June was an intense month for ICVA members. They could be found at a Wilton Park event on localization, the European Development Days, several meetings on pooled funds, the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Refugee Resettlement (ATCR), the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations, the Grand Bargain Annual Meeting, the Uganda Solidarity Summit, ECOSOC’s Humanitarian Affairs Segment, the launch of the Global Humanitarian Overview and Global Humanitarian Assistant reports, UNHCR’s Standing Committee meeting, the GFMD Civil Society Days, the Global Cash Forum, and the IGAD Partners Consultation Meeting on the Nairobi Declaration and Action Plan. To help members make sense of global processes, ICVA held a webinar on the so-called New Way of Working, and released “The Global Compact on Refugees Explained.” In times like these, when many feel overwhelmed, it helps to recall what binds our global and diverse network together: the desire for effective and principled humanitarian action. From recalling the fundamental principle of non-refoulment to the raising the alarm on forgotten crises, NGOs are on the frontlines delivering, witnessing and raising their voice.

### Forced Displacement

**1. Global Compact on Refugees /CRRF:** June was a pivotal month for NGOs involvement in the CRRF and Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). On 2 June, the CRRF was launched in Tanzania and a Secretariat created, inclusive of national and international NGOs. In Uganda, NGOs’ role in the CRRF Secretariat remains unclear but they were active in the lead-up to the Uganda Solidarity Summit, particularly through side events and an Interagency Call to Action. Governments pledged about USD 432 million. While welcoming this result, NGOs expressed concern about the gap between funding needs for the refugee response and pledges made. At the regional level, IGAD organized a two-day consultation with partners (29-30 June) on the roadmap for the ‘Nairobi Declaration on Durable Solutions for Somali Refugees’. ICVA providing comments particularly pertaining to NGO engagement and possible links between global and regional discussion levels. In Central America, UNHCR announced that the CRRF would be applied in three more countries: Guatemala, Costa Rica and Mexico in addition to Honduras.

In Geneva, a month-long of GCR events started on 6 June with a UNHCR Briefing focusing on the Somalia CRRF, with inputs from Amb. Afeey (embers can access notes from this briefing); the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (12-14 June) focused on responsibility-sharing aspects; over 500 NGO and UNHCR delegates then discussed the CRRF at the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations (14-16 June). Various NGOs developed reference documents, including the ICVA briefing paper ‘The Global Compact on Refugees Explained’, and the ‘Child Rights in the Global Compact initiative issued its Working Document following a global conference held in Berlin (12-13 June). On 22 June, an event was organized on the margins of the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment on ‘The CRRF – Potentially a Game Changer’. On the panel, ICVA provided remarks from an NGO perspective. Finally, the UNHCR Standing Committee meeting (28-30 June) provided an opportunity to review progress. UNHCR documentation and remarks are available online as well as the NGO Statement on the CRRF/GCR.

For more information, read ICVA’s June update on the GCR, contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org and follow @ICVA_Dispelled on Twitter.

**2. UNHCR NGO Annual Consultations:** “From global responsibility to local action – Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)” was the theme of the UNHCR NGO Annual Consultations that took place in Geneva from 14-16 June. More than 500 NGO representatives attended the consultations to provide their perspective and expertise in relation to the roll out of the CRRF and the development of the Global
Compact on Refugees. While we look forward to the NGO Rapporteur’s report in the coming months, preliminary takeaways were identified and presented in the [NGO statement on the CRRF](https://www.icvanetwork.org/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=723) during the UNHCR Standing Committee meeting at the end of June.

To get a flavour of the three day meeting, you can consult:

- UNHCR’s dedicated [webpage](https://www.unhcr.org) where you will find live streamed sessions, and comprehensive social media summaries.
- The [Report](https://www.icvanetwork.org) from HAMI, an ICVA member, who participated in the Consultations.
- ICVA’s Twitter Accounts: @ICVARefugee, @ICVA_Displaced, and @ICVATalks

### 3. UNHCR Standing Committee 69th Meeting

ICVA coordinated the preparation of the four NGO statements delivered at the 69th meeting of the [UNHCR Standing Committee](https://www.unhcr.org) held in Geneva from 28-30 June. The statements on International Protection, Resettlement, the CRRF, and strengthening the humanitarian-development cooperation on forced displacement are all posted on [ICVA's website](https://www.icvanetwork.org). Many thanks to all the NGOs who helped draft the content and represent the NGO community during the meeting.

### Humanitarian Financing

#### 4. Grand Bargain Signatories Reconvene

Signatories of the [Grand Bargain on Humanitarian Financing](https://www.icvanetwork.org) met in Geneva on 20 June for their Annual Meeting. Co-hosted by the Swiss and IFRC, participants talked about the [independent Grand Bargain report](https://www.icvanetwork.org) and some other studies, provided different perspectives on progress and challenges (including an excellent presentation by Kate Haff of SCHR), held break-out groups looking at workstream synergies and connecting to other processes, and made some decisions on next steps. Several signatories raised the importance of gender. In advance of the meeting, they received proposals on transparency and localization, but the meeting stayed at a high level. Key takeaways: 1) Kristalina Georgieva has agreed to re-join the process as an eminent person in her new role at the World Bank; 2) Barbara Stocking will be a Grand Bargain advocate; 3) starting on 1 September a new configuration of the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group will include the UK, Germany, OCHA, UNHCR, ICRC and InterAction; 4) NRC, with support from the World Bank, will second a staff member to the Grand Bargain Secretariat; and 5) there was consensus on the need for the Grand Bargain to better engage non-signatories and improve field realities. Watch [IRIN’s post-meeting reflections](https://www.icvanetwork.org) featuring SCHR and GPPi.

#### 5. Pooled Funds x 3:

1) We thank Oxfam GB for co-chairing with OCHA the 12 June meeting of the OCHA-NGO Platform on Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs). The most intriguing discussions centred around how the CBPFs relate to other pooled funds (building on a recent [NRC study](https://www.icvanetwork.org)), capacity strengthening opportunities (based on a new [HERE-Geneva study](https://www.icvanetwork.org)), and an interactive discussion sharing experiences from the field on operational challenges.

2) Oxfam GB was joined by ICVA and InterAction (World Vision) at the 13 June meeting of the Pooled Fund Working Group. Co-chaired by Ireland, the Qatar Fund for Development, and OCHA, participants began with a case study of CBPFs in the DRC and moved on to partnership, responding to the four famines, capacity strengthening, and other business.

3) The 23 June ECOSOC HAS side event on pooled funds made a special effort to encourage funding for the CERF, whose under-funded emergencies allocation has been delayed due to funding shortfalls.

All three events underscore the tension between being timely, being inclusive of national and local responders, and being seen to exercise rigorous due diligence. Stay tuned for the upcoming call for expressions of interest in NGOs interested in serving in the Pooled Fund Working Group.
6. The Grand Bargain work-stream on Reporting: Pilot project on harmonized and simplified narrative reporting: As of 1 June 2017, it was formally decided to move forward with the implementation of a pilot project to test the benefits of harmonizing donor narrative reporting. This pilot is co-led by Germany and ICVA, with the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) providing technical support for design, data gathering, and analysis.

The pilot will focus on reporting in Iraq, Somalia, and Myanmar and currently has at least 11 governments and UN agencies committed to participate as donors, and more than 12 NGOs initially committed to join. Mapping is currently underway to identify specific projects in the pilot countries that are funded by participating donors and implemented by participating NGOs that will be included in the pilot. It is expected that as of 1 August 2017, reporting for these projects will shift to using the proposed “8+3” harmonized reporting template proposed by GPPi. As part of the pilot ICVA will develop a support network to engage NGO partners, UN agency representatives, and donor government representatives at the country level to help ensure common orientation and understanding of the pilot and provide an avenue for feedback.

If your organization would like to know more or participate directly in the pilot, please contact Jeremy Rempel, ICVA’s Less Paper More Aid Coordinator: Jeremy.Rempel@icvanetwork.org.

Humanitarian Coordination

7. IASC Subsidiary Body Review: A small group of IASC members, including ICVA and InterAction, will embark on a ”light desk review” of these nine IASC subsidiary bodies:

- Task Team on Accountability to Affected Populations and the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Task Team on Humanitarian Financing
- Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action
- Reference Group on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness
- Reference Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action
- Reference Group on Principled Humanitarian Action
- Reference Group on Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas
- Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- Reference Group on Protracted Displacement

The Task Team on the Humanitarian-Development Nexus will be reviewed separately during a 27 July ad hoc meeting of the IASC Working Group. This poster tries to capture all subsidiary bodies’ objectives and planned products on one page. The goal is to take stock of how well the groups are delivering towards IASC priorities and other criteria by 27 July. NGOs with views on any of these bodies are encouraged to share them with Melissa.Pitotti@icvanetwork.org.

8. ICVA’s NGO Fora Support Programme: To strengthen the role of NGO fora in the delivery of effective and principled humanitarian assistance ICVA has launched a “Support to NGO Fora” programme. This programme includes: 1) strengthening the organizational capacity of NGO fora in governance, strategic planning and human resource management; 2) strengthening NGO fora advocacy efforts, and 3) promoting the pivotal role of NGO fora. For more information about the programme see the flyer and contact Emmanuelle.Osmond@icvanetwork.org.

9. NGO Fora Workshop in Bangkok: On Friday 9 June (following the 2017 Regional Humanitarian Partnerships Forum), ICVA in collaboration with SAATHI Network and the AADMER Partnership Group (APG) held a meeting of national NGO Fora involved in humanitarian work in the Asia region. 35 participants representing NGO Fora and NGOs from the region joined the discussions which focused on how to improve engagement between national NGO Fora and develop a roadmap towards strengthening their role in the region, with a specific focus on mechanisms for sub-regional collaboration within ASEAN and SAARC regions. Read more in the Report. The Workshop signalled the regional launch of ICVA’s NGO Fora Support Programme. Based on extensive consultation with NGO Fora globally in late
2016, this programme will build on the existing relationships between ICVA’s Regional Hubs and the Humanitarian NGO Fora active in each country.

10. Building Solidarity with NGOs in Nigeria and Senegal: ICVA Africa has just concluded missions to Nigeria and Senegal to meet with members, NGO fora and institutional actors, to identify ways to better support joint advocacy and coordination. In Nigeria, ICVA met with members and key stakeholders in Abuja and Maiduguri (Borno State), and reiterated its support to the INGO forum, particularly in light of the coordination challenges of the Nigerian context. The INGO forum maintains close relations with the RC/HC and the DHC and with the main donors at regional level.

In Dakar, ICVA attended the Regional IASC meeting which focused on the Lake Chad Basin crisis, and met with representatives of the informal INGOs Regional Directors coordination group to discuss relevant advocacy and support opportunities. For more information contact Marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

Humanitarian Partnership

11. New Way of Working: ICVA convened a meeting on 7 June to debrief interested members on the advancement of the NWOW and to map members’ existing knowledge with the aim to define the way forward for NGO engagement. The group is now part of the ICVA Humanitarian Coordination Working Group and meets regularly. ICVA is committed to actively engage with RC/HCs in the countries of operations to promote involvement of interested NGOs in the process. For more information contact: emmanuelle.osmond@icvanetwork.org or marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

12. Neglected Humanitarian Crises in CAR and DRC: NGO briefing to Member States: On July 11, ICVA, together with a group of NGOs in Geneva are convening a session with Member States on the Neglected Crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR). NGO representatives from Save the Children, Action Contre la Faim, the DRC INGO forum and CARE will present on the acute needs, the increasing resource gap, and an overview of NGO humanitarian programming in both countries. Those in Geneva are welcome to attend the briefing in person. Those based elsewhere will be able to connect via an audio bridge. For more information, please contact james.schell@icvanetwork.org

ICVA Learning Streams

13. Insightful discussions during ICVA's webinar on humanitarian coordination at the national level: On 22 June over 120 people joined our second learning stream webinar on "Humanitarian coordination architecture at country and national levels. The interactive session commenced with Building a Better Response providing a summary of the architecture at the national level, followed by commentary on the current system by ALNAP. Ms Najat Rochdi, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Humanitarian Coordinator in CAR, and Mohammad Kilani of the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO) shared their experiences, challenges and lessons of coordination at the country level, and importantly, how NGOs can better engage in national coordination mechanisms. To watch a recording of the webinar, and learn more, visit ICVA’s website

14. Upcoming webinar on the pivotal role of NGO fora and consortia: Don’t forget to register for ICVA's next humanitarian coordination learning stream webinar. Join us for our next webinar on 20 July as we discuss

- What are NGO fora and consortia?
- What are their various roles and structures? and
- What is the added value for NGOs to join?

We will hear from NGOs and NGO consortia as they share good practice examples and lessons learnt from current humanitarian responses across
New and Noteworthy

15. **Webinar: 'Health and Nutrition in Emergencies – Lessons Learned'**: The Humanitarian Leadership Academy is launching a new webinar series, providing in-depth contextualisation of key issues in the humanitarian sector. The first “Health and Nutrition in Emergencies – Lessons Learned” will be held on 25 July 2017 at 12pm (UTC+1). This one hour webinar aims to raise awareness, generate discussion and share experiences about health and nutrition programming, with a particular focus on key lessons learned and practical advice that can be applied in current crises. The webinar will feature presentations followed by a Q&A session. Learn more and register.

ICVA Updates

16. **Thanks to the IKEA Foundation** for their commitment to a better humanitarian system and support to ICVA to bring together NGOs working in challenging environments. Check out their [FaceBook post](https://www.icvanetwork.org/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=723&snippet=2) promoting the work of ICVA member, Jordan Health Aids Society (JHASI), which runs the maternity clinic in Zaatari camp. Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan is home to more than 80,000 Syrian refugees. Every day, up to 10 babies are born there—yet there is only one maternity clinic. With our €1 million grant from the IKEA Foundation, aid organizations are getting the support they need to find better ways of working together to protect and support refugees and their families.

Forthcoming events

**ICVA Meetings and Events**

**July 20**: Learning Stream Webinar NGO fora and consortia from local to global

**September 14**: Learning Stream Webinar OCHA and NGOs in humanitarian coordination

**October 5**: Learning Stream Webinar The New Way of Working: What does it mean for NGOs?

**November 16**: Learning Stream Webinar Alternative models for humanitarian coordination

**Other Meetings and Events:**

**July 11**: Alnap Webinar series: Up to standard: The role of evidence in the Sphere Standards revision process

**August 19**: World Humanitarian Day

**September 11-12**: IOM-NGOs Humanitarian Consultations, Nairobi

**September 20-21**: UNHCR Standing Committee 70th Meeting, Geneva

**October 2-6**: UNHCR Executive Committee 68th meeting, Geneva,

**November 28**: December 1: IOM 108th Council, Geneva

**November 30**: IASC Principals Meeting

**December 6-7**: High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges, Geneva

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