

2023 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week December 11-13, Bangkok, Thailand

Venue: Holiday Inn, Sukhumvit Soi 22

Session Descriptions

The Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2023 will be held at Holiday Inn Sukhumvit soi 22 in Bangkok Thailand from December 11-13. This session description provides a topline brief of each session.

Day 1 (December 11, 2023)

<p>Session #: 1 Time: 9:00-11:15 Room: A, B, C</p> <p>Organizer: RHPW Organizers</p>	<p>Title: Opening - The Future of Humanitarianism This session will look back to the crises in the region, key recommendations and directions discussed in the year, and will encourage participants to reflect on what the future of the sector might look like, and whether that is the future they want, and why or why not this is likely to emerge. The idea is to jointly think about the "state of the world" and the contingencies that combine to make one path more likely than another in terms of the future of humanitarianism.</p>
<p>Session #: 2 Time: 11:45-12:45 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: Alliance for Empowering Partnership</p>	<p>Title: Empowering Front Line Workers and Equitable Partnerships for Localization: Democratization of Development and Decolonizing Aid The session will identify key actions to reduce the influence of aid colonization and promote the development of democratic societies at all levels. Sharing of five exemplary practices that organizations have adopted to empower front-line workers.</p>
<p>Session #: 3 Time: 11:45-12:45 Room: B</p> <p>Organizers: UNOSAT, Centre for Humanitarian Data (HDX), and OCHA ROAP</p>	<p>Title: Humanitarian data services and emergency mapping The session will share and discuss the emergency mapping services provided by UNOSAT, humanitarian data services by HDX, and an overview of global data tools by UNOCHA.</p>

<p>Session #: 4 Time: 11:45-12:45 Room: C Organizer: CARE</p>	<p>Title: Elevating Impact & Coordination across the Nexus: How Equal Partnerships Drive Quality The session will share and discuss lessons learnt and challenges in establishing equitable partnerships across the three contexts. It aims for increased awareness on the HPP and FLER project models highlighting the role of WLOs and WROs in delivering assistance and the need for a gender inclusive approach across the nexus efforts.</p>
<p>Session #: 5 Time: 14:00-15:00 Room: A Organizer: International Rescue Committee</p>	<p>Title: Enhancing Humanitarian Advocacy Through Strategic Partnerships with CSOs and RLOs The session aims to cultivate an environment of enhanced understanding and mutual respect between international NGOs and local entities, emphasizing the multifaceted roles and contributions of CSOs and RLOs in humanitarian action. It will aspire to pinpoint actionable approaches that ensure cohesive and culturally attuned humanitarian advocacy strategies.</p>
<p>Session #: 6 Time: 14:00-15:00 Room: B Organizer: ALNAP</p>	<p>Title: What is the Nexus anyway? The session aims to contribute to an improved understanding of the current state of the evidence and discourse on the nexus.</p>
<p>Session #: 7 Time: 14:00-15:00 Room: C Organizer: COAST Foundation, Coxs bazar CSO NGO Forum and NGO Platform Cox's Bazar (NGOP)</p>	<p>Title: Collaborative Session: Strengthening Regional Responses to the Rohingya situation The session will promote networking and voices for the Rohingya community and refugee rights for a sustainable solution and for accountability. It will highlight Rohingya history and repercussions among them, one year tentative action plan on mobilization on Rohingya rights worldwide, and realities of Rohingya refugees across the region and the critical gaps that need to be addressed through the triple nexus approach, reinforcing and addressing critical needs that require high-level advocacy and political commitments across governments and multilaterals, to promote region-wide commitment to bridge humanitarian responses with peacebuilding and development efforts.</p>
<p>Session #: 8 Time: 15:15-16:15 Room: A Organizer: ICVA</p>	<p>Title: Principled Humanitarian Action amidst shrinking NGO space As those responsible for the largest share of delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection, NGOs have much at stake when it comes to upholding international norms and values. The fundamental tenets of humanitarianism are facing challenges, and the space for NGOs and other civil society actors to deliver assistance and protection is steadily diminishing. What more can be done?</p>

	<p>This participatory session will be an opportunity to exchange recent experience, good practice and challenges for NGOs in upholding independent, needs-based, principled humanitarian action in highly-politicized environments. Discussions will help inform the planning for the 2024 ICVA Annual Conference, titled “Rethinking Coordination: Accountability, Credibility and Trust in Principled Humanitarian Action”</p>
<p>Session #: 9 Time: 15:15-16:15 Room: B Organizer: Trocaire</p>	<p>Title: Accountability in times of crisis The session will explore how humanitarian actors can ensure accountability to affected population, how to strengthen safeguarding system to prevent beneficiaries and staff, how do we ensure safe programming, and how to clarify differences between Safe Programming and protection mainstreaming. It will also find ways to bring affected people’s voices to our accountability system (FCHM).</p>
<p>Session #: 10 Time: 16:30-17:30 Room: A Organizer: Humanitarian Advisory Group and ALNAP</p>	<p>Title: Reimagining the Measurement of Humanitarian Performance: A Closer Look at Positionality and Community Access to Evaluation Findings The session will explore questions such as: How does the humanitarian system access its performance? Does the system adequately capture the perspectives of affected communities and responses delivered by local actors and communities? It will bring together M&E practitioners, academics, and researchers to discuss best practices, challenges and way forward for evaluation commissioners and evaluators to more effectively center affected communities and local actors in M&E activities.</p>
<p>Session #: 11 Time: 16:30-17:30 Room: B Organizer: People in Need</p>	<p>Title: Localized Participatory approaches for Emergency and Nexus in PIN- NPL and MMR The session aims at getting group collective knowledge, sharing of ideas (that are guided by the MMR and NPL case studies) including lessons and access constraints where applicable to get into deeper conversation about the issues and possible exploration of alternative ways of working to enhance a localized approach. A certain case study/ or scenario (from what was presented from MMR and NPL) will be placed among the group to be discussed.</p>
<p>Session #: 12 Time: 16:30-17:30 Room: C Organizer: ACFID,</p>	<p>Title: Translating global standards into local realities – building effective and accountable civil society The session will be facilitated by three members of the Global Standard Partnership and will focus on sharing practical lessons from the application of the Global Standard in the Asia-Pacific region, through a</p>

CCC, PIANGO	series of case studies, highlighting some of the challenges and opportunities facing civil society organizations as local humanitarian actors.
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Day 2 (December 12, 2023)

<p>Session #: 13 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: Humanitarian Advisory Group</p>	<p>Title: Respectful Recruitment in Humanitarian Response: Why it's Important and How We Get there</p> <p>The session aims to open up a wider and more engaged conversation about respectful recruitment, illuminated through different perspectives and contexts, to explore how a combination of collective and context-specific solutions might allow the sector to make headway. It invites participants to walk through a series of research-based but hypothetical scenarios, using them to scrutinize the factors, incentives, processes, and systems that shape decision-making and may contribute to or minimize impacts.</p>
<p>Session #: 14 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: Jago Nari Unnayan Sangstha</p>	<p>Title: Addressing Threats towards Female Staff and Volunteers in Humanitarian Response through Strengthening Accountability</p> <p>The session will focus on the trends and dynamics of the growing threats towards female staff and volunteers in the refugee camps and host areas in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. It will aim to discuss and identify the gaps in the existing protection mechanisms that provide safety and security to female staff and volunteers playing a major role in the humanitarian response, to contribute to an environment where their concerns and problems are effectively addressed, leading to a more inclusive and supportive working environment for all.</p>
<p>Session #: 15 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: C</p>	<p>Title: Climate actions for Humanitarian outcomes</p> <p>The session will focus on the interconnection between climate change and humanitarian outcomes, leading to informed decision-making and advocacy. It will showcase best practices and</p>

<p>Organizer: Pakistan Humanitarian Forum</p>	<p>success stories where local actors have successfully led climate adaptation and humanitarian response efforts, to inspire all to take an active role in climate action and humanitarian response.</p>
<p>Session #: 16 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: A Organizer: MapAction</p>	<p>Title: Using geography to improve the impact of your programmes and projects The session will explore how geography and spatial analysis can help you with planning your programmes and projects so they have a greater impact, outreach and visibility. The workshop style session will showcase different examples and provide guidance on how these tools can be utilized, as well as hearing from you about how you've used spatial information - the challenges and successes.</p>
<p>Session #: 17 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: B Organizer: SHEEP Indonesia Foundation</p>	<p>Title: Localization dimensions, reflection and expected changes The session will share practices, gaps and finding learning points from implementing localization strategies. It aims to ensure that there is reflection with the participants and mutual understanding coming from the process.</p>
<p>Session #: 18 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: C Organizer: Sylvie Robert, Huma Consult</p>	<p>Title: Innovative cost-effective solutions to enhance quality, accountability and safeguarding (including PSEAH) through the Nexus The session will demonstrate the platform called Huma Consult to support humanitarian and development actors to enhance quality, accountability and safeguarding (including PSEAH). The expertise on these subject matters is global, inter-agency and cross-cutting policies and programmes. Support is provided on demand in a flexible lasting way through contextualized coaching. Value for money is central to this presentation.</p>
<p>Session #: 19 Time: 11:30-12:30 Room: A Organizer: Humanitarian Advisory Group</p>	<p>Title: Bridging Pathways in Practice Between Localisation and Locally-Led Climate Adaptation The session will bring forward resources to identify the pathways to bridge localisation and locally-led climate adaptation that audiences can take with them to inform their programming. This includes an understanding of opportunities and challenges of integrating these two approaches, as well as behavioral insights to help shift practice.</p>
<p>Session #: 20 Time: 11:30-12:30 Room: B</p>	<p>Title: Gender RGA A stock-taking: Why RGAs are “lifesaving” tools for responding to Women and Girls’ Needs? The session aims to shed light on the CARE and UNW joint Rapid</p>

<p>Organizer: CARE and UN Women</p>	<p>Gender Assessment initiative where 20 Women Led Organizations were able to learn of the added-value of using the RGA tool that supports sector-wide efforts to ensure all responses are gender transformative and women and girls needs and views are well reflected at program levels.</p>
<p>Session #: 21 Time: 11:30-12:30 Room: C Organizer: Charter4Change</p>	<p>Title: Translating localisation into inter-agency action at country level - Centring the role of local actor networks The session will share examples from country-level inter-agency processes to promote localisation that have involved leadership by national/local NGO led networks and platforms. At last year’s RPHW, the Charter4Change session identified a number of shared priorities for action on localisation across Asia Pacific. In this year’s session, we will share examples of how inter-agency processes (eg National Reference Groups, UN/NGO localisation technical working-groups, Charter4Change country-level networks and other efforts) have made progress on these issues, and identify priorities for follow-up action to realise the potential of national/local actors leading efforts on policy dialogue and coordination to promote local leadership of crisis response.</p>
<p>Session #: 22 Time: 13:30-14:30 Room: A Organizer: Humanitarian Advisory Group</p>	<p>Title: Anticipatory Cash Assistance, gender and inclusion: Learning from the 2022 Pakistan Floods The session seeks to highlight emerging learning on anticipatory cash assistance in the 2022 Pakistan flood response (including to women), to inform their next preparedness and response plans. The panel discussion will explore to what extent did women benefit from anticipatory action, including anticipatory cash, what barriers existed to providing anticipatory cash to women, and what lessons can be drawn.</p>
<p>Session #: 23 Time: 13:30-14:30 Room: B Organizer: ICVA</p>	<p>Title: Climate and Disaster Displacement in the Asia-Pacific Region This session aims to explore how to address human mobilities related to the displacement due to climate change and disasters in the region in a holistic manner, and to identify the challenges and opportunities for enhancing the protection and solutions for the displaced and at-risk populations. The session will also highlight the good practices and recommendations from different stakeholders, such as UN, NGOs, and research institutes.</p>
<p>Session #: 24 Time: 13:30-14:30</p>	<p>Title: Role of Pooled Fund and Intermediaries in Localization and Decolonization of Aid</p>

<p>Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: COAST Foundation, HAI and CWSA</p>	<p>The session will discuss the role of pooled fund and intermediaries in aid recipient countries, and to identify its critical aspects and proposed actionable recommendations to support localization and decolonization aid.</p>
<p>Session #: 25 Time: 14:45-15:45 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: IDEA/READY Pakistan/NHN Pakistan</p>	<p>Title: Ready Pakistan as pool fund mechanism for anticipatory action ensuring Localisation</p> <p>The session will highlight READY (Resilience ensuring Early Action to Disaster around the Year) Pakistan which is a locally led pool fund mechanism for anticipatory action including preparedness and resilience building. It will explain how it has translated localisation in action with a very democratic, practicable locally led model and pool funding mechanism for and by civil society whereby 75% of the funding is going to the local actors.</p>
<p>Session #: 26 Time: 14:45-15:45 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: Plan International on behalf of the AADMER Partnership Group</p>	<p>Title: Unpacking the progress, the localisation agenda in SEA region; are we on track or stuck in its journey?</p> <p>The session will facilitate learning and exchange towards the progress of the localisation agenda in the Southeast Asia region from the perspective of government, international, national and local actors in the humanitarian sector. In addition, it will collect and gather tangible recommendations that can apply to different stakeholders in strengthening the work and achievement around localisation agenda.</p>
<p>Session #: 27 Time: 14:45-15:45 Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: Network for Empowered Aid Response</p>	<p>Title: Exploring the Future of Humanitarian Financing: Diversification, Communication, and Collaboration</p> <p>The session aims to generate insights, share best practices, and propose actionable recommendations to address the pressing issues related to humanitarian financing. By fostering dialogue among experts and stakeholders, this session strives to contribute to the development of innovative solutions that will strengthen the humanitarian sector's ability to respond effectively to crises.</p>
<p>Session #: 28 Time: 16:15-17:15 Room: A, B, C</p> <p>Organizer: ICVA</p>	<p>Title: Tackling the crisis in humanitarian financing</p> <p>The session will bring together donors, philanthropists, and private sector to explore how they are tackling the escalating humanitarian needs, reduction of humanitarian funds and supporting local actors.</p>

Day 3 (December 13, 2023)

<p>Session #: 29 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: AirLink</p>	<p>Title: Disaster Logistics Workshop: How Regional and Local Partnerships Empower More Effective Relief</p> <p>The session will review high-risk countries in the region and the nature of potential emergencies and then consider the specific operations from the public, nonprofit, and private sectors active in response. This exercise draws on each participant’s level of expertise in order to foster a coordinated and collaborative approach. The session will ensure that local organizations are given a platform to discuss their logistical experience and needs so international organizations can better support their work.</p>
<p>Session #: 30 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: NGO Platform Cox's Bazar (NGOP)</p>	<p>Title: Climate Change in Bangladesh: Locally-Led Actions to Build Resilience</p> <p>As one of the top 10 countries in the world that is severely impacted by climate change, Bangladesh has demonstrated its pioneering and expertise in the prevention, reduction and response in disasters. The panel aims to bring 3 practitioners (Shushilan, Oxfam and IFRC) on the ground to share knowledge and good practices to scale up locally-led solutions, putting the affected people/communities at the center, to raise the awareness at regional and global levels through the lens of climate change in Bangladesh.</p>
<p>Session #: 31 Time: 9:00-10:00 Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: CARE International & UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p>Title: Catalyzing Climate Resilience and Humanitarian Action through Women Local Leaders</p> <p>The session will shed light on the invaluable contributions of local women leaders in shaping climate action for better humanitarian outcomes and community-based approaches to climate resilience that builds their livelihoods. It will highlight the unique perspectives, challenges, and successes of women leaders, women-led organizations and communities themselves in merging sustainable environmental practices to build community resilience.</p>
<p>Session #: 32 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: ADRRN Innovation Hub</p>	<p>Title: Showcasing best practices on promoting local adaptation by leveraging local, traditional and indigenous knowledge</p> <p>The session will uncover how local innovators and communities have come to combine the existing assets and new technology using case stories, and discuss how better we could support the innovators in articulating and leveraging local, indigenous and traditional knowledge (LITK), and communicating with local and national governments in future. It will highlight Community-Led</p>

	Innovation Partnership (CLIP)'s initiatives in Indonesia and the Philippines in particular.
<p>Session #: 33 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal</p>	<p>Title: Building Resilience Through Humanitarian Response The session will share the experiences and learnings of NSET's Humanitarian response of shelter construction during emergency after fire damage on houses at Rautahat district, Nepal. The response adopted multiple approaches for enhancing beneficiaries' participation in response, increased ownership, increased financial transparency, and increased trust of affected people in civil society organizations.</p>
<p>Session #: 34 Time: 10:15-11:15 Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: PREDIKT</p>	<p>Title: Enabling children as agents of change through inclusive edugames on climate change and disaster resilience This session aims to share the latest innovative research that is being undertaken in promoting children and young people to learn about climate change through gamification approach (edugames) using digital and non-digital media that are designed to be sustainable, affordable, and easily scaled up. It will also discuss and explore further expansion on the research to involve more areas in the Asia Pacific region .</p>
<p>Session #: 35 Time: 11:30-12:30 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: ADRRN Localization Hub</p>	<p>Title: The Humanitarian Encyclopedia Project: Adding a Local Perspective The session aims to familiarize RHPW delegates with the Humanitarian Encyclopedia, a collaborative online platform to co-produce humanitarian concepts and apply knowledge that guides an effective humanitarian response, and to brief them on the results of a pilot exercise run by ADRRN's Localization Hub exploring its potential for creating a common understanding of key humanitarian concepts, with the intention of increasing support for a co-owned Humanitarian Encyclopedia Asia Region chapter.</p>
<p>Session #: 36 Time: 11:30-12:30 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: OXFAM Pakistan</p>	<p>Title: Decolonizing Humanitarian Action through Partner-led Response - Practice sharing Session The session will cover the philosophy behind starting the Partner-led approach, the issues challenges raised during implementation, transformation & evolution of the approach, perspectives of implementing Partners, and presenting some take-aways for the Humanitarian actors, from 2022 Pakistan floods. It will focus on a strong partnership-centric approach to humanitarian response, recovery and influencing in practice.</p>
<p>Session #: 37 Time: 11:30-12:30</p>	<p>Title: From Voices to Action: Girls, Youth, and Gender Inclusion in Climate Solutions</p>

<p>Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: World Vision International and Plan International</p>	<p>The session aims to show the importance of putting children, especially girls, and youth at the center of climate action. The research on the impact of the inclusion of viable climate change resilience intervention by World Vision and Husco will show the perception of children, girls, youth and women in Vietnam. The research from Plan International and SEI will give recommendations on how to strengthen the girls and young women’s advocacy and activism effort on climate justice, while we also share some of the contributions from girls and youth in climate action.</p>
<p>Session #: 38 Time: 13:30-14:30 Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: words. rhythms. images</p>	<p>Title: Digital Storytellers for Social Change: crash course This will be a capsule capacity-building session on using mobile phones to capture stories with the intention of inspiring change. There are several ways in which humanitarian actors can use digital storytelling to raise awareness, advocate for better systems and policies, and inspire collective action. This session will focus on some of these techniques.</p>
<p>Session #: 39 Time: 13:30-14:30 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: Human Initiative</p>	<p>Title: Implementing accountability commitments during the emergency response and recovery in practice and in theory: the case of Cianjur earthquake This session will present good practices of CSO response in Cianjur disaster in Indonesia. Applying the nine commitments in the CHS, these become the principles of action that are carried out and aligned with humanitarian principles such as Humanity, Impartiality, neutrality and independence in order to become a guide to ensure every actor and institution becomes accountable. In the midst of various implementation models and practices, during the response some CSOs encountered findings and challenges.</p>
<p>Session #: 40 Time: 13:30-14:30 Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: Northumbria University</p>	<p>Title: Local and scientific knowledges for multi-hazard risk reduction: Understandings and applications The session will draw upon more than 10 years of research experience on earthquake- and monsoon-related hazards in Nepal with the aim of making progress on this seemingly intractable issue. It will explore the dynamic nature of hazardous landscapes, how people’s lives intersect with and respond to the landscape, and how different knowledges come together to co-produce new ways of understanding and reducing risk.</p>
<p>Session #: 41 Time: 14:45-15:45</p>	<p>Title: A dangerous information gap: Improving communication with at-risk and disaster-affected communities in the</p>

<p>Room: A</p> <p>Organizer: CLEAR Global/Pattan</p>	<p>languages they use</p> <p>The session will highlight the findings from CLEAR Global and Pattan’s research on reach and effectiveness of flood-affected communication in Pakistan last year, as well as interactive maps visualizing language and communication data, flood risk levels, and cell-tower infrastructure to assist responders in their communication planning in future disasters. It will highlight the centrality of language inclusion efforts for effective humanitarian action.</p>
<p>Session #: 42 Time: 14:35-15:45 Room: B</p> <p>Organizer: Indonesian Development and Humanitarian Alliance</p>	<p>Title: Holding Our Leaders to Account: Building the case for Localisation in the ASEAN Leaders Declaration on Sustainable Resilience</p> <p>The session will highlight the significance of the ASEAN Leaders Declaration on Sustainable Resilience in the context of the ongoing debate concerning localisation; and relate this to leveraging the political commitment to accelerate the concrete application of localisation in the ASEAN subregion. It aims for a broader multi-stakeholder dialogue to deliberate the implication of such a declaration amongst actors in the humanitarian sector and development sector.</p>
<p>Session #: 43 Time: 14:35-15:45 Room: C</p> <p>Organizer: International Rescue Committee</p>	<p>Title: Modified Outcomes Harvesting for Protection Mainstreaming: Opportunities for Accountability and Evidence-based Actions on Protection</p> <p>The session aims to discuss the prioritized methodology and share lessons from piloting with communities. In particular, it will share the process of developing the Modified Outcomes Harvesting for Protection Mainstreaming as a way to complement PM KOI in assessing protection outcomes at the local level, and to share the results and learning from the piloting of the PM MOH in Mindanao, the Philippines and in Deep South, Thailand.</p>
<p>Session #: 44 Time: 16:00-17:00 Room: A, B, C</p> <p>Organizer: RHPW organizers</p>	<p>Title: Closing</p> <p>Closing session will wrap up 2023 RHPW with re-capturing of key takeaways with a slideshow from various sessions held during the 3 days.</p>