The Humanitarian Encyclopedia Project: Adding a Local Perspective

11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Room A
The Humanitarian Encyclopedia

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What is the Humanitarian Encyclopedia?
Welcome to the Humanitarian Encyclopedia

A collaborative online platform to co-produce concepts and apply knowledge that guides an effective humanitarian response

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Identifying and updating concepts: Step 1

Analyse trends in the use of terms by humanitarian practitioners in texts and natural language.

e.g. localisation

As use of the term grows, it is increasingly important to develop a shared understanding of it.
Identifying and updating concepts: Step 2

Work collaboratively on concepts

- Explore how central concepts of humanitarian practice are defined and used across the sector.
- Interpret linguistic data and author Concept Entries.
- Review and revise concept analysis to enhance quality and update knowledge.

Discuss and debate

- Connect with humanitarian practitioners and researchers via the online Forum.
- Launch a topic, join a thread, take a poll, or host a webinar.
- Integrate the Forum in teaching, learning and exchange.
The Humanitarian Encyclopedia moving forward to a community and consortium
Achievements and direction

2017
• Humanitarian Encyclopedia *project* launched
• Research to map humanitarian sector
• What are the central concepts? How are they defined?

2021
• Humanitarian Encyclopedia *platform* launched
• Online space and community to exchange knowledge
• How to foster a *shared* understanding of concepts?

2023
• Humanitarian Encyclopedia *consortium* TBD
• Handover tool to practitioner-led model
• How to sustain a shared understanding and knowledge exchange?
Towards a consortium model 2023-2025

Establish consortium
- New governance model
- Community to animate forum
- Leaders to administrate platform

Grow local networks
- Online, regional, local communities
- Products adapted to local needs
- New perspectives and knowledge

Sustain knowledge
- Users increased
- Learning outcomes improved
- Steady stream of knowledge
- Sustainable finance model

Pilot project with ADRRN in Asia region
Vision: Humanitarian Encyclopedia as a community

- Local humanitarian practitioners
- International humanitarian practitioners
- Humanitarian researchers (local and international)
- Newcomers (e.g. private, journalists, development)
- Affected populations

Learner  Contributors  Leaders
Community-updated knowledge: a real-time example

**Bayanihan:** Filipino concept for helping with no strings attached as a community.

**Gotong Royong:** Indonesian concept for mutual work for community.
Consortium to engage the community and update the knowledge

- **Bayanihan**
- **Gotong Royong**
- **Solidarity**

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**Single V shared V contested**
Thank you

We look forward to your idea and the discussions ahead!

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Humanitarian Encyclopedia: Relative frequency of “Localisation” in the document collection.
ADRRN AND THE HUMANITARIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA
Analysis of the results of the pilot project

Humanitarian Encyclopedia: Concepts related to “Inclusion”
In the document collection
Mentimeter Poll Questions:

- *Would you be supportive of establishing an online forum for humanitarian professionals to co-create a common understanding of humanitarian concepts?*
  
  Yes: 100% (14/14)

- *Would you be supportive of introducing a co-ownership arrangement with regional humanitarian associations for the Humanitarian Encyclopedia?*
  
  Yes: 82% (9/11)
  Maybe: 18% (2/11)

Survey Questions

Ten Statements on Localisation, Impact and Inclusion

Google Form: https://forms.gle/unF6EiHvLFe3RyRK8
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