

ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from December 2023

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Dear Readers,

In this bulletin, we bring you the latest news concerning our focus areas: forced migration, humanitarian financing, and humanitarian coordination. We continue to transform the ICVA network to be more engaged in operationalising principled humanitarian action, in addressing the impact of climate change on humanitarian action, pursuing being globally distributed and locally rooted, being diverse, inclusive, and living our values, and proactively engaging in agile collaborative partnerships. Check more on the [transformations](#) of our ICVA 2030 Strategy. We also share our updates from our regional hubs and so much more.

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MESSAGE FROM ICVA

Navigating 2024: Collaboration, Knowledge Sharing and Building Trust

As we enter a new year, and navigate the complexities of the humanitarian ecosystem, your engagement and collaboration remain the cornerstone of our collective journey.

The upcoming [19th General Assembly](#) and [Annual Conference](#) in Geneva scheduled for 20 and 21 March, provide us with the unique opportunity to convene, collaborate and collectively shape the path forward. The conference will explore ways to build trust among humanitarian actors, help set boundaries, and improve the inclusion and participation of affected people and local actors in decision making. This year's conference will mark a significant system-altering milestone with the global launch of the revised Core Humanitarian Standard.

In the spirit of fostering knowledge and capacity, we are pleased to share recent publications that showcase the diversity and depth of our shared initiatives.

- Our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) online course](#), featuring a series of videos and reflective questions by [One Future Collective](#) is a cornerstone of our commitment to fostering a more inclusive and equitable NGO community.
- Explore our latest publications on pooled funding mechanisms ([Pooled Funding at a Crossroads](#) and [Pooled funding Models: Governance Systems](#)) for valuable insights, reflections and guidelines aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of humanitarian responses.
- The [Ukraine Baseline Localization Report](#) reflects our commitment to understanding the unique

regional contexts and amplifying local voices. We believe enhanced localization efforts are crucial for improving humanitarian responses, not just in Ukraine, translating global policy commitments into practical actions with a determined will to drive transformative changes.

ICVA is a network with the unique opportunity to harness the power of our shared experiences, knowledge and aspirations with the goal of creating a more resilient and hopeful future for those affected by crises.

Thank you for your continuous support, and we look forward to the inspiring moments that lie ahead.

ICVA Secretariat

ICVA Updates

Date: 21 March 2024 | Venue: Maison de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland

Theme: Rethinking Coordination: Accountability, Credibility and Trust in Principled Humanitarian Action



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2024
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CONFERENCE

#ICVAconference2024

1. ICVA Annual Conference 2024 and 19th General Assembly

Registration is open for ICVA 2024 Annual Conference. The event will take place on Thursday, 21 March at the Maison de la Paix in Geneva. The theme of the conference is "Rethinking Coordination: Accountability, Credibility and Trust in Principled Humanitarian Action." Some of the sessions that will be covered include:

- Trust and Principled Humanitarian Action
- Are we credible?
- Core Humanitarian Standard Global Launch

For more information and to register, visit ICVA's 2024 conference [webpage](#). Stay tuned for updates as the event approaches.

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19TH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
20 March 2024
Geneva, Switzerland



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19th General Assembly

The ICVA General Assembly will take place on 20 March in Geneva. Members are encouraged to send a representative to the General Assembly where important decisions are taken, including the election of a new Board and Chair, amendments to the Statutes, and the adoption of the Strategic Priorities 2025-2027. This triennial event is an opportunity for members to convene, collaborate, and collectively chart a course for the network's future. Your active participation is crucial in shaping the way forward for ICVA. For more information and to register [click here](#).

2. We are Hiring

We are hiring for the following position - In-Country Consultancy: Supporting Locally Led Humanitarian Action. Check more details on our [website](#).

3. Meet our New Member

ICVA is growing and we are pleased to announce that [Weltweiter Einsatz für Arme \(WEFA\)](#), Germany, is now a member of the ICVA network

We look forward to working with them to make humanitarian action more principled and effective. [Learn more about our members](#).

FORCED MIGRATION

4. Global Refugee Forum (GRF) Linked Events

On 12 December, ICVA coordinated a GRF linked event entitled ***Advancing Refugee Leadership and Participation as a Core Element of the Whole-of-Society Approach*** with Act for Peace, the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR), Asylum Access and the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales. The session explored effective ways to advance refugee leadership and participation in humanitarian and development responses within a whole-of-society framework. Panellists, including Najeeba Wazefadost (Global Refugee-Led Network and the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees), Tristan Harley (Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law), Brian Barbour (Act for Peace), Deepa Nambiar (Asylum Access), and an Australian government representative, discussed research on this topic and strategies to address the inequitable nature of knowledge production, funding, and power dynamics within the humanitarian system.

This event occurred before the official Global Refugee Programme at the CIGG, alongside [NGO-organized events](#).

Additionally, on 14 December, ICVA co-convened a GRF linked event with UNHCR titled "Navigating Localisation" to generate support for the multistakeholder pledge [Advancing localisation in displacement and statelessness response](#). The event, moderated by Dominique Hyde, featured speakers who outlined key dimensions of the pledge in support of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Speakers included Thorsten Göbel (ACT Alliance), Barbara Dätwyler Scheuer (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), Paul Kithima (Bondeko Refugee Livelihoods Center), Leila Shifteh (Refugee Solidarity Network) and Dr. Jamie Munn (ICVA), who shared experiences and examples of developing equitable partnerships, inclusive decision-making, and capacity-sharing with local actors.

5. NGO Statement delivered at the Global Refugee Forum

The collective NGO statement coordinated by ICVA was delivered on the last day of the GRF. The statement emphasised the need for holistic implementation of the four GCR objectives to achieve progress. It called for concrete action to promote meaningful refugee participation and expressed hope for collective commitment to address challenges faced by displaced individuals. Human rights and humanitarian principles were emphasised as central. Check the oral and written versions of the [statement](#).

6. Global Refugee Forum Parallel High-Level Event on Advancing Localization in Displacement and Statelessness Responses

On 15 December, ICVA's Executive Director Dr. Jamie Munn moderated this event with UNHCR's Deputy High Commissioner Kelly Clements giving the opening remarks. The event showcased the commitments

of the [Multistakeholder Pledge on Advancing Localization in Displacement and Statelessness Responses](#). It highlighted promising practices of localization and facilitated an exchange and learning on equitable partnerships with local and national actors, including NGOs, civil society, faith-based organizations (FBOs), and Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies. Government representatives from Kenya and the Netherlands, Caritas Venezuela, SENED, BRAC, the Turkish Red Crescent, Oxfam, Women for Action, and the Amahoro Coalition were among the speakers. The Director of The Lotus Flower closed the event, which also featured the announcement of individual pledges towards the multistakeholder pledge.

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7. Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

14th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GMFD) Summit in Geneva

France, as the current Chair of the GMFD, will be hosting the 14th Summit of the GMFD in Geneva from 23-25 January, 2024. ICVA is one of the civil society organizations participating in the event and is collaborating with other participants to prepare the civil society's positioning and messages. Check out [more information](#).

FINANCING

8. The Grand Bargain Beyond 2023

Grand Bargain Secretariat update

Current updates from the Grand Bargain Secretariat can be found [here](#).

Grand Bargain Signatories' Best Practices of Implementation: This [page](#) showcases exemplary implementation practices among Grand Bargain Signatories, serving as inspiration. To share noteworthy good practices, email gbsecretariat@un.org.

Guidance on Grand Bargain structures: Caucuses and Communities of Practice: The Grand Bargain provides tools, such as caucuses focusing on the strategic issues at the political level, and Communities of Practice for informal learning and exchange. The Grand Bargain 2023-2026, allows the establishment of agile Communities of Practice. Following the Ambassador and Facilitation Sherpa meeting in September 2023, the Grand Bargain Secretariat developed a [guidance](#) for Signatories setting up Communities of Practice.

Virtual Meeting between Grand Bargain Ambassadors, Facilitation Group Sherpas and Signatories: The virtual meeting convened Grand Bargain Ambassadors, Facilitation Groups Sherpas, and Signatories, to present the plans and transformative actions for commitment implementation. Signatories enthusiastically embraced the exchange, creating an energetic atmosphere for action-oriented discussions. Check the [summary note](#) including Grand Bargain Ambassadors' plans for 2023-2024.

One-pager: Quality Funding in the Grand Bargain: Highlighting quality funding is a Grand Bargain priority since 2021, this [one-pager](#) emphasises the importance its crucial role in effective humanitarian responses. While progress has been achieved, the document outlines actionable steps for scaling up quality funding, showcasing past achievements, and the agreed-upon definition from the 2020 consensus among the Signatories.

9. Access to Quality Funding

UNHCR new Partnership Agreement Templates

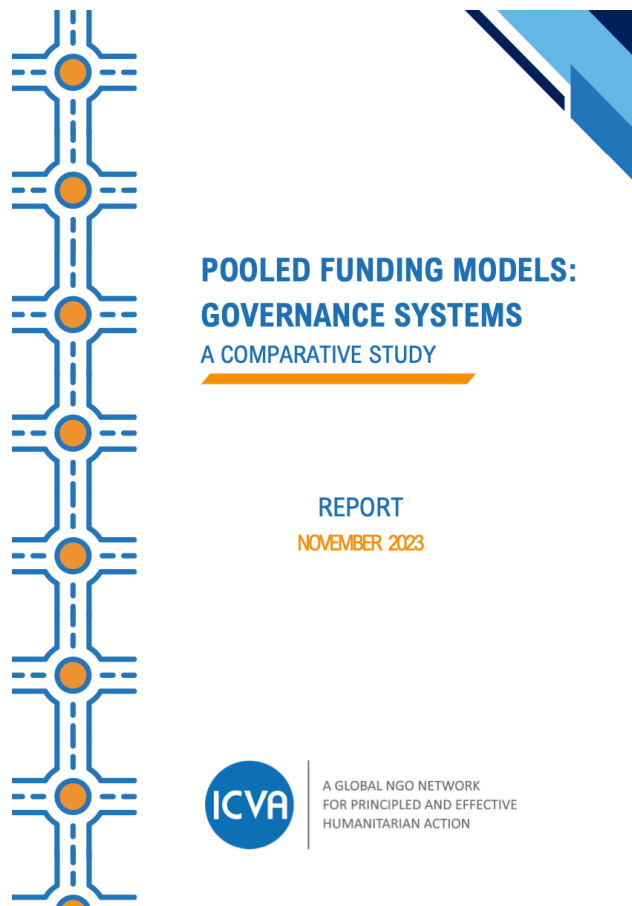
ICVA and its members, in coordination with InterAction, have been reviewing the revised UNHCR Partnership Agreements, disseminated at the end of 2023. Further engagement is expected in the coming weeks.

10. Pooled Funds

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Underfunded Emergencies (UFE)

ICVA contributed qualitative inputs from its members to guide the **CERF Underfunded Emergencies (UFE)** country prioritization process for the 2024 Round 1, with planned allocations of USD100 million for 10 to 15 priority countries in January. While NGOs cannot directly receive CERF funds, they can recommend sectors, areas, or projects for inclusion. The raw data used to calculate the [CERF Index for Risk and Vulnerability](#) (CIRV) and the [note explaining the methodology of the selection process](#) can be found on the [CERF UFE website](#).

ICVA's Country-Based Pooled Funds Resource (CBPF) Facility aids local and national NGOs, in collaboration with the CBPF NGO Dialogue Platform Advisory Group (PAG), facilitating their participation in the upcoming PFWG biannual meeting scheduled on 23-24 January in Geneva.



Report: Pooled Funding Models: Governance Systems. A Comparative Study

ICVA's [report](#) on the comparative analysis of four pooled funding mechanisms (SRF, RHFWSA, AFNS, Start Global Fund) is now available online. This analysis sheds light on the governance systems of pooled funds, highlighting good practices and providing recommendations for an independent governance system. This comprehensive study, conducted over several months, involved consultations with national and international NGOs, UN agencies, and Pooled Fund teams at country, regional, and global levels. The French version of the report will be released on the ICVA website by the end of January 2024.

11. Risk Management, Counterterrorism Measures and Sanctions

Call for Input - 2024 Thematic Report to the 57th Session of the UN Human Rights Council - Monitoring and Impact Assessment. Deadline is 30 March 2024.

The call for input seeks engagement from diverse stakeholders, including states, UN agencies, civil societies, and others, to assess the human rights and humanitarian impact of unilateral sanctions. The findings will inform the Special Rapporteur's thematic report to be presented to the 57th Session of the UN

Human Rights Council in September 2024. Stakeholders are invited to review and contribute to the [“Monitoring and Impact Assessment Tool”](#), offering valuable perspectives based on their experience and expertise. The Special Rapporteur encourages inputs from both affected and unaffected countries, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the impact of unilateral sanctions on human rights. Read the full [call for input here](#).

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COORDINATION

12. Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee – One in five people in the Central Sahel needs Humanitarian Aid: Now is the Time to turn Words into Action

The Central Sahel is facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with 17 million people in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger requiring assistance and protection. The crisis disproportionately affects women and girls, exacerbating gender inequalities, and violence levels are alarming, with nearly 700 civilians killed in just two months. Urgent action is needed to address funding shortfalls, deliver critical aid, and invest in resilience and sustainable development to prevent further suffering. Read the [statement](#).

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13. Inter-Agency Standing Committee Deputies Meeting

On the 15 December, Ms. Joyce Msuya, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and Chair of the IASC Deputies Group, convened a hybrid ad-hoc meeting of the IASC Deputies Group. During the meeting the Deputies engaged with the team overseeing the IASC Independent Review of the Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement, discussing key findings and draft recommendations. The Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement also participated, providing insights into their office's initiatives, particularly in supporting solutions across 15 pilot countries. This session served to strengthen the connection between the independent review and the efforts of the Office of the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement.

Transforming our Network

14. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

The 75th Anniversary of Human Rights

On 10 December, the world celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Human Rights with events focusing on lived experiences and future visions. These events paved the way for a high-level gathering in Geneva on 11 -12 December, convened by UN Human Rights and co-hosted by the Government of Switzerland. The aim was to foster a shared vision for the future of human rights and reignite the spirit that led to the Declaration's adoption, emphasizing the relevance of human rights protection and promotion in today's world. Check out more [information](#).

15. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted

The IASC Task Force on Localization

The Task Force (TF) held a meeting in December. Their focus was on progress and key workstream activities. ICVA has been following up to finalise a summary of case studies regarding local actors' participation in humanitarian coordination architectures. The objective is to disseminate these case studies, showcasing good practices that highlight how local actors have overcome challenges in securing co-leadership and decision-making positions in the humanitarian coordination system. This initiative is part of the IASC Task Force's efforts to operationalise the IASC guidance on meaningful participation of local actors in humanitarian coordination systems.

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Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN)

Global Community of Practice on Nexus in Yemen

On 13 December, the Global Community of Practice (CoP) on the HDPN, along with the IASC and Issue Based Coalition, organized a dialogue on Nexus in Yemen. The event had 55 attendees and featured presentations by various organizations including the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, UNDP, IOM, CARE, and ADO. Looking ahead to 2024, there are plans for more community of practice sessions on Nexus, and suggestions for global-level practices are welcome.

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16. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live our Values

Child Rights

2024 UNICEF-NGO Consultations - 16 & 17 April, 2024

The 2024 UNICEF-NGO Consultations, originally scheduled for 27-28 February, have been rescheduled to 16-17 April. The face-to-face consultations will take place in Geneva and focus on the theme "Partnering for Children in the Climate Crisis". Topics will include localization, the nexus, Accountability to Affected People, partnerships and quality funding. Please register by 11 February [here](#).

If you had already registered for the previous dates, you will be contacted separately.

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Safeguarding

Webinar: Power, Privilege and Role of Leaders in Safeguarding: Promoting and Creating a Safe and Inclusive Culture in Civil Society Organisations

ICVA is a consortium partner of the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH).

In December, RSH South Asia hosted a webinar focused on power, privilege, and the role of leaders in safeguarding. The webinar aimed to explore how leaders can promote a safe and inclusive culture in civil society organizations. With over 200 participants from various organizations attending, the webinar featured a panel of experts who shared insightful experiences on the challenges and opportunities of safeguarding leadership. Access the [recording](#). Additionally, RSH Pakistan introduced the "[Ask an expert](#)" service, offering technical support to local/national civil society organizations seeking to enhance their safeguarding capacity. For more information, contact askanexpert@rshub.org.uk.

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Region Specific

17. Africa

East and Southern Africa

Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) on Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH)

On 5 - 6 December, ICVA held a regional ToT workshop on PSEAH in Nairobi, Kenya. The goal was to train a group of skilled trainers who can provide essential PSEAH knowledge and create a secure and respectful humanitarian environment. The workshop brought together 12 participants from local and national NGOs, as well as NGO Fora across Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. The training focused on safeguarding pillars, facilitation skills, and other critical topics, tailored for cultural relevance. This workshop was part of the 'Strengthening Local Humanitarian Action to Respond to Climate-induced Emergencies' project, implemented by ICVA in collaboration with the International Medical Corps to enhance the capabilities of local and national NGOs in responding to humanitarian and climate-induced crises in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia. In early 2024, with technical support from ICVA, the participants will share the PSEAH training within their organizations and adapt the materials to their specific contexts.

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West and Central Africa

Launch of 1st Regional Community of Practice (CoP) on Localization

On 7 December, ICVA launched the first Regional CoP on Localization in response to the expressed desire of NGO Fora during a workshop in Dakar in July 2023. This community aims to foster the exchange of best practices, bolster advocacy efforts, and articulate unified messages on behalf of local actors. Scheduled bi-monthly, the next meeting is set for 8 February 2023.

Sahel Development

On 13 December, the 5th dialogue with the Under-Secretary General for Sahel development occurred with the aim of revisiting the key recommendations and topics discussed in the previous four dialogues, determining thematic priorities for the upcoming weeks, and finalizing the dialogue's format. Participants agreed to maintain the informal format between UNISS and NGOs, supplemented by targeted ad hoc invitations for donors or other actors. Humanitarian diplomacy emerged as the designated priority theme for 2024, while Nexus will remain as a recurring agenda item.

Roundtable on UNHCR Operational Guidelines on Localization

On 21 December, ICVA organized a roundtable for NGOs from the region to discuss the "UNHCR Operational Guidelines on Localization." The aim was to contribute valuable insights to the UNHCR localization approach, based on best practices. Participants provided recommendations, focusing on inclusion, visibility, communication, capacity building, coordination, leadership, partnerships, and programs. These recommendations were also gathered from regional consultations between NGOs and UNHCR in September 2023. ICVA will share these recommendations with the UNHCR and ensure follow-up on the actions.

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18. Asia and the Pacific



Workshop on Preventing, Managing and Finding Solutions to Disaster and Climate-induced Displacement

On 7 - 8 December, the Asia Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group (APDDWG) co-led by IOM and UNDRR and in coordination with UNDP, UNHCR, DCO, IFRC, IDMC, and ICVA organized a two-day workshop on Disaster and Climate-induced displacement in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop aimed to exchange trends, practices, and recommendations to address internal displacement. Participating countries included Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, Mongolia, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. Discussions featured planned relocation, financing, development solutions, and presented whole-of-society approaches to durable solutions. For more information and resources, visit this [webpage](#).

2023 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week



ICVA, in partnership with ADRRN, CWSA, and UNOCHA, organized the [Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week](#) - Asia Pacific 2023 from 11 to 13 December. The three-day event aimed to showcase locally led solutions for humanitarian action in the region and facilitate new partnerships and collaborations among civil society and NGOs. Over 280 participants from 35 countries, representing 230 organizations, attended the event. They engaged in interactive sessions, panel discussions, workshops, and networking events, learning from experts, sharing best practices, and strengthening partnerships. Topics covered included the nexus, climate change, accountability, and innovation.

ICVA Members' Meeting

On 14 December, ICVA organized a half-day member's meeting. The meeting brought together 25 representatives from organizations and networks who also participated in the regional humanitarian partnership week. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to learn about OCHA's plans for regional humanitarian financing, ICVA's successes and priorities for 2023/2024, and discuss upcoming initiatives, events, and research. In addition, the meeting reaffirmed ICVA's commitment to collaborating with members for a more effective and inclusive humanitarian response in the region.

Principles of Partnership (PoP) Workshop

On 14 and 15 December 2023, ICVA organized a PoP workshop in Bangkok. The two-day workshop brought together NGOs and fora directors/coordinators from 15 countries in the Asia Pacific region. The workshop, co-designed and co-facilitated with the Humanitarian Advisory Group team, aimed to enhance collaboration and coordination among humanitarian actors based on the commitments of the PoP adopted by the Global Humanitarian Platform in 2007. Participants shared reflections on good practices and challenges in applying the PoP, generating key recommendations to improve the partnership model for

effective humanitarian action.

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19. LATIN AMERICA

Principles of Partnership Workshop

The Regional Workshop on Strengthening Principles of Partnership for Effective and Principled Humanitarian Action will take place on 26-27 February in Bogota, Colombia. This workshop is part of a two-year project supported by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. Invitations have been extended to various organizations to ensure inclusive and diverse participation, fostering meaningful engagement at the regional level.

Cartagena D+40 NGO Participation

On 28 February, NGOs will hold a meeting in Bogota, Colombia, in the framework of the 40th anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration. The objective is to create an open space for reflection, leading to the development of a coordinated regional message to be shared at the next meeting in Chile. This event is part of ICVA's work in the region, focusing on the upcoming Anniversary of Cartagena.

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20. MENA

Gaza Crisis

The war in Gaza persisted throughout December, prompting continuous calls for a ceasefire. The MENA Regional Advocacy Working Group issued a [joint statement](#) urging the international community to broker an immediate ceasefire to save lives and prevent further escalation in the Middle East. ICVA has been closely collaborating with the Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA), throughout this crisis. ICVA's NGO Fora Support Coordinator was deployed in Gaza to support aid coordination efforts. Another colleague has also been seconded to AIDA to support information sharing and coordination efforts among NGOs and with other stakeholders. Additionally, ICVA facilitated connections and meetings with key partners in the MENA region, including OCHA ROMENA and UNRWA. Following Lynn Hastings' departure, Mr. James Eugene McGoldrick was appointed as the ad interim [Humanitarian Coordinator](#) by the UN Secretary-General.

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Learning Opportunities

21. Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Course: Join this free 1-hour [course](#), developed jointly by UNFPA, UN WOMEN, UNICEF, UNDP and UNHCR. Gain valuable insights into the impact of sexual exploitation and abuse on individuals and communities and learn practical strategies to combat and prevent these acts. Discover your role in reporting allegations and act towards a safer future.

New and Noteworthy

22. Stop the War on Children: Let Children Live in Peace: Save the Children's [report](#) highlights that in 2022, about 468 million children were living in conflict-ridden areas globally, with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, and Myanmar being the worst conflict-affected countries for children.

23. Advisory Model Partnership Playbook for Investors & Humanitarian Partners: International Rescue Committee introduces the [Advisory Model](#), a finance concept developed with DG ECHO allowing humanitarians to leverage their skills to advise investors for enhanced the social impact. The model targets multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, and private sector investors, addressing challenges in fragile contexts.

24. War in Cities: Persons with Disabilities and the Role of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: ICRC's [factsheet](#) provides recommendations for reducing the specific risks faced by persons with disabilities during war and promoting disability-inclusive interpretations of international humanitarian law in armed conflict.

25. Good Practices, Lessons Learned, and the Unique Challenges Affecting Security Risk Management in Urban Humanitarian Responses: GISF [research article](#) highlights the importance of understanding the unique elements and humanitarian security risk management considerations in urban environments, as well as providing solutions for practitioners in this area.

26. "Breaking the Silence": Top Ten Humanitarian Crises that didn't make Headlines in 2023: CARE's [report](#) highlights the top ten forgotten humanitarian crises, all of which were in Africa and included issues such as hunger, displacement, and malnutrition.

27. Bridging Localisation and Climate Adaptation Pathways: This [study](#) by Islamic Relief Worldwide examines how Locally-Led Adaptation and humanitarian localisation can work together to improve outcomes for at-risk communities and suggests ways for actors and policymakers to align these approaches more closely.

Agenda

January 23-25: 14th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit in Geneva. [Register](#)

February 20: [Humanitarian Xchange](#)

March 13-15: 89th meeting of the UNHCR Standing Committee

March 14-15: [Internal Displacement and Solutions Conference](#)

March 18-19: European Humanitarian Forum 2024

March 20: [ICVA General Assembly](#)

March 21: [ICVA Annual Conference](#)

April 16 - 17: 2024 [UNICEF-NGO Consultations](#): "Partnering for Children in the Climate Crisis"

April 29 to May 10: Humanitarian Networks and Partnership Week, remotely (April 29 to May 3) and in Geneva (May 5-10)

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