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Our objective by 2021 is to strengthen the collective ability of NGOs to actively engage in and influence coordination mechanisms to ensure they are inclusive, contextualised and provide effective assistance and protection to those affected by crises.

Our objective by 2021 is to ensure humanitarian financing meets the needs of populations affected by crises while ensuring adequate NGO access to principled, quality funding.

Our objective by 2021 is to support NGOs in developing strategic thinking and in navigating change while promoting humanitarian principles and the Principles of Partnership.

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As we adjust our approach to the globalisation of the humanitarian sector, ICVA is seeking to support and promote dialogue between NGOs and diverse actors in the humanitarian sector. Through the Regional Hubs in Africa, Asia and the Middle East and North Africa, ICVA in building opportunities for members to engage with key actors.

Diverse actors, including for example regional organisations and Member States, often host governments who retain the most influence in enabling NGOs to operate. Through this programme, ICVA will explore how to strengthen effective NGO engagement with host governments for improved humanitarian response to crisis-affected populations. The initiative aims to connect NGOs to space for principled and effective humanitarian action.

ICVA remains closely engaged with UNHCR and other stakeholders to increase understanding, participation in, and contribution to the Global Compact on Refugees. Since the adoption of the New York Declaration in 2016, ICVA has been a key actor in ensuring NGO understanding of, participation in, and contribution to the Compact. ICVA also supports the Compact’s implementation through nationalCompact fora to strengthen their expertise in governance, including through access to UN and IASC CoP member status.

This programme supports NGO Fora as they play a pivotal role in facilitating dialogue and engagement by NGOs with humanitarian and other stakeholders, and complementarity with other processes related to people on the move, such as the New Urban Agenda. This supports NGOs to better understand, engage and influence the humanitarian sector and beyond with a focus on Forced Migration, Coordination, Financing and Navigating Change, cross-cutting issues.

Through the network, members from across the globe with a broad range of perspectives come together to exchange experiences and information, collaborate on common issues, leverage expertise, and harness varying perspectives to challenge and inspire. ICVA acts as a bridge connecting these voices, to influence other actors, including the UN, governments and regional organisations.

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