

INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN
CONFERENCE

2009



COLLABORATION IN A
CHANGING HUMANITARIAN
ENVIRONMENT FOR
EFFECTIVE RESPONSE

- Main Conference 13-14 November 2009 • Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur
- Call for Paper for Pre-Conference Workshop 12 November 2009

Organiser:  **mercy**
MALAYSIA

Co-Organiser:  **icva**



In an ever-changing environment, humanitarian agencies need to better understand how their roles, contributions, and relationships can add to their effectiveness in responding to crisis situations.

MERCY Malaysia, in collaboration with the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), are holding an International Conference with the theme: "Collaboration in a Changing Humanitarian Environment for Effective Response." The Conference aims to look at our relationships within, and beyond, the humanitarian community and how this collaboration can be improved in better responding to humanitarian crises; it will consider the changes in our operating environment, and the common values; and discuss the values and principles that motivate and drive our actions as humanitarian agencies. In a globalised world, improved collaboration demands building on the capacities of local organisations, which will also be a key theme of the Conference.

With more than 100 delegates from Europe, Middle East and Asia, the Conference will provide an international, multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas from key players in the humanitarian community around the world.

THE Organising Committee



MERCY Malaysia is an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Malaysia. Founded in 1999, MERCY Malaysia focuses on providing medical relief and sustainable health-related development programmes to vulnerable communities. A member of the Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network (ADRRN) and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), MERCY Malaysia has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) and is certified by the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) International.



The International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), founded in 1962, is a global network that brings together humanitarian and human rights NGOs as an advocacy alliance for humanitarian action. Focusing on humanitarian and refugee policy issues, ICVA draws upon the work of its members at the field level and brings their experiences to international decision-making forums. ICVA provides a means for the collective body of its members to work together to effect change, and also assists members to improve their own work through access to initiatives and tools that help to increase quality and accountability.



CONFERENCE Programme

DAY ONE: (13 November 2009) MAIN CONFERENCE

8:30 – 8:50	Registration and Networking
8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions
9:00 – 9:30	Keynote Address
9:30 – 10:15	Case Study – Myanmar (Hew Cheong Yew, Programme Officer, MERCY Malaysia)
10:15 – 10:45	Tea Break and Networking
10:45 – 11:30	Case Study – Sudan (Mark Simmons, Programme Officer)
11:30 – 12:15	Introductions by the Moderators
12:15 – 14:30	Lunch and Networking
14:30 – 17:00	Parallel Panel Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration (Moderator – Kerren Hedlund, former NGO Liaison Officer, Myanmar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North-South Collaboration – Paul O’ Brien (Chair of ICVA, Overseas Director of Concern Worldwide) - South-South Collaboration – Mamadou Ndiaye (OFADEC- Senegal) - Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crisis: Collaboration in Ensuring Better Delivery of Aid – Dr. Jemilah Mahmood (Chief of Humanitarian Response, UNFPA) • Change in the global environment (Moderator – UN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How should NGOs respond to the new security contexts – Raj Rana (formerly ICRC) - Funding – (Save the Children UK) - Role of Local NGOs in difficult environments – Millet Mendoza (Nagdilaab Foundation) • Common values and principles (Moderator –ICRC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteerism – Dr. Ahmad Faizal Perdaus (President of MERCY Malaysia) - The universality of humanitarian values and principles – Dr. Michael Barnett - Networking & Capacity Building – Ben Ramalingam (ALNAP)

DAY TWO: (14 November 2009) MAIN CONFERENCE

8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions
9:00 – 10:00	Panel Session
10:00 – 10:30	Tea Break and Networking
10:30 – 12:00	Conclusion by Moderators
12:00 – 12:30	Wrap Up and Lunch

Note: All programmes, speakers, topics and timings are subject to change and may differ from the above. Please refer to our website for more details at www.mercy.org.my



CALL FOR PAPERS FOR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

A pre-conference workshop will be held on 12 November 2009 with the theme of humanitarian standards and principles and accountability in practice. We invite all personnel from any ASEAN relief agencies, NGOs and volunteers to present in the Pre-Conference free paper presentations on **Thursday, 12 November 2009.**

Abstract of not more than 300 words on the presentation need to be submitted via email to conference@mercy.org.my by **1st November 2009.**

For further details and updates, please refer to our website at www.mercy.org.my

Pre-Conference Workshops (12 November 2009)

8:30 – 8:50	Registration and Networking
8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Speech
9:30 – 10:30	Implementing Humanitarian Principles Ethics Subscribing to World Standards
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break and Networking
11:00 – 12:00	Accountability in Practice Training of Staff and Volunteers
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch and Networking
14:00 – 16:00	Concurrent Free Paper Presentations
	• Volunteerism
	• Halfway Homes

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please [✓] where applicable

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ (Title, if any)

Name:

IC No./Passport No.: Email:

Tel: Fax: Mobile:

Organisation:

Mailing Address:

Country:

Conference Fee for 2 days per person:

- MYR 500 – Malaysians
 USD 350 – Non-Malaysians

Pre-Conference Workshop Fee for 1 day per person:

- MYR 50 – Students
 MYR 170 – Professionals

Total Amount Due _____

(All prices are inclusive of conference materials, certificate, 2 tea breaks & 1 lunch on each day)

Payment method:

Payment must be made to **MERCY Malaysia**, and received before the event, by one of the following methods:

CIMB BANK - Banktransfer/ Online Transfer/ Cheque

Account Name: MERCY MALAYSIA

Account No: 1424 - 000 - 6561053

ABA Swift Code: CIBBMYKL

Account Bank and Address: CIMB BANK

Lot 112, 1st Floor, Podium Block,

Citypoint, Kompleks Dayabumi,

Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin,

50050 Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

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Note:

- For bank draft, request for clearing at a local bank in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Attach a copy of registration form with the bank draft/cheque.
- For online transfer, request details to be online with the transfer form. This is to identify the sender/ transmitter on bank receipts.
- Fax a copy of this form to +603 2272 3812 or email the form to conference@mercy.org.my to register.
- For payment using credit card, please email your form to conference@mercy.org.my and state your request to pay via credit card in the email title.
- Send payment and form to the following address:
 MERCY Malaysia, Level 2, Podium Block, City Point, Kompleks Dayabumi, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, 50050 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the Delegates to ensure the Organisers received the payment in full without any deduction for bank charges.

Payment information

- All payments MUST be made and confirmed by 31 October 2009. Registration is not considered complete until payment is received.
- Participant will be issued a receipt upon confirmation of payment and presentation of the receipt during registration is a requirement.
- Fees are payable in the stated currencies only.

Cancellations and Substitutions

- Request for cancellation must be made in writing to conference@mercy.org.my
- Request for cancellation for less than 5 working days before the conference will not be refundable.
- Attendee substitutions may be made from the same organisation and must be submitted in writing to conference@mercy.org.my 5 days before the conference event.

Exclusion

The fee does not include accommodation, travel costs to and from the Conference venue and other unspecified taxes, if any. It excludes daily or hourly parking at the Conference venue.

Limited Liability

In the event of cancellation of conference our liability will be limited only to full repayment of fees paid.

I agree to be bound by "Collaboration in A Changing Humanitarian Environment for Effective Response" conference Terms and Conditions of Registration.

Signature

Date