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Highlights from October 2020

Message from Executive Director

Trust and threats : two sides of the same coin.

The stakes are so high and so immediate that we focus a lot on the threats before us and we aim at “preparing for the worst while hoping for the best”.

The response to COVID-19 is showing some of the best of humanity : how ordinary people are doing the best they can in solidarity and with compassion, how organisations are collaborating, how partnerships are evolving, how innovations are accelerating...

However, the pandemic and the way we have responded to [it has set us back a couple of decades](#) in just a few months in areas such as improving conditions for women and child, education, protection, getting people out of poverty.... While humanitarian needs are skyrocketing, one of the most important questions we face is how quickly low-income countries can catch back where they were and start making progress again.

We are also in a febrile period where public trust in many core aspects of “the system” is disappearing around the world. We see [unprecedented doubt](#) in government, in the multilateral system, in the media, in NGOs, in business, even in science....

As discussed in ICVA’s [“Risk Management in Practice” 2020 Learning Stream](#), trust is about ensuring adequate risk assessment, being accountable and finding a way to balance and measure both.

How bad will the pandemic get? To what extent will it continue affecting livelihoods, peace and stability? How is it modifying the social fabric of societies? In what way going local addresses the trust deficit in humanitarian action?

The future is still largely within the world’s control. How the [NGO community is preparing for the future](#), how the humanitarian system will evolve and, more broadly, how the world will adapt in the next months matters a great deal. The future has to be driven by civil society organisations, by business, by governments, by UN agencies and other multilateral organisations as a zero-sum effort, as a cooperative endeavour.

As you will read in this Bulletin, [partnerships](#) and [collaborative advantage](#) is at the core of ICVA’s work: amongst NGOs, with the UN agencies, with the private sector, with academics...

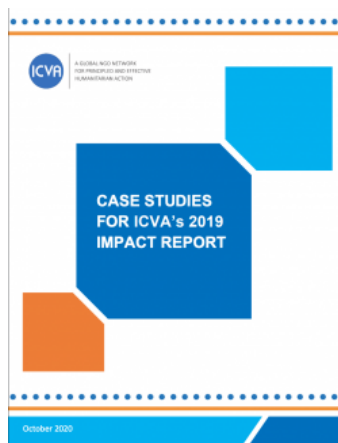
Trust is the ultimate currency in the relationship that a network such as ICVA builds with its stakeholders. Trust allows to take responsible risks, so long as with the willingness to be reactive to the needs of the people.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates

1. Staff updates:

At the end of November, our Deputy Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Qinigrui Huang, will be ending her time with ICVA after moving countries for family reasons. We are grateful for the two and a half years of hard work and dedication Qinigrui has given ICVA and we wish her all the best in her future!



2. Case Studies for ICVA's Impact Report

ICVA recently published the [Case Studies for ICVA's Impact Study Report](#). These case studies are now available on the ICVA website and cover four topics:

- The 8+3 Narrative Reporting Template
- South-South Engagement and China Cooperation
- Advocacy for the Sahel Region
- Engaging in IASC Mechanisms

[Read here](#)

3. ICVA's COVID-19 Resources page:

ICVA's Covid-19 [resource page](#) has a collection of guidelines, tools, statements, papers and useful links which are relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Forced migration

4. UNHCR 71st Executive Committee

ICVA coordinated the drafting and delivery of two NGO statements for the 71st meeting of the Executive Committee on 5-9 October. Many thanks to the various NGO inputs. The statements were focused on children and youth in [the General Debate](#) and on [International Protection](#). Additionally, a joint UNHCR-NGO [review of the 2020 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations](#) was presented during the Executive Committee.

NGO ExCom side event

On 9 October, on the margins of the Executive Committee, ICVA organised with CARE, the International Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) and Social Inquiry an NGO ExCom side event on ['Resilient communities in climate-induced displacement'](#). Gathering over eighty participants including Member States, NGOs, UN organisations, and Academics, the side event was an opportunity to exchange on the urgency of addressing climate-induced displacement and stressed the role of communities and gender transformative approaches in this context. A summary of the event is [accessible here](#). For more information, please contact Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org

5. Sustaining support for the Rohingya refugee response donors conference

On 22 October, at the donors' conference, ICVA's Executive Director delivered an [NGO collective statement](#) based on numerous inputs coordinated by InterAction and ICVA and signed by 32 organisations to strengthen support for over 1 million Rohingya in need of assistance in Bangladesh and the region. The statement highlighted key recommendations on promoting human rights and durable solutions, as well as support to refugee host countries and NGOs' funding. More information on the conference is accessible

on the dedicated [website](#), including statements from the co-hosts of the conference, Member States and NGOs. For more information, contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

6. High-Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges

On 21 October, 2020 the [High-Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#) was launched with a focus on 'Protection and resilience during pandemics, navigating protection challenges in response to COVID-19'. Directly linked to the [2020 UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs](#), the Dialogue included among its key documents the [set of recommendations](#) resulting from the Consultations.

For more information, please contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org and Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org



7. Preventing and Mitigating Indirect Health Impacts of COVID-19 on Displaced Populations in Humanitarian Settings, 11 November 2020

Columbia University's Forced Migration and Health Program, as part of a research consortium with the American University of Beirut, Brandeis University, Georgetown University and Universidad de los Andes, is organising a virtual panel event on **Wednesday 11 November, 9:00-10:15 EST**, to launch a brief on preventing and mitigating indirect health impacts of COVID-19 on displaced populations in humanitarian settings. This brief has been produced as part of a two-year research project, supported by the World Bank, that aims to provide evidence and guidance to strengthen health systems to address the needs of displaced and host populations in contexts of protracted displacement. The project seeks to understand how health systems and health system financing can better respond to the needs of displaced and host communities, supported by research on economic, demographic and epidemiological trends. [Register here.](#)

8. Migrants in vulnerable situations

Regional reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

Relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organisations, including the UN Regional Economic Commissions or Regional Consultative Processes are encouraged by the GCM to review the implementation of the GCM within the respective regions. Despite delays due to COVID-19, so far, all regions have organised a number of preparatory meetings with Europe and Latin America and Caribbean organising virtually their regional review meetings in November 2020 and the Arab States December 2020. More information on the preparatory processes and the review meetings can be [found here](#).

GCM Review in the UNECE Region: implementing the GCM for children in the European Union

The Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts, to which ICVA is a member, has prepared a submission ahead of the review of the GCM implementation in Europe. The submission focusses on four priority areas: guaranteeing the best interests of the child; enhancing opportunities for family reunification; ending child immigration detention; and addressing the impact of COVID-19 on migrant children. The submission [can be read here](#).

The IML Initiative

On 6 October, ICVA, the Civil Society Action Committee and the International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative organised the four session of the International Migration Learning (IML) Initiative. This session focused on labour rights of migrants. After elaborating on the international legal framework in place it provided participants with few examples of actions undertaken by NGOs to support migrants in realising their rights.

Financing

9. IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5): The Humanitarian Finance Results Group held a standard monthly meeting on 26 October. The meeting reviewed: the humanitarian finance links to the recent IAHE evaluation of the Mozambique Cyclone Idai response in 2019; funding flexibility next steps (more details below); GHD engagement; and localization next steps. The Mozambique response evaluation provided many good lessons learned linked to humanitarian finance. Some of the highlights included the need for better coordination with private sector actors; the need to strengthen anticipatory action; and the need to improve transitions from development to humanitarian to recovery in both operations and funding. The complete evaluation is [available here](#).

Also underway through RG5 is an effort to establish clear internal guidance for participation of local and national partners in results group discussions and improved engagement when implementing activities at the country level. ICVA will continue to gather inputs through the Humanitarian Finance Working Group on these efforts to better link localization with humanitarian finance.

10. IASC COVID-19 Funding Flexibility and GHD engagement: Through RG5, IASC members are currently re-examining the COVID-19 funding flexibility measures agreed to in June 2020 to determine how to transition these into standard practice in 2021. The current flexibility measures can be [viewed here](#). Quality funding, including funding flexibility, will also be a focus of the planned 20 November dialogue between RG5 and Good Humanitarian Donorship members. This meeting is intended to improve consistency in understanding and use of quality funding approaches (flexible, multi-year) between donors and IASC members.

11. Humanitarian finance priorities: Following the October meeting of the ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group we are working to develop finance priorities and workplan for 2021. Although ICVA will continue to engage in a range of activities linked to humanitarian finance policy, the current focus areas for 2021 include: further simplification and harmonization of UN systems through development of the UN Partner Portal; continuation of the risk management learning stream; and development of quality funding policy and tools. To provide input on ICVA priorities or to join the Humanitarian Finance Working Group, contact Jeremy.Rempel@icvanetwork.org and Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org.

Coordination

Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

12. IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG):

During October, the Emergency Directors Group met to discuss the situation in Haiti and Pakistan and the response to Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in DRC.

- The call on Pakistan emphasised the importance of inclusion of Pakistan in the Global Humanitarian Overview for 2021. Progress on the development of the HRP was discussed, including the importance of improving NGO engagement at sector level, resourcing and support from OCHA, and the link to addressing development challenges as major drivers of need.
- On Haiti, discussion focused on the complexity of the situation in country and how development and political challenges are largely driving humanitarian needs. Much of the discussion focused around issues related to Nexus funding, planning and programming.
- Regarding DRC, the EDG discussed options for a prioritised interagency effort, including supporting plans for an independent commission and an interagency mission to strengthen PSEA systems in country, which is now currently underway.

13. The IASC Principals:

The IASC Principals met on 9 October and 2 November, for their monthly ad-hoc meeting on COVID-19. Key discussions focused on the fair and equitable access to and allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine, as well as updates from key agencies. Additionally, the meetings addressed a range of issues including Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in DRC, sustaining the Rohingya response, the need for emphasis on women and girls, GBV and gender issues in supporting preparations of the 2021 Global Humanitarian Overview, and flooding in Sudan and other parts of East Africa. The minutes of the meeting can be [found online](#).

14. Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)

In the 29 October meeting, the OPAG focused its discussion on protection. The group discussed the draft Terms of References for a review of the IASC Protection Policy and its implementation at field level. It also explored how to better integrate protection into the work of all Results Groups and strengthen protection response mechanisms at all levels.

15. Task Force on Minimum Standards on Duty of Care

The OPAG Task Force on Minimum Standards on Duty of Care finalised the draft minimum standards which are expected to be endorsed by OPAG in the upcoming days.

16. Update on IASC Results groups:

RG 1 Operational response:

The IASC RG 1 on Operational Response met on 16 September 2020 to discuss: Options to make protection central across IASC structures; IASC mandate extension and implications for Results Group 1; and OPAG preparations and sub-group progress and priorities. You can find the meeting [summary here](#).

The Sub-Group on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI) met, with increased participation from a range of UN and NGO actors, to discuss feedback on its case study of BAI in Myanmar, and to plan future work of the group. It was agreed that despite the challenges of the current operating context, the case study approach was valuable and should be continued. Planning discussions regarding country selection for future case studies are now underway.

RG 2 Accountability and inclusion:

IASC RG2 has launched its new [Accountability & Inclusion Portal](#). The portal is the go-to

place for practitioners and leaders who strive to implement people-centered approaches; covering accountability to affected populations (AAP), PSEAH, age and gender, persons with disabilities and other diversities.

RG 3 Collective advocacy:

The Results Group met on 6 October to discuss (i) the conclusions of the 25 September OPAG meeting; (ii) key messages on food security, climate change, and Central Sahel Ministerial conference; (iii) OCHA's findings from the survey on non-state armed actors; (iv) an update on COTER; (v) an update on climate change, including related events; and (vi) Yemen-related advocacy opportunities following recent EDG discussion.

The sub-group on Counterterrorism Measures (COTER) met on 16 October 2020 to discuss (i) the database to collect evidence on the negative humanitarian impact of COTER measures; (ii) the UNSC and capital level COTER relevant developments (iii) solutions to address the negative impact of COTER on humanitarian action.

RG 4 Nexus:

During the monthly meeting held on 8 October there was a debriefing on the recent IASC RG4/OECD INCAF meeting focusing on the peace pillar.

On the same day, the Community of Practice on the Nexus (CoPN) meeting was held, focusing on Cameroon and hosted representatives from the RCO, and national and international NGO Fora.

On 22 October the Result Group and the Community of Practice on the Nexus held a call to present the "Collective outcomes in practice: down-scaling commitments and coordination through sub-national area-based programming—the experience from Chad." A mixed panel of NGOs and UN representatives of global and country level Food and WASH Clusters exchanged with participants.

The RG4 issue paper, "[Exploring peace within the Humanitarian-Development- Peace Nexus](#) (HDPN)" has been endorsed by the IASC principals. ICVA has been a member of the advisory group, supporting the core group with inputs and comments discussed with members.

For more information on the Nexus, contact: marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

RG 5 Humanitarian Finance: See update above under 'Financing.'

17. Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) for Cyclone Idai in Mozambique

The final report of the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) of the collective response to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique in 2019 was released. Some interesting findings and recommendations were made, including engagement of and support to local CSOs, the performance of the Cluster system, and the role of the DHC. Also, to note this was the first IAHE conducted for the 'Scale-Up Activation' Protocols (which replaced the L3 Response Protocols in late 2018), and the findings paint a favourable picture of the mechanism in action. [See here for the full report.](#)

18. WFP Annual Partnership Consultation (APC) 2020

At the WFP Annual Partnership Consultation (APC) 2020, ICVA held a session on "Duty of Care and Localization: From Standards to Implementation." Based on the [Draft IASC Minimum Standards for the Duty of Care during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), the session focused on how to move from setting the standards to implementing them and how to bridge the gap between the standards and the current reality on the ground, keeping in mind all challenges that COVID-19 has brought. The recordings of the sessions are available on the [APC 2020 website.](#)

19. Expert Consultations "Unilateral Sanctions as the serious Obstacle to Delivery of Humanitarian Aid"

Organised on the initiative of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral

coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, the Consultation discussed various issues relating to the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on delivery of humanitarian aid. ICVA actively contributed to the discussions which were held under the Chatham House Rule. The expected outcome of the consultation in the format of recommendations will assist both Special Rapporteur in the preparation of her thematic reports to be presented before the UN Human Rights Council at its 48th session in September 2021 and General Assembly at its 76th session in October 2021.

20. NGO ForaSupport:

- Jordanian NGOs Forum (JONAF) in collaboration with Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development (ARDD) and support from ICVA will be launching the findings of the **“Evaluation Paper of the JONAF Coalition Response during COVID-19”** on 19 November 2020. The event will have another session on the Localization Paper developed by ARDD’s AlNahda center. Participation is expected from the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Planning and International Development. JONAF steering committee, JIF, and HIMAM coalitions.
- ICVA is organising a Community of Practice Forum (CoP) to strengthen opportunities for shared learning for the NGO Fora Boost Project. The first session, held on 2 November, covered “Governance and Membership Management in COVID-19 response”.
- The ICVA Africa regional team has expanded its reach to NGO Fora in the Sahel and in West Africa region.

For more information on NGO Fora Support, contact: obebe.oluchukwu@icvanetwork.org

Navigating change: cross cutting issues

21. Child rights

The 2020 UNICEF-NGO Humanitarian Partnership Consultation Co-organised by ICVA and UNICEF, the 2020 Consultation will take place virtually from 17-19 November 2020. It follows up on the commitments endorsed in 2019 and focuses on the ongoing efforts to address emerging challenges in 2020, most notably the impacts of COVID-19 on partnerships. Other subjects such as addressing racism, racial discrimination and other forms of discrimination; progressing towards decolonialisation of aid; ensuring quality of funding and simplified partnership procedures will also be discussed. For more information, see the [concept note](#) and the [draft agenda](#). The agenda will be updated regularly.

Pre-registration is now [open and can be submitted here](#). Interested participants are encouraged to apply **as early as possible but no later than CoB 11 November 2020**.

Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action

The [Core Commitments for Children \(CCC’s\) in Humanitarian Action](#) are UNICEF’s core policy and framework for humanitarian response. Initially developed in 1998, revised in 2010, and again updated in 2020 to reflect the diversity of humanitarian crises; updated norms and standards; and the way the organisation operates with its partners, to remain a **principled, timely, predictable and efficient humanitarian actor**. More information can be [found on the website](#).

22. Localization

The ODI [Humanitarian Practice Network](#) is calling for [expressions of interest](#) to contribute to its upcoming Humanitarian Exchange magazine on Localization and local humanitarian

action. Short EOIs (maximum 500 words) are welcome by COB 9 November and should clearly outline what the article intends to cover and the proposed authors. Short videos, articles conducted in an interview format, articles in other languages and other ideas are also welcome.

23. Civil society space in humanitarian action

Yale University in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State is conducting a [survey](#) to **better understand the consequences Non-Government Organisations/Not-for-Profit Organisations (NPOs) face with sanctions and counter-terrorism policies.**

With the data derived from the survey, along with additional research and interviews, the Yale team will develop a report by the end of the year for policymakers with options on the international (e.g., United Nations (U.N.) Security Council, Financial Action Task Force), regional (e.g., European Union), and national levels to prevent and stem barriers to financial access of NPOs. The report will be sent to all participants.

The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete, and the deadline is **13 November, 2020. All responses will be treated as confidential.**

Advocacy in Restricted Spaces: [A Toolkit for Civil Society](#) by Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund

This toolkit is a practical resource that emphasises that advocacy is possible even in highly restrictive contexts. The toolkit is intended for use by grassroots, national, and regional organisations that want to engage in advocacy in restrictive environments. It includes concrete examples and new perspectives on mobilising around opportunities for change.

In the era of COVID-19 restrictions, the tactics and case studies included in the toolkit are even more relevant, as growing numbers of civil society organisations find themselves operating in increasingly restrictive spaces.

Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Standards and Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Standards and Procedures: [A Toolkit for Non-Profit Organisations.](#)

Developed by the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) in collaboration with the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) and with the support of the Global Non-Profit Organisation Coalition on FATF, including The Human Security Collective, The European Foundation Center, The Charity & Security Network, and the Greenacre Group.

For more information, updates on civil society space, or to be included in **ICVA's Working Group on NGO Space (members only)**, you can check out [ICVA's Civil Society Space page](#) or email: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org.

24. Safeguarding:

ICVA participated as panellist in an e-Workshop organised by Action Against Hunger on PSEA within the Employee Life Cycle, focusing on the Horn and East Africa Region. The e-workshop aimed to identify and analyse key considerations for integrating best PSEA protection and response practices into the various stages of the Employee Life Cycle. ICVA presented relevant efforts and inter-agency initiatives from the perspective of an NGO network.

ICVA Partnerships



25. Invitation: STEP into a Better World: A call to action on 9-10 December 2020

Reaching a broader community differently than in traditional conferences. Generate more outputs and actions than tired webinars. Build new networks. Encourage solutions and equip yourself with greater potential to collaborate for a better world.

ICVA is co-organiser of the event “STEP into a Better World: A call to action” led by [Impact17](#). The themes of the conference are:

- Sustainable society
- Technology & innovation
- Environment & nature
- Partnering for a Better World

Join us for the event and take part in a series of interactive clinics led by Impact17 and other partners, including ICVA. Over the two days, ICVA will be hosting three 45 minutes sessions with specific asks for private sector actors on: **1) Bank De-risking 2) Regional Partnerships with Private Sector 3) Less risk, more collaboration** (more details coming soon!)

All **ICVA members** are encouraged to join and can [register](#) for a subsidised price of 5 Euros with thanks to Salesforce.

[Register here!](#)

We do not want the cost of the event to be a barrier to the participation of ICVA members. Should it be the case, you can apply to ICVA Solidarity. For more information, contact: secretariat@icvanetwork.org

Region Specific

ICVA regional teams have been working intensively with inter agency coordination groups to ensure national and international NGO involvement and active contribution to the ongoing preparedness and response to the COVID19, including to liaise at the country, regional and global level.

26. Asia and the Pacific:

Regional Humanitarian Partnership Events

ICVA in partnership with ADRRN and OCHA will be hosting a series of regional humanitarian partnership events. The series of events will be held between November and December. There will be a range of thematic webinars led by different partners within the region from NGOs and UN colleagues. Expressions of interests for hosting thematic webinars are open until mid-November. For more information [see here](#).

Asia & the Pacific
Regional Consultation!
18 November

ICVA Regional Consultation

At the start of the Regional Humanitarian Partnership Events, ICVA will host a regional consultation on 18 November, 2020. The consultation will bring together ADRRN, ICVA members, and other partners to discuss emerging humanitarian trends and the future of humanitarian work in the region, which will feed into the ICVA 2030 strategy. To RSVP [fill out this google form](#).



ICVA-ADRRN-HFI-HI NGO learning

series: “Humanitarian Work in the New Normal Age”

Human Initiative (HI) and Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI), with support from Asian Disaster Reduction and Responds Network (ADRRN) and ICVA, have been producing a webinar series (5 webinars) between July and the end of 2020. The webinars aims to create a platform for CSOs and CSO networks in Asia and the Pacific to have open discussions on critical themes focused on how CSOs are adapting themselves to address the needs in a COVID-19 era.

The next Webinar will be held on **25 November** from 13.00-15.00 GMT+7, with the topic: **The Impact of Multi-hazard Threats Towards Multi-sectoral Humanitarian Response.**

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For more information on Asia and the Pacific region, contact ICVA's Regional Representative: Keya.Sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org

27. Africa Region:

Events focused on the Central Sahel

In the last month, there have been a series of events focused on the Central Sahel. This includes a week of side events, leading up to the Inter-ministerial Round Table organised by the Government of Denmark, the Government of Germany, OCHA and the European Union on 20 October, 2020. For the event, ICVA supported NGOs operating in the region to

position their statement which was read during the Round Table. To see the key message and video submissions see the [Central Sahel web page](#).

ICVA also hosted a side event, “Humanitarian and development realities in the central Sahel” on 14 October, 2020. Attending the side event were representatives from governments in the region, the ICRC, World Bank, UN, NGOs and civil society organisations. You can watch the [recording of the meeting here](#).

These events prompted a vast and rich consultation and resulted in an expanded network of actors that bring different perspectives and approaches based on field experience.

Response to (SEA) allegations during the Ebola Response in DR Congo

ICVA has supported NGOs liaising with the ongoing work related to the sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) allegations in the Ebola Response in DR Congo. EDG and an SEA Thematic Expert Group had multiple meetings to organise a support mission that was deployed in the country at the end of October. A call with ICVA members, including ICVA PSEA and Humanitarian Coordination representatives and related bilateral engagements have been organised to contribute ample and meaningful participation of NGOs in this response.

Planning for EDG call on Cameroon

The complexity of the situation in Cameroon has been an object of attention for ICVA members this month. ICVA organised a meeting with members to prepare and share information prior to the EDG call on Cameroon which took place on 5 November. ICVA also worked to ensure NGOs were duly represented in an Inter-agency Technician Mission planned for the second half of November.

African Union

The regional team participated in the “Humanitarian Matters and Disaster Risk Management” cluster co-lead by the African Union (department of political affairs) and OCHA. The meeting did a horizon scanning as well as discussed key issues related to the last quarter of 2020. It was highlighted during the meeting that the **AU’s annual humanitarian symposium** will take place in a virtual manner. ICVA’s regional team will disseminate information related to the symposium as they become available.

1st Regional Meeting of the IGAD Support Platform

ICVA will participate in the 1st Regional Meeting of the IGAD Support Platform for the Nairobi Process, planned for 23-26 November 2020. The meeting aims at operationalising the support platform as well as take stock on the progress of the Nairobi plan of action.

For more information contact: marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org or Addis.Tesfa@icvanetwork.org

28. MENA Region: Attention on Yemen

In response to NGOs call for additional high-level attention on Yemen, ICVA coordinated a dialogue between NGO CEOs and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock on 21 October, 2020. The aim of the call was for the CEOs of the NGOs to have a direct and open discussion with the ERC regarding operational challenges, funding, and sustaining the response and strategic advocacy. This was an opportunity to share perspectives on the modalities and effectiveness of engagement with government and non-state actors, other states and donors, including what impacts these may have on the response in coming months.

ICVA MENA is currently in the process of developing a training on joint coordination, governance, and strategic planning that will be delivered to 9 Syrian NGO Networks

based in Gaziantep, Turkey. The training is expected to be in December 2020. The training programme is part of a wider set of targeted workshops focusing on good governance, strategic planning and enhancing the Syrian CSOs network engagement at different regional and global advocacy and coordination platforms.

ICVA has started research on Localization in Humanitarian Leadership in the MENA region. The main two objectives of the research are to:

1. Map and document the extent of effective and meaningful national NGO engagement in international humanitarian coordination structures in the MENA region.
2. Identify recommendations, targeted at specific accountable actors, for enhancing effective meaningful engagement of National NGOs in international humanitarian coordination mechanisms. This is part of ICVA's efforts on advancing the localization discussion based on concrete evidence, statistical facts and inputs from UN agencies, donors and the local and international NGO community.

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29. Latin America Region:

ICVA's Regional members
& Partners meeting
for Latin America

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On 11 November ICVA is hosting a virtual Members and Partners Regional meeting for Latin America. During the consultation ICVA will give a presentation on ICVA's role in the region and the floor will be open to discuss concerns and observations of things happening in the region.

The event will be held in Spanish. Feel free to share with regional colleagues. To RSVP email: secretariat@icvanetwork.org

NGO Fora in the region

Through our members, [FM4](#) in Latin America, ICVA has maintained close contact with several NGO Fora in the region. Particularly with Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Colombia.

ICVA documents in Spanish

Several ICVA resources have been translated into Spanish! You can review the following documents:

- [ICVA póster](#)
- [REFORZARSE, REFORZARSE, REFORZARSE: Localización respecto de la respuesta global humanitaria durante el COVID-19](#)
- [Un análisis sobre la localización](#)
- [El Gran Pacto Edplicado](#)
- [Manual de Incidencia de Foros De ONG: Realizando Incidencia Conjunta](#)

For more information about the Latin America region, contact: lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org

Learning Opportunities

30. Save the date! Webinar on Duty of Care and Risk Management

December 3, 2020 – the fourth topic of the series on Risk Management in Practice will be Duty of Care and Risk Management. Keep an eye out on our [web page](#) for more details.



31. RECORDING:

Did you miss ICVA and PHAP webinar focusing on **bank de-risking and its impact on humanitarian action**? The session included an honest discussion on the practical challenges faced by humanitarian NGOs and how to approach this issue from a risk management perspective. The panel included: the Head of the Multilateral Division of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) on behalf of the Good Humanitarian Donorship Co-Chairs - **Philippe Besson**; the Advocacy and Communications Officer of Human Security Collective (HSC) **Sangeeta Goswami** and Head of Governance, Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), **Khaleel Desai**. You can find the **podcast and youtube recordings on this link** with subtitles in English and French (Arabic is coming soon!).

This webinar is the third of a series on [Risk Management in Practice](#). Don't hesitate to check out the recordings of the previous two webinars on the website (subtitles in English, French and Arabic are now available for the webinars).

32. DisasterReady: [Mental Health and Stress Management](#): All over the world, the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic has increased our stress and strained our mental health. In recognition of World Mental Health Day on 10 October, Disasterready added free trainings to their collection of mental health resources. The **Mental Health and Stress Management** learning playlist includes short online courses and downloadable guides to help you and your employees manage stress, anxiety, and avoid burnout.

33. Course on Protecting Children During COVID-19

The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action just opened an Online Course on "Protecting Children During COVID-19." Register for a FREE 6-week journey with experts from the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and its members on learning how to adapt child protection programming during COVID19! [Find out more here](#).

ICVA's Learning opportunities and resources page: ICVA's [learning resource page](#) is a curated list of online and face-to-face (when available) learning and training programmes. Please share with us any interesting opportunities that would be useful to include on the webpage. For more information contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

New and noteworthy

34. CrisisInSight: Global Risk Analysis

ACAPS just released a new Global Risk Analysis. In the report, ACAPS outlines a number of key contexts where a notable deterioration may occur within the next six months, leading to a spike in humanitarian needs. It also includes an update of the risks identified in March 2020. The objective is to enable humanitarian decision makers to understand potential changes that could have humanitarian consequences. By exposing the possible developments and understanding their impact, these potential changes can be taken into account in planning and preparedness. [The report can be downloaded here.](#)

35. Nominations for WRC's Voices of Courage awards

On Thursday, 29 April 2021, the Women's Refugee Commission will hold their annual event celebrating the "Voices of Courage" honorees. Each year, the Voices of Courage awards are presented to resilient, resourceful women and youth whose personal and powerful stories reflect the challenges and triumphs experienced by the tens of millions of people who have been displaced by conflict and crises. WRC needs your help to nominate these incredible women and youth for the award! [Nominate women or youth](#) who have made impactful, lasting contributions to the empowerment and well-being of women, children, or youth who have been displaced by conflict or crises. Nominees may be community volunteers or staff with a local, national, or international organisation. Nominees may be displaced themselves or working in partnership with and on behalf of those displaced. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 4, 2020.**

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Every Tuesday - [GCM Objectives Review Series](#)

November 11: ICVA virtual Members & Partners Regional meeting for Latin America

November 11: Launching of the knowledge brief on the indirect health impact of COVID-19 on displaced populations in humanitarian settings

November 17-19: UNICEF-NGO Consultation

November 18: ICVA [Regional Consultation for Asia & the Pacific](#)

November 18: [High Commissioner's Dialogue](#) on Protection Challenges 2020: Protection and resilience during pandemics - Resilience and inclusion in health

November 20: [High-Level Consultation](#) in the lead-up to the 2020 Afghanistan Conference – Return and Reintegration: Building a Future for all Afghans

November 23: [2020 - Afghanistan Conference](#)

23-26 November 2020: 1st Regional Meeting of the IGAD Support Platform

November-December: [Regional Humanitarian Partnership Events](#) – Asia & the Pacific

December 2: High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges 2020 - COVID-19 and Climate Change: what we can learn?

December 3: ICVA & PHAP webinar: **Duty of Care and Risk Management**

December 9: High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges 2020 – Preparing for protection and solutions for the future

December 9-10: STEP into a Better World

December 14: UNHCR's 70th Anniversary

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May 18-19: ICVA General Assembly, Online

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