

ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from January 2022



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HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Dear Readers,

2022 is upon us and hopefully you are all refreshed, ready to take on the year ahead. No shortage of humanitarian action needs and opportunities in the year ahead. We kick off the bulletin by looking forward to what is in store for ICVA in 2022 as we embrace the 2022 – 2030 strategy. Next, we explore updates on forced migration, financing, coordination as well as child rights, climate action, safeguarding and the regional hubs. Plus, we are very excited that IMPACT Initiatives, Airlink, Inc. USA and Church Centre for Promotion of the Rural World- COPROMOR have joined ICVA!

Don't forget to check out our open vacancies and events. Also, stay tuned for the upcoming commemoration of our 60th anniversary.

Hope you enjoy!

Message from Executive Director

On our Journey from 2022 to 2030

What are the transformations we want to see in our organisations, in our society? What is the contribution from ICVA in the needed transformations? How can ICVA, a network of diverse NGOs with a total operational footprint of over 20 Bi CHF transform and unite behind solutions that can benefit all people?

Our new strategy, [ICVA2030](#) supported by the [Strategic Priorities 2022-2024](#), adopted by the [General Assembly](#) of ICVA members in May 2021 is the next step in our evolution, rooting us more deeply in our vision and mission. It has been an intense and inclusive process to look beyond our usual three-year horizon with over 90% of our members having taken part in the consultations.

Success in 2030 will not be defined by whether our predictions today were correct, but rather on the degree to which we have been relevant, principled, able to grow together as a network and delivered an impact for people in crisis which is more than the sum of our parts.

For ICVA to grow and achieve its potential we will need to evolve and transform our network to grow and deliver its full potential. More than an organisational shift, this transformation is about the position we want ICVA to occupy in the sector for greatest impact, affirming our collective values and being clear what this means in practice. Our aspirations are 'evolutionary' in so much that we will build upon some directions already started, and 'transformative' because the changes will result in an ICVA Secretariat and ICVA network that works and feels quite different to ICVA today.

While retaining our rootedness in principled humanitarian action we must take full advantage of our collective diversity, the value we all bring, our proximity to people in crises and our collaborative advantage to increase our impact; and to confront and respond to the impact of climate change and take our responsibilities in mitigating the root causes.

These transformations will be realised through our work, being integral to the approaches we take no matter what specific focus area or topic we are dealing with. They will be fully established as part of our DNA together with the values, mission and added value we bring.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates

1. Meet our new Members and Colleagues

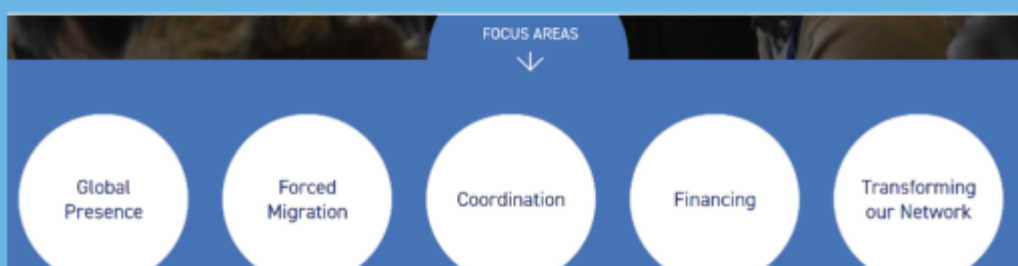
ICVA is growing and we are [delighted](#) to have IMPACT Initiatives, Switzerland, Airlink, Inc. USA and Church Centre for Promotion of the Rural World - COPROMOR, DRC joining our global network. We look forward to working with them to make humanitarian action more principled and effective. [Learn more about our members](#). We are also excited to welcome to the team our new staff Kriss Uyoga serving as a Technical Senior Adviser on Safeguarding, RSH project, Antonella Vitale serving as a Learning and Programme Officer (Climate Change), and Jeeyoung Moon serving as an Intern with ICVA Africa Hub.

2. Join our Team

ICVA is looking for a consultant to undertake an in-depth desk review of the Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for the Afghan Refugees, highlighting the objectives, structure and working modalities of the Support Platform. [Apply](#) by 10 February 2022.

3. ICVA's New Online Home

Explore content around forced migration, humanitarian coordination, financing and transformations





Our new website is live! The website offers an innovative platform that enables all our users to access essential information with ease. Designed with a user-friendly interface and modern technology the website provides users with a wealth of information on making humanitarian action more principled and effective. Check out the different pages, communication materials, case studies, events, and resources available. We hope you have a nice experience browsing through the site! Engage with us on [Twitter](#) about your experience on the site using the hashtag #ICVA.

[Explore more](#)

Forced migration

4. The World Bank Group Engagements to Forced Displacement

On 9 December 2021, ICVA organised a meeting between its members and the World Bank Group. This was an opportunity to welcome the new leadership of the World Bank's Fragility, Conflict and Violence and Forced Displacement team, especially Caroline Bahnson, Practice Manager and Jade Ndiaye, Senior Operations Officer (Forced Displacement). It was also an opportunity to hear reflections from Xavier Devictor as he took on a new role as Co-Director of the World Development Report 2023. Discussions focused on taking stock of the World Bank's engagement in Forced Displacement and engagement with NGOs since 2016, the window for host communities and refugees and the [IDA19 Mid-Term Refugee Policy Review Framework](#). The meeting also considered perspectives on the High-Level Officials Meeting and the process towards the second Global Refugee Forum.

5. The High-Level Officials Meeting

Ahead of the first [High-Level Officials Meeting](#) (HLOM) of 14-15 December 2021, several roundtables and side events were held benefiting from NGO contributions. In particular, the event on "[Age, gender, and diversity: ending discrimination in refugee responses](#)" organised by Plan International, Women's Refugee Commission, Save the Children and other stakeholders on 8 December highlighted practical recommendations towards ensuring the Global Compact on Refugees empowers, protects, and supports refugees through an age, gender, and diversity approach. Check the updated version of the [tip sheet](#) to ensure age, gender and diversity inclusive pledges.

During the HLOM, one collective [NGO statement](#), coordinated by ICVA, was delivered by [The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative](#). The statement focused around analysing the impact of the Global Compact on Refugees, 3 years on, NGOs mid-term review in implementing the Global Refugee Forum pledges and priorities for the second Global Refugee Forum. It also expressed a wide range of NGOs' recommendations and priorities. In particular, NGOs reiterated the importance of addressing the larger protection crisis and deepening the focus of protection capacity, the participation of local and refugee-led organisations and age, gender and diversity approaches.

[Oxfam International](#), [The Global Refugee Forum Legal Community Pledge](#), [The Danish Refugee Council](#), [The Global Refugee Led Network](#) also delivered important statements during the HLOM. In a [written contribution](#), ICVA looked back at the past two years in implementing its own pledge to support NGOs' engagement in the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. As part of this pledge, ICVA with UNHCR also published a paper on "[Local solutions: key considerations](#)" in December 2021. This paper aims to contribute to developing a better understanding of how local solutions may contribute to offering additional avenues to durable solutions for refugees. It defines and describes local solutions, highlighting the notion of transitional arrangements, as well as the protection guarantees and standards they should be accompanied with.

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

6. Migrants in Vulnerable Situation

The poster features a large blue 'Save The Date' headline on the left. To the right is the logo for the International Migration Review Forum 2022, which includes a stylized human figure in blue and green. Below the headline, the text 'MIGRATION DIALOGUES' is on the left and 'IMRF Roundtable 4 CONSULTATION' is on the right, separated by a vertical line. A 'REGISTER HERE' link is positioned below the right-hand text. At the bottom left, the date '9 FEBRUARY 2022' and time '9.30 AM (New York) – 3.30 PM (Geneva)' are listed. A row of five icons with numbers 1, 3, 7, 17, and 23 is located below the date. The footer contains logos for the United Nations Human Rights Office, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the United Nations Network on Migration.

2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), event and preparatory events:

- The first IMRF will take place from 17 to 20 May 2022, under the auspices of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A one-day informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will be held on 16 May in preparation for the forum. Check [more information on the calendar, agenda and registration](#).
- To prepare for this event there are a series of **IMRF Dialogue Series: Preparatory webinars on the IMRF Round Tables**. The UN Network on Migration is hosting the IMRF Dialogue Series (January – April 2022). This is to offer member states and all other relevant stakeholders an open, inclusive space to discuss approaches towards effective immigration policies in preparation for IMRF. Check the different [roundtables and registration details](#).

- Read the **Global Civil Society Priorities towards the 2022 IMRF: 12 Key Ways for States to Get Back on Track**. The [paper](#) is an exploration into the 12 critical priorities identified by Civil Society Action Committee as vital to make progress on Global Compact for Migration (GCM). It also includes proposals on how civil society can participate more broadly in both IMRF and GCM process overall.
- Also within the context of the IMRF: **The Road from COP26 to the IMRF: Protecting People Displaced Across Borders in the Context of Disasters, the Adverse Effects of Climate Change, and Environmental Degradation** This [event](#) is co-organised by the Civil Society Action Committee, Act Alliance, CMDP, ICMC, and SCCF and will take place on 24 February, 3-4:30 pm CET. It will focus on the protection of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and proposes to make the link between the 2021 UNFCCC Climate Conference of the Parties (COP26) and the 2022 IMRF. You can register [here](#).

Briefing on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Report of the Secretary General, 16 February 2022, 10-11:30 NY time/16-17:30 GVA time

The briefing will hear on the [Secretary General's second biennial report on the GCM](#), its findings, and recommendations on ensuring safe, orderly, and regular migration and fulfil the promise of the Global Compact on Migration. Watch the event webcast live on [UN Web TV](#) with interpretation in all official languages.

Financing

7. Grand Bargain 2.0

The Grand Bargain Facilitation Group met for the first time in 2022 on 24 January to discuss progress on several initiatives underway. An update call for NGO constituents will be scheduled for the first half of February. An invite will be shared out through the NGO signatory mailing list. Contact jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org to be added if you or your organisation need to be added to the signatory contact list.

Action is currently underway on the following Grand Bargain initiatives:

- **Caucuses:** The Cash Coordination Caucus will finalise recommendations on humanitarian cash coordination during a February meeting of Principals from stakeholders engaged in the caucus discussions. Recommendations will provide a basis for a formalised structure to support coordination of cash programming at the country and global levels. The Intermediaries Caucus has shared a draft timeline and proposal and will conduct an initial meeting soon. The Quality Funding Caucus is still under development, with the Facilitation Group and key stakeholders working on finalising problem statements to guide the work. Check [updates on the current work of the caucuses](#).
- **National Reference Groups (NRGs):** NEAR and OCHA continue to lead the process to develop guidance for the new NRGs to be implemented as part of Grand Bargain 2.0. Guidance should be ready for release in February.
- **Workstream 9 – Harmonized Reporting:** ICVA and Germany continue to lead work on harmonized narrative reporting. Bilateral advocacy efforts will target expanded use of the “8+3” reporting template over the next month. Check out more information on the [use of 8+3 reporting](#).
- **Annual Self Reporting:** Grand Bargain annual self-reporting for signatories is due on 16 February to the Secretariat. Completion of self-reporting is a requirement to attend the Annual Meeting that usually takes place in June.

8. Status of Humanitarian Finance in the IASC

Following the current plan for the new IASC Task Forces (outlined below under 'coordination), the current Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5) will close at the end of March. Remaining tasks for the group include finalisation of plans for harmonised funding flexibility measures and completion of mapping work on the cascading of overheads (indirect costs) through the humanitarian system, including to local partners. Moving forward, humanitarian finance will not have a dedicated Task Force, but will be included as a cross-cutting topic in some of the new Task Forces and as a priority theme for the Deputies Forum. Details are still being clarified and ICVA will share as they become clear.

- For more information contact rempel@icvanetwork.org.

Coordination

9. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

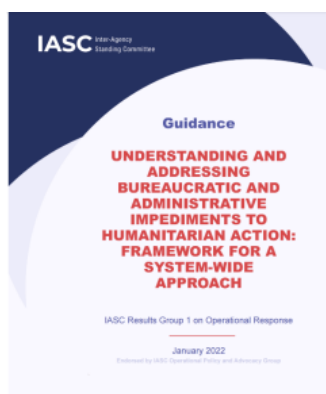
IASC Structures 2022-23

The current IASC Results Groups will transition into five time-bound Task Forces as of 1 April 2022, namely: (1) Counter-terrorism and Bureaucratic & Administrative Impediments; (2) Centrality of Protection; (3) Accountability to Affected Populations; (4) Localization; and (5) Humanitarian-Development Collaboration and its Linkages to Peace.

On 27 January, the OPAG met to discuss the terms of reference, priorities and key workstreams of each Task Force as well as to seek interest for the co-chair roles of the Task Forces. In keeping with current modalities, each Task Force will have two Co-Chairs at Directors level, appointed for two-years reflecting the timeframe anticipated for the implementation of the IASC Strategic Priorities 2022-2023: ensuring balanced representation between UN and non-UN organizations and across the IASC membership. The co-chairs of the IASC Task Forces are responsible for steering the implementation of agreed priorities deliverables, as well as ensuring collaboration across IASC structures and engagement with relevant other stakeholders (including non-IASC members). ICVA has supported nomination of members into a number of these co-chair roles with discussions continuing ahead of decisions to be taken by OPAG in the coming weeks.

10. Update on IASC Results groups

RG 1 Sub-group on Localization: No updates



RG 1 Subgroup on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI):

The IASC has endorsed new IASC guidance on [Understanding and Addressing Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments to Humanitarian Action: Framework for a System-Wide Approach](#). This framework was developed under the leadership of the IASC Results Group 1 on Operational Response, co-chaired by ICVA and InterAction. Preserving humanitarian space is a critical priority for the humanitarian system and the IASC. A key component of preserving humanitarian space is understanding and addressing bureaucratic and

administrative impediments. The framework responds to needs identified in humanitarian operations and provides a step-by-step guide on how to approach addressing these impediments strategically and collectively. A launch webinar will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

RG 2 Accountability and inclusion: No updates

RG 3 Subgroup Counter Terrorism:

The COTER sub-group within RG 3 has not recently met. As it is with the other existing RGs, RG 3 will formally end in March 2022. The COTER topic will be incorporated into a new IASC Task Force combined with Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments after that point. For those interested in formally joining the new Task Force, look for updates in the coming weeks on how to engage.

The UN Security Council took significant action on 21 December to pass a resolution approving humanitarian exemption to sanctions under the 2255 and 1988 sanctions regimes for Afghanistan. The announcement via UN News is available [here](#), and the full text of the resolution [here](#). ICVA is working on plans to improve NGO understanding and ability to navigate sanctions as noted in the 'financing' section above.

RG 3 Subgroup on Climate Change: No updates

RG 5 Humanitarian Finance: *See updates above under financing*

11. COVID-19 Vaccines

NGOs and governments are welcome to apply for the COVAX humanitarian buffer to access vaccines for conflict affected, marginalized and hard to access populations. Donations of vaccines, funding for RCCE and delivery costs is available. This [FAQ contains](#) further information about the buffer and application process.

- Please email eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org if you wish to join the COVID-19 WG mailing list. .

12. NGO Fora Support

ICVA is actively supporting NGO fora in the East Africa region on the review commissioned by the South Sudan Mixed NGO forum and the operational scale up for the HINGO in Ethiopia. ICVA is also actively engaged with fora in preparing and following up with the various visits the ERC has done in the sub saharan region. ICVA is also engaging with NGO forums in Uganda and Cameroon to progress on localization baseline. This project with the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) aims to replicate HAG's experience in the Asia Pacific region. The initial discussions with the forum in Uganda were followed by substantive support. ICVA participated in the SOM, where NGO forums from Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso participated actively. Many of the NGO participants have called for more engagement for a region that is undergoing crises but remains underfunded.

Communities of Practice (CoP) meeting for the NGO Fora

The next CoP meeting in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan, will be held on 15 February 2022. The focus of this meeting will be on how CoP can better meet the Fora/networks needs and priorities in 2022. There will be a second part to the meeting where there will be a launch of the Learning Needs Assessment survey, to inform the prioritisation of ICVA support for the NGO Fora secretariat and members learning priorities in 2022.

Gender in Humanitarian – Training of Trainers programme

This programme for the NGO Fora in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan, will hold a review meeting on the 22 February 2022. Participants will have the opportunity to share with their peers the progress since participating in the programme and learning from the in-country trainings delivered.

- For further details please contact: Maxine Clayton.
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European Humanitarian Forum (EHF)

The EHF, organised by the European Commission and France in the framework of its Presidency of the Council of the European Union, will be held in Brussels from 21 to 23 March 2022, in a hybrid format, with most of the events allowing for remote participation and engagement.

DG ECHO together with ICVA conducted preparatory consultations in the regions around climate change, International Humanitarian Law, humanitarian access, localisation among other topics. Check the [thematic and regional reports](#).

Transforming our Network

13. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

Civil Society Space in Humanitarian Action

- **Call for inputs from the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association:** The Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, Clément N. Voule will dedicate his thematic report at this year's Human Rights Council session. This will be towards a study focused on trends in civil society organizations' access to resources including foreign funding. [Share your inputs by 18 February](#).
- **Call for input from the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Unilateral and Coercive Measures (UCM) Report :** Special Rapporteur, Ms. Alena Douhan, undertook two thematic studies: one on "Secondary sanctions, civil and criminal penalties for circumvention of sanctions regimes, and over-compliance with sanctions" as well as one on "Unilateral sanctions in the cyber world." Inputs are welcomed by 15 March 2022 on one or both studies following the guidelines provided. Check out [how and where to submit inputs](#).
- For more information see ICVA's [Civil Society Space](#) webpage or contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

14. Address Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Action

Climate and Environment Action:



Webinar: Practical tools and initiatives for reducing environmental impact in humanitarian action

Missed ICVA-PHAP's webinar on "Practical tools and initiatives for reducing environmental impact in humanitarian action" that took place on 3 February?

The webinar focused on practical tools and initiatives undertaken by organisations to reduce their environmental impact in humanitarian action. Insights were shared by OXFAM on waste management in camp settings, NRC on their procurement process, ICRC on the Carbon Accounting Tool and HALO Trust on conservation in conflict and fragile settings. Recordings in [podcast and YouTube format](#) will be available on our website.

In our [previous webinar](#) on "Maximising the Environmental Sustainability of our Work" speakers explored how organisations can develop and implement environmental policies and strategies in line with Commitment 2 of the Climate Charter. Challenges and opportunities, including some of the donor requirements and standards being put in place were also shared.

See the recording of other previous webinars on [Adapting to the Impacts of the Climate and Environmental Crises](#) and [Introduction: The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations](#).

- For more information visit ICVA's [Climate and Environment webpage](#) or contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

15. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted

Localisation

The localization Framework: ICVA in partnership with Humanitarian Advisory Group HAG have initiated a project that aims to support local and international actors' efforts on moving localisation agenda forward and enabling tracking progress against localization commitments at local and national levels. It also aims to collate inputs for advocacy with different partners to highlight specific areas where support is needed to move localization forward. This initiative will be coordinated with members and Fora in Yemen, Uganda and Cameroon.

Measuring progress is important to understand if and how change is occurring in relation to localisation. Practical approaches to measuring progress on localisation can be more effective at the national and local levels, as highlighted by a baselining approach piloted in the Pacific in 2018-19. The [Localisation Measurement Framework and Tools](#) developed and rolled-out by HAG, PIANGO and in-country partners during this process, provides an approach to measure progress on localization in a holistic way. It can be contextualized as needed, as not all components are relevant in all contexts. The framework looks at localisation under 7 interlinked priority areas: partnerships, leadership, coordination and complementarity, participation (accountability), policy influence and advocacy, capacity, and funding.

This approach can be adapted in operational settings by NGOs at organisational, collective, response, or national level. It can also help to inform dialogue, set localisation priorities, develop local or national localisation roadmaps, measure progress at sector-level, and/or discuss with programme partners how localisation can be built-in to future partnership agreements.

Nexus

In the second quarter of 2022 the IASC Result Group 4 is expected to give way to the Task Force 5 with a similar mandate on Humanitarian Development and linkages with Peace. ICVA is promoting the role of member NGOs in the co chairmanship. More details will be shared soon.

The group is working at a podcast on the changing leadership inviting UN country leadership and NGOs for a to share their views and recommendations. Check out the entire [podcast series](#). In addition, the Nexus Academy has opened its doors. The deadline for the first cohort has passed but other cohorts will open soon. If you need more information, contact nexus.academy@undp.org.

- For more information on the work of ICVA on the HDP Nexus kindly contact rotelli@icvanetwork.org

16. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live Our Values

Child Rights

UNICEF Global Forum for Children and Youth, 7-9 December 2021

The three-day inaugural Global Forum for Children and Youth helped to inspire bold commitments that will accelerate progress in advancing child rights and meeting the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Watch ICVA ED, [Ignacio Packer's message](#) and the [session recordings](#).

Safeguarding

We are proud to announce that ICVA joined the [safeguarding resource and support hub](#) (RSH) programme as a consortium partner. This UK Aid funded program supports organisations in the aid sector to improve their safeguarding practice against Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH). RSH has national hubs in Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan, and the Middle East and will be launching in South Asia very soon. ICVA will be providing technical guidance for global products and supporting the regional and national RSH hubs.

On 27 January, RSH launched their [Middle East and North Africa Hub](#) (MENA Hub). During the [launch event](#), FCDO representatives and experts came together to discuss the importance of safeguarding and the role of the MENA regional hub. ICVA MENA team joined in the launch as a member of the hub. The hub has national hubs in Jordan, Syria and Yemen who will work directly with smaller organisations in each country to strengthen their safeguarding policy and practice against sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH).

- For more information, contact plato@icvanetwork.org or kriss.uyoga@icvanetwork.org

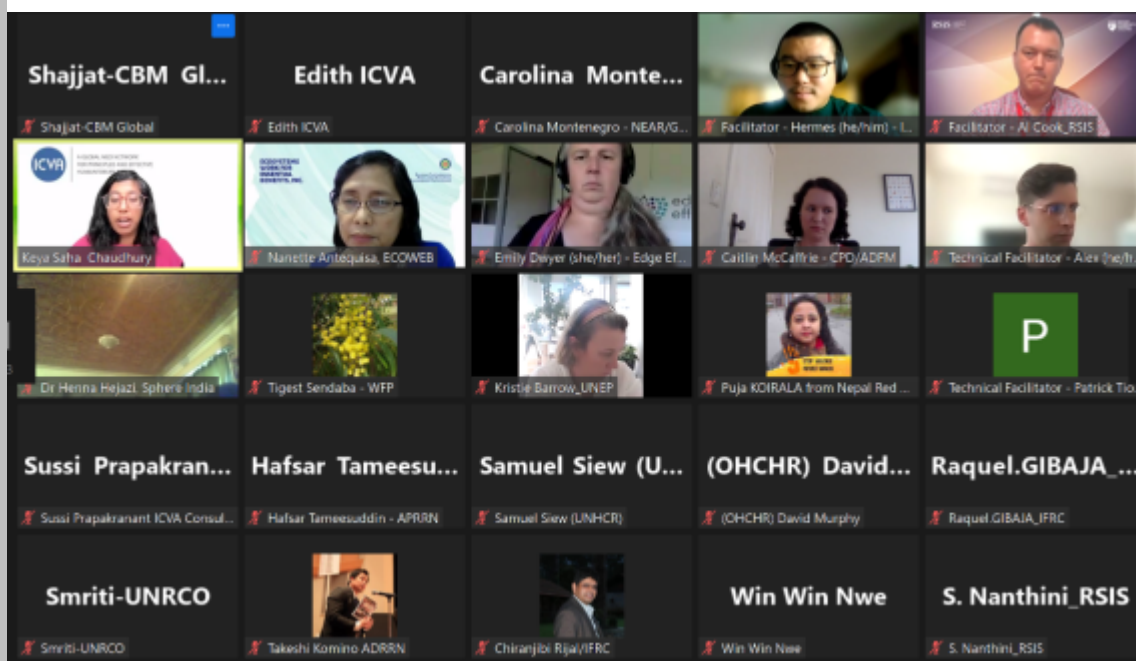
17. Proactively Engage in Agile Collaborative Partnerships

No updates

Region Specific

18. Asia and the Pacific

Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week



The [2022 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week](#) was held virtually on 31 January to 4 February. The 5-day event followed up on the recommendations made in the [2020 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week](#), which examined the future of humanitarianism in the Asia Pacific region. This year's event asked participants to share their experiences and thoughts on key humanitarian questions from inclusion, protection climate and humanitarian action and risk.

Updates

At the start of the year, the region has been challenged by several natural hazards. In Tonga, the government stated the need for immediate assistance as the country deals with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. The Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) is working closely with their networks across the 24 countries and territories in the Pacific including the Civil Society Forum of Tonga to understand needs and ensure that civil society organisations are prepared to help communities get through. The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), an ICVA member, is also maintaining a [page](#) identifying work of its members in the response, and some guidance for those seeking to provide donations.

The need for assistance to the Philippines continues to be dire as Super Typhoon Rai has left a swathe of destruction in 11 of the country's 17 provinces. This is furthermore compounded with increasing public health and safety concerns due to a surge in COVID-19 cases. A Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan (HNP) was released on 24 December and can be found [here](#). A revised HNP is scheduled for release on 1 February 2022 with an expected significant increase in humanitarian needs.

The Humanitarian response Plans (HRPs) for [Myanmar](#) and [Afghanistan](#) and the [RRP](#) for Afghanistan were recently launched. Combined, the total number of people targeted for humanitarian assistance is 34 million. In Myanmar, the HRP numbers have increased as the changes in the context have warranted a more of a national overview of needs compared to previous years.

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022

The [Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) will take place on 23 -28 May 2022 in Bali, Indonesia. It will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia and UNDRR. The event will gather governments, the UN system and other stakeholders to identify ways to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework. Check out more details and how to register.

- For more information about ICVA's work in Asia and Pacific, contact Keya Saha-Chaudhury, keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org.

19. Africa Region

The recruitment of an ICVA permanent representative for West and Central Africa, based in Dakar, Senegal, is ongoing. ICVA will keep the membership updated on the progress. The collaboration with the regional interagency platforms (Regional IASCs West and Central Africa and RHPT East and Horn of Africa) continues with specific follow ups on major country or regional level crises.

Engagements in the Region

Regarding the looming drought in East Africa, ICVA is actively promoting the views of the membership at regional and global opportunities including with Donors and other partners.

Advisory Panel for the Local Capacity Strengthening for Response project (LCS4R)

ICVA is a member of the Advisory Panel for the LCS4R being led by Project HOPE and funded by USAID/BHA. ICVA engaged program participants from across Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Niger, Mali and Haiti at a 5-day learning workshop hosted in Dakar, Senegal on 17 - 21 January 2022. The LCS4R project aims to strengthen the existing operational and organisational response capacity of participating local and national NGOs across West and Central Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. ICVA presented on the work we do in the region and globally as well as highlighted the role of collective action.

20. MENA Region

Advancing NEXUS in MENA: Breaking the Silos

ICVA is currently conducting research on NEXUS in MENA (Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus- HDP). The purpose of this research is to better understand the current stage of implementation of NEXUS approach in 8 countries throughout MENA (whole of Syria which includes Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria cross border response in Turkey), Iraq, OPT, Libya & Yemen) and how localization can be interconnected with NEXUS to create a holistic approach. ICVA aims to share the research findings and recommendations by April 2022.

Project: Strengthening in-country NGO Fora to promote enhanced NGO collective action at field level during the COVID-19 Response

During the period of May – December 2021, ICVA supported three NGO Foras in MENA (SNL, WECAN, and PNGO). The aim of this project was to support through resources and structured assistance in the key areas of humanitarian response, information sharing, capacity building, promotion of learning opportunities and advocacy; and guidance on governance and membership related issues in the context of COVID-19. It also aimed to promote the pivotal role of NGO fora in national and local humanitarian response as well as strengthen the resilience of the NGO Fora during the COVID-19 to remain committed to reinforcing the localization. The project completed and all reports have been submitted. A learning session was held on 3 February 2022 with all the Foras exchanging learnings.

The localization baselining in Yemen

ICVA with its partner Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) and in a close collaboration with local members in Yemen continue to meet with several members and partners in Yemen to collate inputs to develop the localization baselining. The purpose of the discussions is to facilitate communications between local and international NGO fora, OCHA, and ICVA partners. The meetings focus on collating necessary information about the needs and the viability of developing the localization baselining in Yemen. ICVA Regional Teams hosted interactive and participatory workshops at the country level to define what success looks like, and what are the main objectives and indicators to be measured to monitor progress and success. The second workshop was conducted in collaboration with 15 local CSO members and HAG team to contextualize the Localization Measurement Framework. The second workshop was moderated by a local researcher/consultant in Yemen. The main objectives were to discuss the current situation of the local actors after 7 years of conflict and to reach an agreement on what success looks like linked to the key localization areas.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA MENA Mailing List, please connect with eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org or stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org

21. Latin America Region

Meeting between Venezuelan and Colombian Forums

The meeting between the Venezuelan and Colombian Forums was a great way to generate reflections that will serve as advocacy strategies leading to better humanitarian response in both countries. Participants included humanitarian donors, as well as the working sessions with OCHA representatives (NY, ROLAC, Venezuela, Colombia) and the Resident Coordinators of both countries. Some of the issues highlighted include:

- The need to favour a regional vision in the face of worsening crises and the lack of receptiveness to humanitarian principles on the part of governments.
- Access barriers that are widespread in the region.
- The need to keep migration on the radar, including extra-continental migration, as well as the harassment and expulsion of NGOs in Venezuela and other Latin American countries (Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia and Ecuador).
- The need to strengthen coordination and dialogue between humanitarian structures (in particular the CoreGroup meeting Colombia -Venezuela).

IECAH in collaboration with WeWorld published a paper regarding the Venezuelan crisis and the triple nexus approach. Read more about their [findings](#).

OCHA invites members of the REDLAC group to attend the online course of the CALP Network: PTM-Fundamental skills for program personnel, which aims to develop the skills of humanitarian professionals for the design of cash transfer programs of quality.

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Learning Opportunities

22. Looking to refine your humanitarian skills?

Looking to refine your humanitarian skills? The Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies has just published its course calendar for the coming year. There are short online courses in specialist areas such as protection and negotiation, or longer online and residential courses in project management and humanitarian action. [See the new dates and more information.](#)

23. IMPACCT has launched an "Introductory Importation and Customs Clearance" [e-course](#).

It targets individuals in UN agencies, NGOs, governmental agencies, and private sector who are involved in the importation of humanitarian goods in the countries where their organization operates.

New and noteworthy

24. Geneva Call launched its new version of [COVID-19 Armed Non-State Actors' Response Monitor](#) that is more interactive and offers users analytical data through a dashboard where a variety of data-disaggregating sections are displayed. Read the [press release](#) about the launch.

25. The Uganda Cash Working Group with support from U-Learn, developed a [financial literacy training learning brief](#) aimed at strengthening financial inclusion in the Uganda refugee response. The brief shares insights and lessons on current financial literacy training practices in Uganda.

Agenda

February 16: Briefing on GCM: Report of the UN SG

February 24: The Road from COP26 to the IMRF: Protecting People Displaced Across Borders in the Context of Disasters, the Adverse Effects of Climate Change, and Environmental Degradation

March 08-10: UNHCR 83rd Standing Committee

March 21-23: [European Humanitarian Forum](#)

May 2-20: [8th Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week](#) (HNPW 2022)

May 17-20: International Migration Review Forum

May 18: ICVA@60 commemoration

May 23 -28: Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022, Indonesia

June 7-10: UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs

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