



A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

#ICVAPoP

The Principles of Partnership From Principles to Practice

In preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit, *ICVA is calling on all ICVA members and humanitarian organizations to support the Principles of Partnership*, and to contribute how they apply these principles within their partnerships and programmes.

Why the Principles of Partnership? Why now?

It has been over seven years since the [Global Humanitarian Platform](#) (GHP) introduced the [Principles of Partnership](#) (PoP). The PoP were identified as foundational principles to bring together humanitarian actors on an equal footing. The PoP include:

- **Equality**
- **Transparency**
- **Results-Oriented Approach**
- **Responsibility**
- **Complementarity**

Since 2007, humanitarian actors have developed numerous tools to implement the PoP - and to report on their implementation. Over the years, NGO partnerships have provided many examples of challenges and successes in implementing the PoP, often in difficult and testing crises.

Recognizing the importance of partnerships, ICVA has collected a large number of these tools on its [website](#) and in 2015, launched a campaign to refocus humanitarian action on the value and impact of **principled partnerships**.

ICVA believes that the [World Humanitarian Summit](#) (WHS) provides an important opportunity to highlight partnerships, and in particular, the PoP. The WHS four thematic areas¹, and the seven themes² emerging from the recent WHS thematic meeting in Bonn, further highlight the **importance of principled partnerships** in humanitarian action.

#ICVAPoP Campaign

ICVA's campaign (#ICVAPoP) was launched in March 2015, at the ICVA [Annual Conference](#): ***“Partnership: from principles to practice: Considering partnerships in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit”***. Over 160 participants gathered to discuss the value and implementation of the PoP in the lead up to the WHS and beyond. The 2015 ICVA conference provided a **platform for humanitarians** to share experiences

¹ 1. Humanitarian Effectiveness; 2. Reducing vulnerability and management risk; 3. Transformation through Innovation; 4. Serving the needs of people in conflict.

² Access the emerging themes for consideration [here](#)

regarding: the **value of the PoP**; **innovative solutions** to their applicability; and suggested **ways forward for the PoP** in the lead up to, and beyond the WHS into the coming decade. The final Conference Report can be downloaded [here](#).

In light of the success of the Annual conference, ICVA continues its **#ICVAPoP** campaign through planned one day workshops organized by the regional hubs and with the support of ICVA members.

Be a part of the #ICVAPoP Campaign

ICVA is calling on all humanitarian organizations to support the Principles of Partnership, and to contribute how you apply these principles within your partnerships and programmes. ICVA invites you to:

1. Sign-up to the **Principles of Partnership** - by sending an email to principlesofpartnership@icvanetwork.org confirming your organization's support of the PoP.
2. **Provide** the ICVA Secretariat **testimonials around two themes**:
 - What the Principles of Partnership mean to you as agencies?, or
 - How the Principles guide you in developing and strengthening partnerships?
3. **Share with** the ICVA Secretariat short (no more than 2 minutes) **video clips of Staff members**:
 - Answering the question; "*What do the Principles of Partnership mean to me?*", or
 - A statement on "*As a humanitarian, the most valued Principle of Partnership is xxxx because of xxxx*"
4. Share the **#ICVAPoP campaign amongst your own networks**: Extend the reach of the campaign – and appeal to all humanitarian entities to join.
5. **Tweet** the **hashtag #ICVAPoP** on WHS and partnership related messages.

For more information, visit the **Principles of Partnership** section of ICVA's website [here](#), or contact: principlesofpartnership@icvanetwork.org.