PROMOTING COLLECTIVE ACTION AT FIELD LEVEL
In many humanitarian crises, NGOs come together to establish networks and Fora to coordinate NGO efforts to deliver humanitarian assistance. These Fora are active in a range of areas: facilitating NGO engagement in the humanitarian response system; ensuring an effective, inclusive and contextualized response; and promoting collective NGO advocacy. By working together, NGOs can have a stronger voice on issues of concern.

In-country humanitarian NGO Fora contribute to the effective and principled delivery of humanitarian assistance. However, in a context of rising humanitarian needs and increasingly complex humanitarian crises, effective NGO coordination is more critical than ever.

ICVA believes that well-resourced and effectively supported coordination bodies are crucial to improving humanitarian operations.

Why are NGO Fora pivotal to collective action?

The objective of this Programme is to support NGO Fora to undertake their collective responsibilities, across three key areas:

1. Supporting organizational capacity development of NGO Fora in strategic planning, governance, and human resource management
2. Strengthening NGO Fora advocacy and echoing their views at global and regional levels
3. Promoting the pivotal role of NGO Fora amongst the broader humanitarian community (including donors, governments, UN agencies, and NGOs themselves).

Who is the Programme for?

The programme will focus on NGO Fora operating in countries affected by humanitarian crises. The programme will engage a mix of:

NATIONAL NGO FORA

INTERNATIONAL NGO FORA

MIXED NGO FORA (with membership including both national and international NGOs).

Participation in the programme is on a voluntary base. It is anticipated that at least 30 NGO Fora will be actively supported in the first phase of this programme.
What activities are proposed?

GENERAL SUPPORT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- Personalised support
- Field missions
- Workshops for national NGO Fora
- Directory of NGO Fora
- Access to online tool (ngocoordination.org)

SUPPORT NGO FORA COORDINATORS
- Induction package for new coordinators (together with InterAction)
- Briefing and debriefing for incoming and outgoing coordinators

SHARING GOOD PRACTICE
- Webinars on sharing experiences/lessons learned
- Study on membership motivation and engagement
- Information management toolkit
- Online tool to share documents (ngocoordination.org)

STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY
- Guide on joint advocacy for NGO Fora
- Advocacy trainings

INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECO-SYSTEM
- Webinars on humanitarian coordination
- Note on INGO representation in advocacy hubs
- Agenda on key global and regional events
- Note on ICVA’s advocacy targets

PROMOTE NGO FORA ENGAGEMENT
- Echo NGO Fora voices to Member States, UN agencies, donors, IASC levels
- NGO Fora participation in NGO briefings to Member States in Geneva
- NGO Fora participation in ICVA’s working groups.

STRENGTHENING NGO FORA ADVOCACY AND ECHOING THEIR VIEW AT GLOBAL LEVEL

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