



# 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

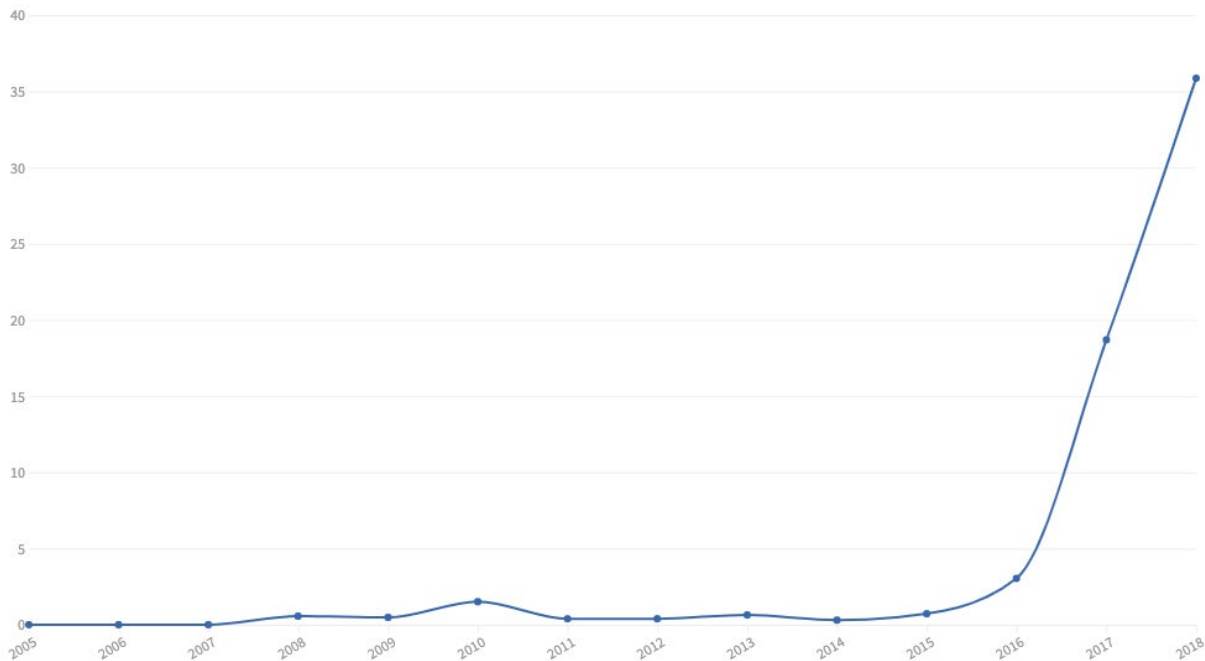
Analyse trends in the use of terms by humanitarian practitioners in texts and natural language.

e.g. localisation →

As use of the term grows, it is increasingly important to develop a shared understanding of it.

## Frequency per Year

Number of occurrences of LOCALISATION for 1.000.000 words, per year of publication

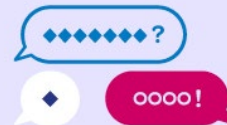


# Identifying and updating concepts: Step 2



## 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?

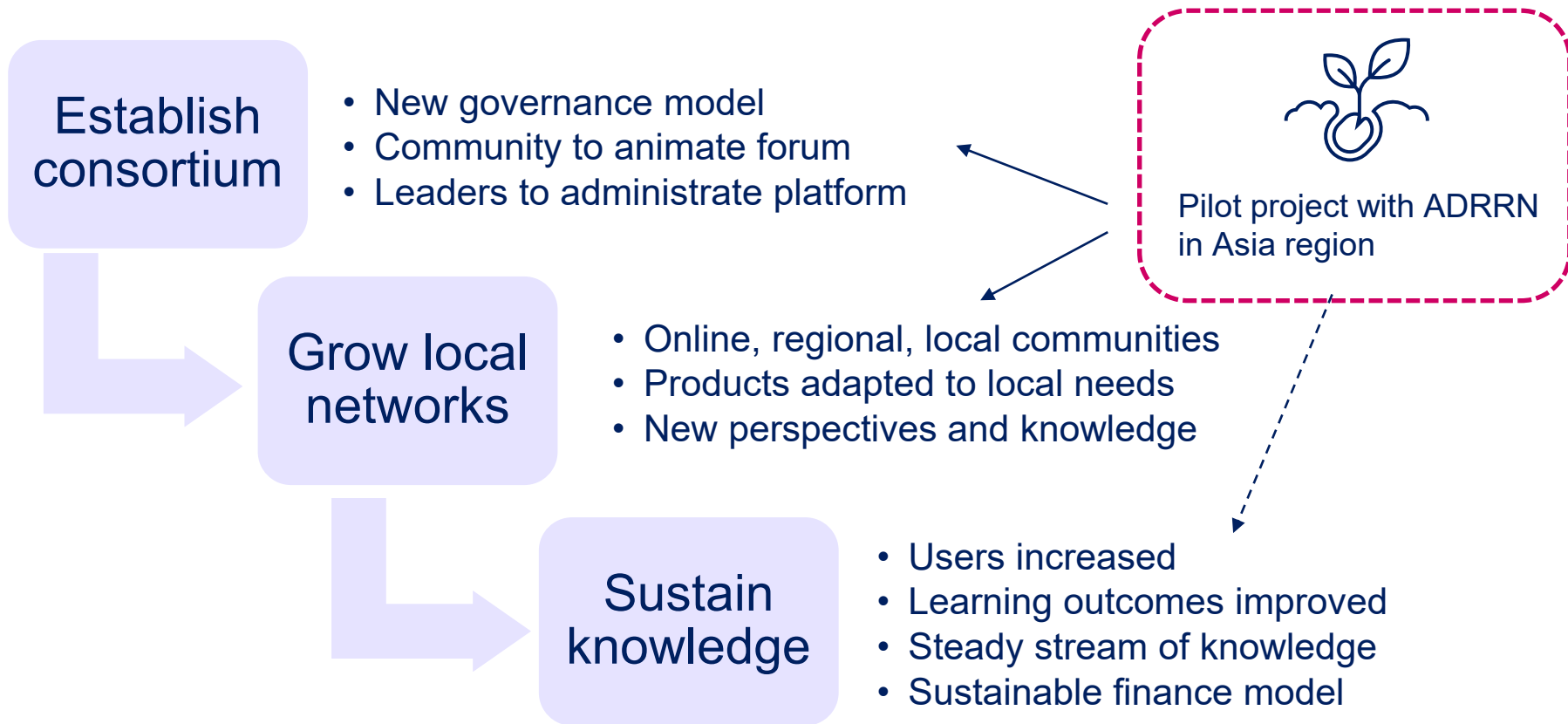
2021

- 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





# Vision: Humanitarian Encyclopedia as a community



Learner

Contributors

Leaders

Local humanitarian  
practitioners

International humanitarian  
practitioners

Humanitarian researchers  
(local and international)

Newcomers  
(e.g. private, journalists, development)

Affected populations

# Community-updated knowledge: a real-time example

## All Concepts



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



**Gotong Royong:** Indonesian concept for mutual work for community.

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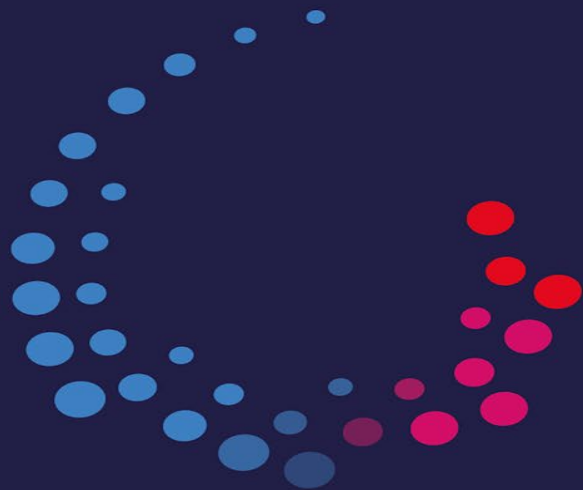
# Consortium to engage the community and update the knowledge



# Thank you

We look forward to your idea and the  
discussions ahead!

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