

ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from January 2024

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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

We trust this message finds you well as we step into February, a month filled with promise and opportunities. At the Secretariat we are excited to share the latest updates and insights in our January newsletter.

Our network is growing stronger each day, and we welcome new members already in 2024! Together, we continue to address the critical issues connecting our work on forced migration, coordination and financing as we focus on people and communities in vulnerable situations. The engagement and commitment of each ICVA member makes a significant impact.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming [General Assembly](#) (GA) – a significant occasion marking the day to cast your vote to elect our new Board but also my first GA since assuming the role of Executive Director! Do not forget to submit your nominations for the Board by 15 February. Every vote counts in shaping the leadership of our network, and it is the key to our success. The [2024 Annual Conference](#) theme, "*Rethinking Coordination: Accountability, Credibility, and Trust in Principled Humanitarian Action*", promises enriching discussions, and your participation is crucial.

The ICVA Roundtable on Humanitarian Needs, held on 17 January, was a thought-provoking session. We delved into a newly released paper by Hugo Slim on defining and prioritizing humanitarian needs, sparking a policy debate essential for our sector in 2024. I encourage you to watch the [recording](#) and continue to share your thoughts for a collective deeper understanding.

Together, our network is becoming acknowledged as THE champion for principled humanitarian action,

while fostering locally rooted responses to humanitarian crises and highlighting the impacts of climate change on NGO operations across the globe.

In closing, I extend my gratitude for your continued commitment to the ICVA Network. Together, we are reshaping humanitarian action. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact our dedicated team members.

Wishing you a productive and inspiring month ahead.

Jamie Munn

Executive Director | ICVA

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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#ICVAconference2024

1. Annual Conference and General Assembly

Registration is still going on for the ICVA 2024 Annual Conference that will be held on 21 March 2024 at the Maison de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland.

This year's conference theme is: Rethinking Coordination: Accountability, Credibility and Trust in Principled Humanitarian Action.

Check out [more information](#) including registration.

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19TH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
20 March 2024
Geneva, Switzerland



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19th General Assembly

The 19th General Assembly will take place on 20 March 2024, at the International Conference Centre in Geneva, Switzerland. Every three years we look forward to reuniting with our members to discuss our network's strategic priorities, elect our Board and Chair, and review the accomplishments of the past three years. Members will also discuss and vote on amendments to the ICVA Statutes and address global humanitarian concerns.

Check the [Agenda and how to register](#).

2. We welcome our New Member

ICVA is growing and we are pleased to announce that [Development Initiatives](#) (DI), United Kingdom, 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

3. Empowering NGO Influence

In 2024, within the Forced Migration focus area, ICVA continues to follow developments on the ground, laws, policies, and practices, ensuring NGOs can influence such developments at all levels. Additionally, ICVA continues to engage in selected human mobility governance processes at global and regional levels, focusing on refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrants in vulnerable situations. Throughout the year, several activities will be dedicated to continuing NGO engagement with the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) as well as the implementation of the [UN Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement](#). There will also be key gatherings such as the [UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs](#).

4. Re:think Bridges Conference Unites European Civil Society for Refugee Integration

On 10-11 January, ICVA together with the [Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Children](#), [CARE France](#), [SERA Romania](#) and [EUROCHILD](#) hosted a two-day international conference in Bucharest, Romania. The conference, [RE:think Bridges](#), brought together over 200 participants from 25 European countries to share good practices and discuss policy perspectives regarding the integration of refugees in Europe and the essential role that local civil society organizations play.

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5. Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

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

The 14th GMFD Summit in Geneva on 23-24 January, covered various topics such as climate change, migration rights, diasporas, labor migration, culture, and governance. Despite limited civil society participation, strong and coordinated messages were delivered.

Regional Consultations on Missing Migrants and Provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Migrants in Distress

In late January and early February, the United Nations Migration Network held regional consultations with Member States, civil society, and stakeholders to discuss recommendations on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to distressed migrants. Despite previous commitments to safe migration, the number of missing and abused migrants remains high, with 30,000 people recorded missing since the adoption of the Global Compact on Migration in 2018.

Financing

6. The Grand Bargain Beyond 2023

Grand Bargain Secretariat update

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

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group Sherpas - Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Facilitation Group Sherpas (EU/DG ECHO, Germany, OCHA, UNICEF, IFRC, InterAction, NEAR) took place on 16 January. During the meeting, Ambassador Koehler shared updates regarding anticipatory action, innovative financing, nexus and quality funding, while the Grand Bargain Secretariat provided updates on localisation and participation on behalf of Ambassadors Mahmood and Bessler. Based on their initiatives and plans, the Facilitation Group discussed recommendations to the Ambassadors for the upcoming months. Additionally, they discussed the Annual Meeting date and accountability.

Grand Bargain, Self-reporting Process Update

Development Initiatives (DI) have been mapping existing data and indicators, and having bilateral consultations with selected Signatories, following which they will prepare a preliminary proposal for a revised set of indicators. These will be consulted with all Signatories in February, after which the proposal will be finalised and validated by the Grand Bargain Ambassadors and Facilitation Group Sherpa. The final version of the self-reporting mechanism will be presented to the Signatories by the end of March/Early April, with the submission deadline for the self-report set for June. You are welcome to provide any suggestions to DI directly at Niklas Rieger, Niklas.Rieger@devinit.org.

7. Access to Quality Funding

Engagement with UNHCR on Partnership Templates and PROMS Rollout

ICVA and its members have been reviewing the revised UNHCR Partnership Agreements, disseminated at the end of 2023, in close collaboration with InterAction. At the end of January, NGOs had a meeting with UNHCR's Rob Hurt and colleagues to discuss the [PROMS](#) (Project, Reporting, Oversight and Monitoring Solution) rollout, challenges regarding the revised Partnership Framework Agreement template and regarding data privacy/data protection. Partner feedback on the revised partnership templates was shared with UNHCR by email and discussed during the meeting. Bilateral discussions have also been taking place between UNHCR and some NGO partners. Resources on the PROMS System are available on the [UN Partner Portal here](#). Further information will be shared with regional colleagues by UNHCR on the PROMS rollout and training calendar. An FAQ on data privacy / data protection will be shared by UNHCR in the coming weeks with partners. NGO partners would welcome a partnership workshop this year to reflect back on achievements, challenges and discuss potential areas for improvement.

8. Pooled Funds

Pooled Fund Working Group (PFWG) Biannual Meeting

The PFWG held its biannual meeting in Geneva on 23-24 January, addressing topics such as localization, disability inclusion, and the impact of pooled funds. ICVA provided an update on the Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPF) Resource Facility funded by Switzerland, Norway, Ireland, and Luxembourg. The next meeting is scheduled for 24-26 June in Oslo.

CBPF Resource Facility Update

The ICVA-managed CBPF Resource Facility started to provide logistical support to local and national NGOs, in coordination with the CBPF NGO Dialogue Platform Advisory Group (PAG), to facilitate their participation in the upcoming PFWG biannual meeting on 23-24 January in Geneva. Through the CBPF Resource Facility, ICVA has supported the participation of four representatives from local and national NGOs at the January biannual PFWG meeting in Geneva. ICVA will continue fundraising for the facility to support local actors' participation in relevant meetings and provide peer-to-peer advocacy support.

Coordination

9. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals



Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee

We cannot abandon the people of Gaza

30 January 2024

The IASC Principals convened for an ad hoc meeting, on (1) the ongoing hostilities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt), notably the humanitarian response in Gaza; and on (2) the IASC Independent Review of the Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement.

As a follow up to the discussion on oPt, the IASC Principals released a [statement](#) which was endorsed by ICVA Secretariat and Chair.

Principals welcomed the draft report of the **IASC Independent Review of the Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement** and supported the Chair's proposed prioritisation of three recommendations:

- Ensure participation and empowerment of IDPs;
- Strengthen RC/HC authority and capacity; and
- Advocate for longer term financing.

They also supported the Chair's suggestions to ensure IASC systematic commitment to focus on IDPs, to revise the IASC IDP policy, and to develop a management response to the report.

The draft document is open for comment to IASC stakeholders, including ICVA members (on request), until 07 February with a focus on refining the recommendations. The final report will be released on 20 February.

10. Emergency Directors Group (EDG)

ICVA, in partnership with InterAction, are collating inputs for the EDG Annual Review of Operations and Humanitarian Coordinator Review meetings in late February. Discussions are being held throughout January and February with the NGO Fora in each of the focus countries to gather collective inputs from operational NGOs.

The EDG met to briefly discuss the situation in Ukraine, Sudan, oPt and Niger.

11. Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHE) for Northern Ethiopia and Afghanistan

A joint meeting between the EDG and the Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) was held to discuss the draft reports of the IAHE for northern Ethiopia and Afghanistan. The meeting objective was to discuss the results and help refine the draft system-wide recommendations put forward in the IAHEs, as relevant. The draft reports were also presented to the Humanitarian Country Team at country level for their review and feedback. IAHE for the Turkiye/Syria earthquake response and the Somalia response are in process now, and the scoping of an adapted, synthesised approach for Ukraine is also underway.

12. Interviews for Humanitarian Coordinator Pool

ICVA participated in the interview panel for the selection of candidates to reinforce the IASC Humanitarian Coordinator Pool. This pool comprises senior NGO and UN profiles available to be deployed as IASC leadership capacity on short notice, primarily in Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator roles.

13. Civil7 Working Group on Principled Humanitarian Assistance

Civil7 (C7) is one of the official Engagement Groups of the Group of Seven (G7) and represents positions from the international Civil Society on critical global policy concerns. In 2024, as in the past two years, ICVA will be the International Coordinator for the Working Group on Principled Humanitarian Assistance. The National Coordinator for the group this year is INTERSOS. The working group will meet regularly from February to April. To register to join or to learn more, please visit this [website](#).

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14. NGO Fora Support

ICVA continued to support the deployment of NGO Coordination capacity to the humanitarian response in the oPt. This includes providing assistance to the Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA) for deployments in both Gaza and Jerusalem.

For more information, please contact coordination@icvanetwork.org.

15. Advocacy and Communications Team (ACT)

As part of efforts to strengthen advocacy capacity within the IASC, OCHA and ICVA spearhead the ACT with the participation of advocacy focal points across IASC member organizations. The team met in January to discuss advocacy and communications issues and messaging around the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Sudan and conducted a review of the 2023 ACT workplan and ACT performance. Positive feedback was received on the facilitative role of ICVA and OCHA, with 92% of respondents commending the environment for dialogue and 78% recognizing enhanced collaborative efforts. A strategy-focused mini retreat is scheduled for March 2024 to forge stronger ties and define future directives.

For more information, please contact eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org.

Transforming our Network

16. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

Principled Humanitarian Action Steering Committee (PHASC)

To address the growing constraints to humanitarian access and champion principled humanitarian action, ICVA has convened a Principled Humanitarian Action Steering Committee (PHASC) to develop guidance and tools to support individual aid agencies and coordination mechanisms to better navigate dilemmas and promote principled decision-making. The steering committee includes members from leading NGOs and forums. In January, the Committee met twice to discuss common humanitarian dilemmas, as well as practical examples of how NGOs and NGO Fora approach principled decision-making, along with the capacity needed to support principled humanitarian action.

IASCTask Force 3 on Preserving Humanitarian Space

In January, the IASC Task Force 3 (TF3) held a mini retreat in January to discuss collective efforts concerning counterterrorism measures and bureaucratic and administrative impediments.

During the session, discussions revolved around assessing the ramifications of the UN Security Council Resolution 2664, adopted in December 2022. Additionally, ICVA presented draft findings from a report on the impact of Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI), conducted with support of InterAction and OCHA. The report highlighted the significant adverse effects of BAI on humanitarian operations, including challenges in registration processes, cargo implementation, and project approvals. These hurdles resulted in heightened operational costs, legal risks, staff turnover and negative impacts on mental well-being. The session underscored the need for enhanced data collection in this area.

Looking forward, TF3 members acknowledged the imminent comprehensive review of all IASC structures scheduled for June 2024. To prepare for this evaluation, they emphasised the need for an informal coordination mechanism to address obligations stemming from UNSC Resolution 2664 and associated reporting requirements by the Emergency Relief Coordinator. Furthermore, discussions within TF3 emphasised the importance of raising awareness about identifying BAI and planning additional learning and knowledge-sharing events in 2024.

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17. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted

Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN)



The IASC Task Force on Localisation

In January, the IASC Task Force on Localisation convened to review progress and activities within its workstreams aligning with its objectives. Additionally, the task force organized an IASC Webinar focusing on the Implementation of IASC Localisation Guidance in East and South Asia. Another webinar on the implementation of IASC Localisation in the Africa region is scheduled for February. ICVA continued its follow-up to finalize the summary of case studies highlighting good practices related to the participation of local actors in humanitarian coordination architectures. See information about [IASC localisation guidance](#).

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Localisation Baseline in Iraq

ICVA has formalised agreements with Humanitarian Advisory Group and local actors' networks in Iraq to support a localization baseline assessment. In this collaborative effort, ICVA commits to providing essential resources for the local CSO network represented by the Public Aid Organization (PAO) to engage in this process. Concurrently, HAG assumes the responsibility of providing technical support for the in-country consultant, guiding them on effective approaches to the localisation baselining process and strategies for identifying key priorities for collective action by both national and international stakeholders in Iraq.

Meanwhile, due recognition is extended to local and national NGOs and civil society organizations (CSOs). Their invaluable contributions to humanitarian assistance, particularly within the complex context of the humanitarian-development transition-Nexus, are acknowledged despite their capacity constraints to take on larger leadership roles.

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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18. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live our Values

Child Rights

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

The 2024 UNICEF-NGO Consultations, previously set for 27-28 February, have been moved to 16 -17 April. The in-person consultations will be held in Geneva and will center on the theme "Partnering for Children in the Climate Crisis". Discussion topics will encompass localisation, the nexus, Accountability to Affected People, partnerships, and quality funding. Kindly [register](#) by 11 February. If you've already registered for the previous dates, you will receive separate communication. For further details, please reach out to consultations@icvanetwork.org.

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Safeguarding

Common Approach to Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (CAPSEAH) Consultation

The CAPSEAH consolidates existing practices, policies, and standards into a simple guide for those involved in humanitarian, international development, and peacekeeping. The draft version is open for consultation until 9 February 2024, and feedback will shape the final version launching later in 2024. ICVA, a Steering Committee member, encourages participation in the consultation available in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic. For more details and access to the consultation, click the [link](#) or contact the CAPSEAH team at commonapproach.pseah@fcdof.gov.uk or alon.plato@icvanetwork.org.

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Region Specific

19. Africa

East and Southern Africa

Sudan INGO Forum Member Retreat

In Nairobi, Kenya, the Sudan INGO Forum convened a meeting to discuss the situation, the role of the Forum in the past year, achievements, challenges as well plan for the upcoming period. ICVA was invited to the event and its Executive Director shared with participants on global humanitarian landscape. The meeting provided an opportunity to also further discuss the collaboration between the Sudan INGO Forum and ICVA.

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West and Central Africa

World Food Programme (WFP) Roundtable

On 17 January, ICVA participated in a roundtable discussion titled "Regional Approach," focusing on evaluating WFP's emergency response to protracted crises in the Sahel and other countries in West and Central Africa. The discussion centered around analysing lessons learned regarding programmatic and institutional responses related to the Central Sahel and Lake Chad Basin crises from 2018-2023. Specific topics included supporting and anticipating regional emergency programming, programmatic coherence for

cross-border crisis hotspots, and the effectiveness of implementing these programming strategies.

Regional Task Force Access and Humanitarian Principles

The Regional Task Force meeting, chaired by OCHA and NRC took place on 19 January. INTERSOS discussed its new project in Central Sahel addressing the link between acceptance and perception, misinformation and disinformation, and security risks for national NGOs. Additionally, INSO and UNHAS delivered a presentation on Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and other explosive devices, highlighting the risks for humanitarian workers in the Central Sahel region.

The Regional Inter-Agency Standing Committee (RIASC)

On 30 January, the RIASC convened a meeting, featuring a debriefing on OCHA's Director of Operations and Advocacy Division (OAD) visit to Niger in January. The discussion focused on progressing forward and exploring the regional level's capacity to support identified outcomes/recommendations. Additionally, the meeting delved into determining RIASC's priorities for 2024, aligning with recommendations from the working groups on protection, Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR), and access.

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20. Asia and the Pacific

Final Report - 2023 UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs in Asia and the Pacific

2023 UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs in Asia and the Pacific final report has been released on, "[Promoting Inclusion for Sustainable Solutions](#)." The report provides an overview of the discussions, the 12 thematic recommendations made over the two-day event, and outlines the next steps for future collaboration.

IASC Regional Directors' Meeting: Highlights and Outcomes

On 11 January, the IASC Regional Directors' Meeting took place in Bangkok, Thailand, facilitating valuable exchanges among representatives from UN agencies, NGOs, and working groups regarding the humanitarian situation and response in the Asia-Pacific region. The meeting covered topics such as the Flagship Initiative in the Philippines, Rohingya refugee movements, humanitarian funding trends, and the Early Warnings for All initiative, identifying areas for enhanced collaboration and support.

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21. Latin America

Key Events

On 28 February in Bogota, Colombia, a consultation for NGOs across the region will address thematic areas related to the upcoming anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration. This includes topics such as protection and assistance in mixed movements, stabilization and access to services, inclusion and integration, and climate displacement and protection.

Additionally, a Regional Workshop on Strengthening Partnership Principles for Effective and Principled Humanitarian Action will be held on February 26-27 in Bogota, as part of a two-year project supported by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, aiming to foster inclusive and diverse participation among various organizations at the regional level.

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22. MENA

Gaza Crisis

In January, amid ongoing war and following the ICJ ruling, significant funding cuts to UNRWA took place. More than 20 NGOs issued a [joint statement](#) regarding the implications of these cuts on Palestinian lives in Gaza and the surrounding region.

Throughout the month and amidst the crisis, ICVA has been actively supporting the Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA) in oPt. This support includes coordinating closely through calls, seconding a staff member to the coordination body with a role in coordination, and progressing the deployment of an NGO coordinator to Rafah. The focus of this coordination effort includes logistical coordination, information dissemination, representation of INGOs, and managing a guest house for INGOs in Rafah. Additionally, ICVA continues to support NGOs in the MENA region by facilitating meetings with key partners such as OCHA ROMENA, UNRWA, donors, and others. For further details, please reach out to eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org or stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org.

Principles of Partnership (PoP) Workshop



The PoP Workshop was held on 22-23 January in Amman, Jordan, bringing together representatives from local and international NGOs from various countries in the MENA region. The workshop focused on discussing and exchanging experiences related to partnership management, risk assessments, challenges, and potential solutions. Furthermore, it involved dialogue sessions with UNHCR, United Nations OCHA, and the European Commission to explore ways of overcoming challenges and identifying next steps in implementing the Principles of Partnership.

Joint Statement on Yemen and the Red Sea Escalation

Twenty-six INGOs have jointly released a statement highlighting the humanitarian impacts of the military escalation in Yemen and the Red Sea. Read the full [statement](#).

Protect Aid Workers Project

An NGO consortium is spearheading the Protect Aid Workers Project, aiming to provide vital assistance to humanitarian workers facing security incidents and legal challenges in the field. The project will offer grants to cover expenses related to protection measures and post-incident support for staff. The pilot phase will be implemented in the Middle East and North Africa region. ICVA is soon to organise a meeting with members in the region to provide further information on the project and how they can benefit of it. In the meantime for those interested to know more, you can read more about the project [here](#).

Empowering Women and Girls in Humanitarian Work

The Regional Gender in Humanitarian Working Group (GIHA), in collaboration with VOICE, is organizing a three-day online training in February 2024. The training is focused on enhancing the meaningful participation and leadership of women-led groups and organizations within the humanitarian coordination structure. ICVA is a steering committee member of GIHA. For inquiries, please contact Eman Ismail at eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org.

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Learning Opportunities

23. Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience: This free [online course](#), hosted by PEDRR and UNEPFI and supported by UNDRR, offers a chance to learn about nature and interact with environmental experts from around the world while exploring ways to contribute to disaster and climate resilience.

New and Noteworthy

24. Survey: Future of Humanitarianism: Help shape the future of humanitarianism by completing Community World Service Asia's [survey](#). Share your thoughts on where the sector is going and where it should be going, as well as what needs to be done to put it on the right path.

25. World Vision SAP Inherently Local Summary Report: The [report](#) recommends a comprehensive localization strategy, equitable partnerships, and strengthening technical and institutional capacity to advance World Vision's efforts.

26. Cash For Education in Akkar: World Vision's [report](#) delves into the effects of cash assistance on the education access and retention of girls and boys in Akkar, Lebanon, amidst the complex crisis involving economic decline, education disruptions, and adverse impacts on vulnerable groups.

27. Share your Feedback on using OECD DAC Evaluation Criteria: ALNAP is updating its 2006 guidance on using the OECD DAC criteria to evaluate humanitarian action and seeking input on potential improvements. Take the [survey](#).

28. Hope and Harm: Children's Experiences of Seeking Safety in Europe: The Save the Children [report](#) delves into the experiences and wellbeing of children who have migrated to European countries and analyzes the impact of various policies on their lives, based on data gathered from focus groups, interviews, and questionnaires in 11 different countries.

29. Global BHA-Funded Online Localisation Research Survey: Concern Worldwide, in collaboration with local researchers, has launched the "BEYOND BARRIERS: Overcoming Funding & Human Resource Obstacles to Achieve a Localized Humanitarian Response" research project and an accompanying online global survey. This survey, available in 14 languages, targets professionals in the humanitarian sector and aims to gather evidence for advocating system-level changes. Complete the [survey](#) before 1 March 2024.

30. The Developing Role of National Tri-Sector Groups in Addressing Financial Sector Derisking: This [report](#) by Norwegian Refugee Council explores national tri-sector groups' establishment and role in improving humanitarian assistance dialogue while complying with counterterrorism legislation. It underscores diverse stakeholder representation, trust, accountability, and the implementation of recommendations to address bank derisking within these groups.

31. State of Practice: The Evolution of Security Risk Management in the Humanitarian Space: A [report](#) by GISF and Humanitarian Outcomes evaluates the current state of security risk management (SRM) in the humanitarian sector over the past two decades. It addresses recent developments, challenges, gaps, and best practices, targeting a wide audience of humanitarian practitioners, policymakers, and SRM professionals.

Agenda

February 6: [Türkiye–Syria earthquakes: Establishing effective community-based response mechanisms post-disaster](#)

February 7: The Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh: Sustainable solutions and ways forward. [Register](#)

February 8: [Overcoming Inertia: Myanmar, Syria, Somalia and neglected Crises](#)

February 19: Shaping new guidance for the evaluation of humanitarian action together: MENA consultation by ALNAP, 360 Consulting and the Lebanese Evaluation Association. [Register](#)

February 19-22: [Peer Workshop on Humanitarian Negotiation in Europe](#)

February 20: [Humanitarian Xchange](#)

February 20 - 23: [Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2024](#)

March 1: [Call for Input](#): Report on how climate change can have an impact on the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl

March 13-15: [89th meeting of the UNHCR Standing Committee](#), Geneva

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)

May 14: Launch of the [Global Report on Internal Displacement](#), Geneva & online

June 20: [World Refugee Day](#)

July 1-3: 90th Meeting of the UNHCR Standing Committee, Geneva

August 19: World Humanitarian Day

September 12-13: 91st meeting of the UNCHR Standing Committee, Geneva

October 14-18: 75th plenary session of the UNHCR Executive Committee, Geneva

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 10: Human Rights Day

December 18: International Migrants Day



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