

ICVA AT A GLANCE

A GLOBAL CONSORTIUM OF HUMANITARIAN NGOS

WHO WE ARE

ICVA brings together humanitarian NGOs from around the world and helps them understand, engage and influence the humanitarian sector.

QUICK FACTS

- » ICVA was established in 1962
- » Our +100 members work in +160 countries. Through our work with NGO fora, we access a network of over 1,000 NGOs
- » ICVA Secretariat is present in Geneva, Africa, Asia and Middle East & North Africa

ICVA

PROMOTING
PRINCIPLED
AND EFFECTIVE
HUMANITARIAN
ACTION

OUR FOCUS AREAS

FORCED MIGRATION

Our objective by 2021 is to improve protection, assistance and durable solutions for refugees, IDPs, stateless persons and migrants in vulnerable situations.

PROMOTES
DIALOGUE WITH
UNHCR

PROMOTES
DIALOGUE WITH
IOM

CONTRIBUTES
TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE
REFUGEE RESPONSE
FRAMEWORK
(CRRF)

COORDINATION

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.

ECHOES NGO
VOICES AT THE
INTER-AGENCY
STANDING
COMMITTEE
(IASC)

EXPLORES
ALTERNATIVES
COORDINATION
MODELS

PROMOTES
MORE EFFICIENT
HUMANITARIAN
LEADERSHIP

SUPPORTS NGO
COORDINATION
NETWORKS

FINANCING

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.

CONTRIBUTES
TO THE GRAND
BARGAIN

SIMPLIFIES AND
HARMONIZES
DONORS
CONDITIONS

CO-CHAIRS
THE IASC
HUMANITARIAN
FINANCING
TASK TEAM

IMPROVES
POOLED FUNDS'
MANAGEMENT AND
ALLOCATIONS

NAVIGATING CHANGE: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

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.

CONNECTS
HUMANITARIAN,
DEVELOPMENT
AND
PEACEBUILDING
ACTORS

STRENGTHENS
COLLECTIVE ACTION
TO SUPPORT NGO
CAPACITY

ENGAGES WITH
MULTILATERAL
PARTNERS
AND OTHER
NETWORKS

PROVIDES
PLATFORMS FOR
PEER TO PEER
EXCHANGES

OUR WAYS OF WORKING

ANALYSE AND EXPLAIN

- ICVA LEARNING STREAMS
- BRIEFING PAPERS
- INFORMATION SHARING AND EXCHANGE

CONVENE

- ICVA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- REGIONAL & THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS
- REGIONAL & COUNTRY LEVEL DIALOGUES

CONNECT

- UNHCR NGO CONSULTATIONS
- REGIONAL BODIES
- HUMANITARIAN STAKEHOLDERS

INFLUENCE & ADVOCATE

- NGO BRIEFINGS TO MEMBERS STATES
- JOINT NGO STATEMENTS
- POLICY PAPERS

SUPPORT

- INFORMATION & ADVICE
- NGO PARTICIPATION IN SHAPING PROGRAMME AND POLICY
- NGO FORA

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Promoting principled and effective
humanitarian action

55 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN WORK

ABOUT ICVA

In 1962 a small coalition of refugee and migration-focused NGOs joined together to tackle the challenges of forced migration. ICVA has grown into a global network of over 100 national, regional and international NGOs dedicated to make humanitarian action more principled and effective.

Based on its 2019-2021 Strategy, ICVA helps NGOs 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.

THE IDEA THAT DRIVES US

OUR VISION

A world in which crisis-affected populations are effectively protected, assisted and enabled to rebuild their lives and livelihoods with dignity.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

OUR MISSION

A global network of NGOs whose mission is to make humanitarian action more principled and effective by working collectively and independently to influence policy and practice.

VALUES & PRINCIPLES

- ICVA'S work is based on the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence as well as the Principles of Partnership.
- ICVA works towards a system that enables people affected by humanitarian crises to receive equitable access to quality assistance and protection.
- ICVA promotes innovative approaches to humanitarian policy development and implementation and offers evidence-based, solutions - oriented advocacy.
- ICVA promotes equitable engagement of NGOs to make the humanitarian system more inclusive.

ICVA'S GLOBAL REACH

REGIONAL HUBS

ICVA's Secretariat is based in Geneva, giving proximity to global humanitarian debates and decision making. ICVA complements this presence in Geneva through Regional Representatives in Africa, Asia and the Middle East and North Africa, providing an important link between global and regional perspectives and ensuring a connection to the operational realities of its members.

ICVA's Regional Hubs enable ICVA to expand its engagement with NGOs, NGO fora, and humanitarian actors in Asia, Africa and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

The Geneva office and Regional Hubs work closely with members and NGO fora to:

- Facilitate ICVA's engagement with inter-governmental organisations and Member States in the regions.
- Link operational realities to global policies and practice.
- Create opportunities for regional consultation and collective action on issues of common interest.

As we adjust our approach to the globalisation of the humanitarian sector we see our Regional Hubs as instrumental in creating dialogue between the NGO community and diverse actors in the humanitarian landscape.



CONNECTING – NGO voices to global, regional and country-level policy development



INCLUDING – diverse NGOs from around the world (national, international, and NGO Fora)



RESPECTING – the Humanitarian Principles and Principles of Partnership



SUPPORTING – NGO understanding and engagement in an increasingly complex world

MEMBERSHIP

CONNECTING NGOS

ICVA has more than 100 members active in humanitarian response across the world. Members are humanitarian NGOs, large and small, secular and faith-based, national and international, joined through a common commitment to principled humanitarian action.

Membership in ICVA is open to national NGOs, international NGOs and NGO fora or networks.

ICVA's members guide the network's strategic direction.

Through ICVA, members:

- **Influence global policy and practice** through access to UN and inter-governmental humanitarian policy and decision makers.
- **Participate in collective and amplified NGO advocacy** on humanitarian issues.
- Bring the **field realities** of humanitarian practice to global and regional forums.
- Participate in the **IASC mechanisms**, through ICVA's seat as a standing invitee to the IASC.
- **Network, connect and exchange** with a diverse global NGO membership, and other humanitarian stakeholders.
- **Stay informed** on key debates and issues relevant to operations.
- **Share information, expertise, information and resources.**
- **Shape the strategic direction** of ICVA, be eligible to serve on the ICVA Board, and vote at the ICVA General Assembly.

Much of ICVA's substantive work is carried out within ICVA's working groups. Working groups provide members a forum to discuss issues, exchange information on specific situations or projects, develop advocacy and undertake joint activities.

For more information about becoming a member please contact: secretariat@icvanetwork.org

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR 2019-2021

INCREASED UNDERSTANDING

HUMANITARIAN LEARNING STREAM

The ICVA Learning Streams are a series of concise accessible learning products which cover different aspects of Forced Migration, Financing, Coordination, and Navigating Change, Cross-Cutting Issues. Available in English, French, and Arabic, this online toolbox of information includes webinars, short videos and briefing papers.

The Learning Streams aim to demystify the complex humanitarian landscape for NGOs who wish to have a stronger understanding of the humanitarian sector. Through improved understanding, NGOs are better able to engage and participate in the development of humanitarian policy.



COORDINATION

SUPPORT TO NGO FORA

The "Support to NGO Fora" programme supports regional and in-country humanitarian NGO fora to strengthen their expertise in governance, strategic planning and advocacy. ICVA echoes their voices at the global level and promotes the key role of NGO fora among the broader humanitarian community.

This programme supports NGO Fora as they play a pivotal role in facilitating NGO coordination within the Humanitarian response system.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENT

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 process of developing a Global Compact on Refugees and the roll-out of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

ICVA remains closely engaged with UNHCR and other stakeholders to contribute to the implementation and follow-up of those processes, with the aim of bringing concrete improvements to the daily experience of refugees.

ICVA will pursue those objectives in ways that foster consistency, coherence and complementarity with other processes related to people on the move, particularly as these relate to vulnerable migrants.

LESS PAPER MORE AID

Less Paper More Aid is an ICVA initiative carried out by NGOs to reduce the burden of donor conditions on aid agencies and improve the efficiency to humanitarian action. The initiative works in collaboration with NGO, UN, and donor partners to pilot solutions for harmonized reporting formats in the field, harmonize and simplify UN systems for NGO partner selection and project oversight, and address issues of risk management and transfer between donors and aid agencies.

The Less Paper More Aid initiative also supports ICVA's engagement with the Grand Bargain and implementation of the commitments to achieve more effective and efficient delivery of aid.



POLICY AND ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENT

STRENGTHENING NGO ENGAGEMENT WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS

As NGOs work within an increasingly diverse humanitarian landscape, it is 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 tools and support to address common operational constraints and increase the space for principled and effective humanitarian action.

STRONGER DIALOGUE WITH DIVERSE ACTORS

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 MENA, ICVA is building opportunities for members to engage with key actors.

Diverse actors, including for example regional organizations and Member States, play an increasingly significant role in humanitarian policy and action. This initiative is part of ICVA's 2019-2021 Strategy to promote and facilitate NGO engagement and partnership with actors which have an impact in humanitarian action.



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