

# 2021 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week

## *Building a more Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem (Virtual)*

JANUARY 31~FEBRUARY 4, 2022

**Hosted by: ADRRN, ICVA and OCHA**  
**Concept Note**

### **A. Background**

At the 2020 Humanitarian Partnership Events we asked the question: “what will the future of humanitarianism look like in the Asia-Pacific region over the next decade?”

We documented what you said and this year we want to take the conversation further. Drawing on the report recommendations we heard the need to have a more inclusive humanitarian system that is able to better address the changes we are seeing in our region from climate change, cascading risks, complex emergencies and improved partnerships.

See below for the recordings and report of the outcomes.

Recordings:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkjmjbUT7uk\\_mzn6QbNob7f5A6-ee5\\_tf](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkjmjbUT7uk_mzn6QbNob7f5A6-ee5_tf) Outcome report: <https://www.icvanetwork.org/resource/common-humanitarianism/>

### **B. Format**

This year we are posing five big priority questions over 5 days. During this time, we want to hear from different stakeholders to discuss how we can tackle these issues collectively as well as individually.

There will be no expert panels or speakers it will be focused in drawing on the interventions and expertise of the ‘virtual room’.

These are questions many organisations and agencies are grappling with so we want to provide the space for big picture thinking on these issues based on the wealth of experience in the region.

Focus will be on voices from different sectors: civil society, UN, INGOs, government, donors, academics, private sector etc.

### **C. The Expected Outcomes**

1. Showcase diverse views, understanding and analysis from different stakeholders in the AP region based on their own contexts and expertise.
2. Catalyse plan for actions and commitments to advance the various priority areas and inform regional actions moving forward.
3. Exchange information on resources, events or initiatives that other stakeholders may be interested to join or support in 2022.

### **D. The Themes**

**1. An Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem-** What can we do to build a more inclusive humanitarian system in the Asia Pacific?

There are a wide range of people and organisations responding to crises of differing scales in the region including communities, local governments, CSOs, private sector, youth and LGBTIQ groups. However, not all may identify or feel included in the traditional humanitarian systems.

*What can we do individually or collectively to ensure the humanitarian system better reflects those who are responding to crises?*

**2. Linking Climate Change, Humanitarian Action, DRR and Resilience Work- How do we better link these areas of work?**

The humanitarian system is ‘a \$25bn industry trying to deal with a \$trillion problem’ As one of the most disaster prone regions in the world if we do not work more smartly and effectively to address climate change we we will not be able to meet the humanitarian needs ahead.

*What would mainstreaming climate action across the humanitarian-dev-peace- nexus look like in 10 years? What can we do to support a more coherent and holistic approach to climate change before during after response? Who needs to do what?*

**3. Humanitarian Financing-** Achieving direct, quality, flexible funding

Despite growing humanitarian needs in the region, international calls for funding are rarely being met.

With Grand Bargain 2.0 taking off, calls for more direct, quality, predictable and flexible funding still remain a challenge.

*What can we do to address the humanitarian financing needs in our region?*

**4. Protection in the Asia Pacific – Safeguarding Protection**

It is widely accepted that the centrality of protection should be at the core of the humanitarian response- yet it is becoming harder as humanitarian needs grow, restrictive government policies are issued, more groups become involved in crisis, humanitarian access, NGO space, staff safety, shrink?

*What can we do to ensure the protection needs of populations affected by crisis can be met in the Asia Pacific Region?*

**5. Understanding Risk**

A preparedness and response approach which looks at single hazards will not help address the needs in our region.

Last year we saw how socio-economic inequality, the pandemic compounded the impacts of

natural hazards and conflict in the region. We also saw communities interpret risk differently- having to weigh social distancing vs livelihoods and food insecurity.

*How can we understand risk in a way that helps us design our humanitarian programs more effectively?*

### E. How can you Participate?

- **Make a contribution-** Review the themes above and if you want to help define the discussion, please (1) send us an example or suggestion of how the issue is being addressed with 2-3 lines and the theme that you're interested in, (2) tell us the name of someone who can contribute than email the organisers at [asiaevent@icvanetwork.org](mailto:asiaevent@icvanetwork.org)
- **Forward the invitation** - if you know someone who could contribute to the discussion themes above please forward on the concept note and registration information.
- **Ask a question-** If you have a question, you want answered during this discussion then share with us in advance or ask on the day.
- **Make a video-** If you have a video on your topic of interest topic in English or with English subtitles, please feel free to share with us, and we will make it available to participants. - **Share a resource-** If you have developed a publication or resource in 2021 linked to this issue and the Asia Pacific region.
- **Showcase an event-** If you are working on a public event or piece of work that you would like input into, related to the topic let us know and we can make time for you to share.

### Registration and EOI for contributors:

- Register your interest in the <https://forms.gle/X99VEZQLESvo5yeYA> to stay updated. - Write to the organisers to let us know which theme/s you are interested in and how you would like to participate including a brief outline of your contribution or resource.

### Agenda:

Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Date	January 31 Monday	February 1 Tuesday	February 2 Wednesday	February 3 Thursday	February 4 Friday
Topic	An Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem	Linking Climate Change, Humanitarian Action, DRR and Resilience Work	Humanitarian Financing	Protection in the Asia Pacific	Understandi ng Risk
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