The Humanitarian Encyclopedia

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What is the Humanitarian Encyclopedia?
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
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 common V contested
Thank you

We look forward to your idea and the discussions ahead!

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