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Frequently Asked Questions The Principles of Partnership and the #ICVAPoP Campaign

What are the Principles of Partnership?

The [Principles of Partnership](#) (Equality, Transparency, Results-Oriented Approach, Responsibility and Complementarity) were an attempt to acknowledge some gaps within the 2005 Humanitarian Reform process, which included a limited acknowledgement of the role of local and national humanitarian response mechanisms.

The Principles of Partnership (PoP) provide a framework for all actors in the humanitarian space – including *Governments, UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, NGOs, academia, the private sector and affected populations* – to engage on a more equal, constructive and transparent setting.

With an ever-increasing number and diversity of actors in the humanitarian sector, the PoP remains a key point of reference for partnership inception, development, implementation and review.

Where did the PoP originate?

The PoP was a key outcome of the Global Humanitarian Platform (GHP), originally set up in 2006 by leaders of approximately 40 humanitarian organizations including NGOs, UN agencies and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Have the original PoP changed?

No. The PoP today, remains unchanged from their initial inception in 2007. The five principles are more relevant than ever in the humanitarian sector.

What has happened with the PoP over the last seven years?

Following their original endorsement in 2007, the PoP were tested in various country contexts. Over the ensuing years, a wide range of consultations and reviews were undertaken, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in their usage. Guidance notes for PoP implementation were also created and widely disseminated. Visit [ICVA's website](#) to access these resources.

What is the #ICVAPoP campaign?

#ICVAPoP is ICVA's callout to all humanitarian entities to support the Principles of Partnership, and to share how they apply these principles within their partnerships and programmes.

Why now?

The [World Humanitarian Summit](#) (WHS) process is an important opportunity to highlight the importance of the PoP.

Sign up to the #ICVAPoP campaign - be a part of a global group of diverse humanitarian actors, committed to ensuring the PoP remains foundational to humanitarian partnerships. This collective statement will be submitted to the WHS Secretariat by 31 July, 2015.

How does my organization sign up?

Sign-up to the **Principles of Partnership** - by sending an email to principlesofpartnership@icvanetwork.org confirming your organization's support of the PoP.

Please visit the [PoP section of ICVA's website](#) to read more about the campaign.

What are organizations expected to do?

In addition to signing up to the PoP, organizations are encouraged to:

1. **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?
2. **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*"
3. Share the **#ICVAPoP campaign amongst your own networks**: Extend the reach of the campaign – and appeal to all humanitarian entities to join.
4. **Tweet the hashtag #ICVAPoP** on WHS and partnership related messages.