EDG would be best placed in coming months.

The IASC Principals:

The IASC Principals ad hoc meetings on COVID-19 Response are now monthly. The September meeting with the action points covered a) the GHO/HPC 2021 process, especially around the Joint Analysis Framework; b) the Protection of IDPs issue during the launch of the 2021 GHO; c) Support to the COVAX initiative through (i) advocacy and (ii) efforts to support country readiness for COVID vaccines and sustaining immunisation services and d) concrete proposals on improving humanitarian access and addressing bureaucratic and administrative impediments faced by NGOs.

[ICVA Principal co-signed the statement by IASC Principals on Racism and Racial Discrimination](#). This statement highlights the importance of examining and addressing racism and racial discrimination within our own organisations and in the humanitarian sector, including by expanding diversity at all levels in our workplaces, and fostering more inclusive and diverse ways of working.

Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)

In September, the OPAG met twice. In the first meeting on 12 September, the focus of the discussion was on localization and duty of care issues in light of COVID-19. The Somalia NGO Consortia and UNHCR co-chaired the sub-group on localisation and shared the group's agreed priorities. There was also a presentation by ICVA and WFP on progress of the duty of care task team, which first draft of minimum standards will be shared with the OPAG by mid-October.

The second OPAG meeting discussed the priorities of the Results Groups in light of the extension of their mandate till end of 2021. Recognising the value of the results produced, especially in the recent months during the COVID-19 response, OPAG considered how to streamline work and strengthen collaboration among the Results Groups and rationalise structures; enhance the working methods, including in terms of the interaction between the Results Groups and the OPAG; how to better support the field and translate policies into practices as well as the collaboration between the OPAG and the IASC's Emergency Directors Group (EDG).

18. Update on IASC Results groups:

RG 1 Operational response:

The Results Group met to consider next steps and revise its work-plan including recommending the simplification of deliverables. It was proposed that 3 (out of

6) subgroups – those on Humanitarian Leadership, Data Privacy and Emergency Preparedness – would be separated from the RG1, although their work would continue to be supported and delivered in an interagency fashion. The subgroup on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI) shared the draft of its initial country-level study which focused on Myanmar with RG1 members for comment.

RG2 Accountability and inclusion: No updates

RG 3 Collective advocacy:

The Results Group met to consider its ongoing work-plan and to focus on improving collaboration with other Results Groups and the EDG.

RG 3 Sub-group on climate change:

The Subgroup on Climate Change met online on 24 September 2020 to discuss upcoming events; the status of climate change Key Messages and the Advocacy Strategy; and potential joint initiatives.

RG 4 Nexus:

The joint INCAF-IASC RG4 session on the Peace Pillar in the HDP Nexus took place on 24 September. The meeting unpacked what “Peace” means in the context of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN). A panel of five experts explored a number of dilemmas related to the Peace component of the triple nexus trying to dispel misunderstandings and bring clarity.

The NGO forum in Mali presented their view on the challenges and potential opportunities for humanitarian assistance and protection in Mali taking into consideration the enduring political complexity.

The IASC RG 4 Community of Practice on the Nexus co-facilitated by WFP and ICVA, 17 September meeting focused on Cameroon and the current aspects of the Nexus rollout that is happening in the country.

RG 5 Humanitarian Finance: See update above under ‘Financing.’

19. NGO Fora Support:

The activities of the NGO Fora from the different regions have been gaining momentum through the ICVA Boost Project. Some of the latest activities are as follows:

- Hosting of the National Workshop on Localization Dialogue by the Tanzanian Refugee and Migration Network (TAREMINET) on 8 September 2020, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The objective of the workshop was to sensitise local humanitarian actors and members of TAREMINET to come to a common understanding on “Localization” in the Tanzanian context. For more information and workshop outcomes please email: michael.hyden@icvanetwork.org
- Results are being compiled from an assessment from PNGO on the “Assessment of the Local NGOs Participation in the Cluster and The Humanitarian Programme Cycle”; and capacity building sessions are on-going through the support of the NGO Fora Boost fund.
- Increased visibility and coordination capacity of the supported NGO Fora within the humanitarian space; and emerging platforms for cooperation among the different Fora – CHOI/CHINGO in Cameroon.

For more information relating to NGO Fora contact: Obele.Oluchukwu@icvanetwork.org

Navigating change: cross cutting issues

20. Diversity and Inclusion

Child rights

Save the date: 2020 UNICEF-NGO Consultation for partnership in humanitarian settings

UNICEF and ICVA are pleased to invite you to the 2020 UNICEF-NGO Consultation, which will be held virtually over three days from **17-19 November 2020**. Please save the dates in your calendar. More information, including registration information will follow shortly.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities

On 17 September, ICVA, PHAP, the Reference Group on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action and the IASC Secretariat jointly organised a webinar to discuss how the recently endorsed [IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#) can be implemented in the COVID-19 response. The recording of the webinar is available [here](#).

21. Civil society space in humanitarian action:

There are two helpful new toolkits:

- **Advocacy in Restricted Spaces:** [A Toolkit for Civil Society](#). The Advocacy in Restricted Spaces toolkit by Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund is a practical resource that emphasises that advocacy is possible even in highly restrictive contexts.
- **Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Toolkit:** Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Standards and FATF Standards and Procedures: [A Toolkit for Non-Profit Organisations](#).

For more information on civil society space and action, contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org.

22. Safeguarding:

PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund

In February 2020, UNHCR partnered with ICVA to launch the PSEA Community Outreach and Communication Fund in order to support the critical work that NGOs do every day to ensure that people we serve are fully aware that humanitarian assistance is never conditional on any transaction or exchange of any kind, to prevent situations of sexual exploitation and abuse and to raise awareness to reporting mechanisms. The Fund has received over 1600 applications and we are pleased to announce that 19 NGOs from 19 countries have been selected and that the grants were all transferred for them to start implementing their projects, to be concluded by the end of 2020.

You can [find more information here](#). For inquiries on the Fund, please contact alon.plato@icvanetwork.org

Learning package on PSEAH available in additional languages

The [IASC Learning Package on Protection from Sexual Misconduct](#) to which ICVA has contributed is now available in additional languages for all actors to use freely in order to train and sensitise staff on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment. The Learning Package is now available in English, French, Arabic and Spanish, with more languages to come.

PSEA in the Japanese context with Japan Platform

On 30 September ICVA participated as a keynote speaker in the online symposium titled "Addressing and Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in international development and humanitarian aid: Learning from International and Japanese Organisations". The symposium was organised by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the PSEAH Working Group of JANIC and ICVA member Japan Platform

who aimed to introduce a multi-stakeholder audience of more than 170 attendees to the current initiatives and debates around PSEA and SH on the global level and in the Japanese context.

ICVA Partnerships



23. Event invitation: STEP into a Better World: A call to action on 9-10 December 2020

ICVA is co-organiser of the “STEP into a Better World: A call to action” event led by [Impact17](#).

Are you frustrated with thought leadership in a time of urgent need? Want to see action now? Are you the perfect partner? Join the series of interactive ‘partnership clinics’ at the STEP/IMPACT 17 event! Impact17 and its Partners have excellent networks in relevant sectors. Together we are aiming to secure between 1,500 and 2,000 geographically and gender diverse participants. The themes of the conference will be:

- Sustainable society
- Technology & innovation
- Environment & nature
- Partnering for a Better World

Grenoble Ecole de Management and Partnership Brokers Association are also a part of the team for this event. We invite you, as a partnership practitioner, to take this [5 minute survey](#) to keep the event relevant to your practice. *What are the key challenges in cross-sector partnering?*

Join the sessions, share your experience and discover how to best address the most commonly mentioned challenges.

For further information and for members to join the preparation, contact: secretariat@icvanetwork.org. We will keep you updated next month in this section of the Bulletin.

Region Specific

ICVA regional teams have been working intensively with inter agency coordination groups to ensure national and international NGO involvement and active contribution to the ongoing preparedness and response to the COVID19, including to liaise at the country, regional and global level.

24. Asia and the Pacific

ADB-NGO Consultation: Asia and Pacific: Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations

On 25 September, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) organised a virtual NGO consultation meeting with support of ICVA, for the development of its new approach to working in conflict-affected countries like Afghanistan and Myanmar and the small island nations like Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu. The causes of fragility in the region are quite unique - considering this, we are seeking civil society stakeholders who would like to participate in consultations on how we can develop specific approaches for each context. We will host two sets of consultations: As the first round of a two-round consultation process, the consultation was attended by ICVA member NGOs, NGO networks particularly working in fragile and conflict-affected situations to help ADB identify the scope of the approach. The second round will be to respond and provide input into the draft approach paper later. If you are interested in participating, contact:



ICVA-ADRRN-HFI-HI NGO learning series: "Humanitarian Work in the New Normal Age"

Human Initiative (HI) and Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI), with support from Asian Disaster Reduction and Responds Network (ADRRN) and ICVA, are producing a webinar series (5 webinars) between July and the end of 2020 which aims to create a platform for CSOs and CSO networks in Asia and the Pacific to have open discussions on critical themes focused on how CSOs are adapting themselves to address the needs in a COVID-19 era. On August 26, the 2nd learning webinar focused on "CSO's Role and its Sustainability in the New Normal Age" in Asia and the Pacific; and on September 23, the 3rd webinar focused on the theme "Children as a Vulnerable Group in the Middle of Conflict."

The next Webinar will be held on **28 October 2020** with the topic: **Maintaining Accountability in the Humanitarian Response during Pandemic.**

Challenges and opportunities for the protection of Rohingya maritime movements

On 25 September, ICVA Asia was directly engaged in a briefing on "Rohingya maritime movements across the Andaman Sea: Challenges and opportunities for protection". An update on Rohingya refugee maritime movements in 2020 was shared, and a number of regional advocacy efforts and approaches on protection at sea were also discussed.

For more information on the Asia and the PacificRegion, contact: Qingrui.Huang@icvanetwork.org.

25. Africa Region:

COVID-19: Through August and September there was a scattered increase in detected COVID-19 cases in Africa, yet the protracted situation caused several countries to review their restrictions. There is a general improvement of access to communities in need of humanitarian action, however there are still critical situations. NGOs in DRC for instance advocated for increase access to remote regions and expanded inclusion of National NGOs in the planning and delivery. Overall, NGO actions have been supported and their voices relayed at several levels with particular focus on Cameroon, DRC, Somalia and Mali.

IAWG: ICVA contributes to the work of the [Inter Agency Working Group Africa – IAWG](#), in its recently established COVID-19 working group. ICVA's main role is to connect the work of the working group to the global level and ensure bi-directional exchanges.

Sahel: A particular focus is confirmed on Sahel with NGOs preparing to contribute to the Senior official meeting (SOM) and ministerial meeting on Sahel planned for October 2020. ICVA has also successfully pushed for the presence of NGO Fora at the OECD INCAF.

State of the World's Forcibly Displaced Report: Along side the UNHCR Regional Office in Nairobi, and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) office in Addis Ababa, ICVA contributed to the background paper on the State of the World's Forcibly Displaced Report to be published next year. The aim was to provide an overview of the most important developments in the Horn, East and Great Lakes region in policy and practice over the last decade.

ICVA held various meetings and connected its members with the **IGAD Secretariat** regarding the "Kampala declarations on Jobs, Livelihoods and Self Reliance for Refugees, Returnees, and Host Communities in the IGAD region".

For more information contact: marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org or Addis.Tesfa@icvanetwork.org

26. MENA Region

3RP/HRP 2021 Contextual Analysis Workshop 29-30 September:

ICVA participated in the Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan (3RP)/Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2021 Contextual Analysis Workshop. ICVA's MENA Representative participated as a panelist for the workshop, which was organised by UNHCR, UNDP and OCHA on 28-29 September. The panel focused on the "**Trajectory of Syria, Challenges and Opportunities.**" Other panelists included representatives from Syrian NGOs, INSO, UN agency, and Whole of Syria Health personnel. ICVA's remarks focused on the following areas:

- **Funding environment** and more targeted advocacy efforts.
- **Localization** in relation to: A) the Grand Bargain B) Operating environment C) The role of women-led Organisations:

Summary of Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme

The Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme is a strategic partnership between UNDP and ICVA to strengthen the capacity of Syrian NGO/CSO networks to enable them to play a vital role in joint coordination and representation by strengthening skills and capacity across a range of areas including joint coordination, governance, and strategic planning. [Read more about the program.](#)

27. Latin America Region

- We are reaching out to members in the region to invite them to hold a meeting regarding ICVA's role and future in Latin America in collaboration with members.
- We continue to work closely with the Colombian Fora. We have begun to establish contact with the Venezuelan Fora. We continue to seek links with Fora's in the region to strengthen the work of our members and network.
- We established contact and presented our work in the region with the LAC RMD Coalition. We hope to continue strengthening ties of collaboration.

For more information about the work happening in the Latin America region, contact: lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org

Learning Opportunities

22 October 2020
15:00 - 16:30 (CEST)



Learning Stream on Risk Management in Practice

The impact of bank de-risking on humanitarian action

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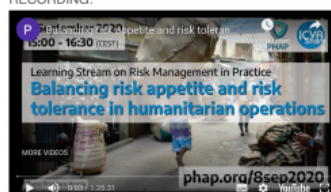
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28. [Webinar: The Impact of Bank De-risking on Humanitarian Action](#)

Join ICVA and PHAP on **22 October at 15:00 CEST** for the third webinar in the Learning Series [Risk Management in Practice](#) focusing on **bank de-risking and its impact on humanitarian action**. Over the last few years, the issue of “bank de-risking” has increasingly impacted the ability of humanitarian NGOs to safely and effectively transfer funds to programmes where people are most in need. While bank de-risking can affect the operations of any type of organisation, humanitarian organisations are particularly affected due to the nature of their work and the contexts in which they operate. Following an introductory briefing, we will be joined by Islamic Relief World Wide’s Head of Governance, Khaleel Desai among other expert panelists to discuss practical challenges faced by humanitarian NGOs and how to approach this issue from risk management and advocacy perspectives.

Register now!

RECORDING:



29. [Webinar Recording: Balancing Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance in Humanitarian Operations](#), The recording of this webinar, from 8 September 2020, is now available and you can listen to the PODCAST on the go! This webinar, hosted by ICVA and PHAP, focused on the twin concepts of risk tolerance and risk appetite. Understanding and appropriately applying the concepts of risk tolerance and risk appetite is crucial for humanitarian organisations to ensure that they are operating within their ability to manage risk. [Find out more here!](#)

30. Fundraising Essentials Certificate:

Strengthen your fundraising strategies for humanitarian emergencies and development programs by learning how to increase revenue for your organisation, find and keep top donors, and put new fundraising trends into practice. Find out more from this [Disaster Ready course](#).

31. Online Executive Short Courses – through December 2020

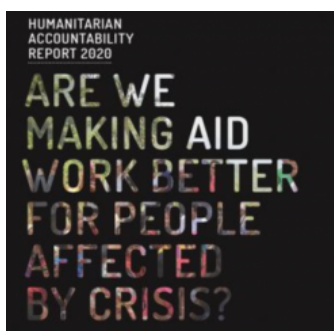
Strengthen your skills, and further your career in the humanitarian sector with online Executive Short Courses from The Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies on topics like:

- Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies
- Negotiation in Humanitarian Crises
- Humanitarian Project Cycle Management

Find out more and register [here](#).

ICVA's Learning opportunities and resources page: ICVA's [learning resource page](#) is a curated list of online and face-to-face (when available) learning and training programmes. Please share with us any interesting opportunities that would be useful to include on the webpage. For more information contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

New and noteworthy



32. Humanitarian Accountability Report (HAR) 2020

CHS Alliance just launched their latest Report, [Humanitarian Accountability Report](#) (HAR) 2020. The new report presents an evidence-based overview of how much progress the humanitarian sector is making on delivering accountable aid to people caught up in crises across the world. It also reveals three multiplier effect actions that accelerate making aid more accountable for people affected by crisis.

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33. Publication by Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts

The latest publication [Implementing the Global Compact on Refugees for Children: Examples of child-focused work](#) aims to support the **implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) in a way that is child and gender sensitive**. The document is a collection of practices from the Initiative's members' work around the world that can be learned from and replicated. ICVA is a member to the Initiative, a partnership of more than 30 agencies and networks - civil society, UN and philanthropic organisations – working together to ensure that children's rights are at the heart of the two global compacts on migration and on refugees and that they pave the way to guarantee a continuum of care, protection and support for migrant and refugee children.

34. Save the Children's new report [Global Girlhood Report 2020: How Covid-19 is putting progress in peril](#) looks at 25 years of progress with and for girls and the threats that the COVID-19 crisis now poses to those hard-won gains. It includes new projections based on the economic impact of COVID-19 in 2020, which will increase the number of girls at risk of child marriage and of adolescent pregnancy. It was written with input from a girls advisory group and every chapter includes written content, girls stories; videos, art and poetry. As well as recommendations to the global community on how to work with girls to **#ProtectaGeneration** against the worst impacts of the pandemic.

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Every Tuesday - [GCM Objectives Review Series](#)

October 5-9: 71st UNHCR Executive Committee, Geneva

October 14: Webinar on [COVID-19 and the Global Refugee and Migration Compacts](#)

October 19-23: WFP Annual Partnership Consultation (APC)

October 20: Ministerial Roundtable on the Central Sahel

October 22: Webinar: [The Impact of Bank De-risking on Humanitarian Action](#)

October 28: ICVA-ADRRN-HFI-HI NGO learning series - Webinar 4 topic: Maintaining Accountability in the Humanitarian Response during Pandemic

November 17-19: UNICEF-NGO Consultation

December 9: [High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges 2020](#), Geneva & Virtual

December 9-10: STEP into a Better World

December 14: UNHCR's 70th Anniversary

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May 18-19: ICVA General Assembly and Annual Conference, Geneva

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