



Dear members and partners,

Over the past few months, many of us in the humanitarian sector have faced tough decisions and have had to adapt quickly to a rapidly evolving landscape. Our new webpage "[The IASC Humanitarian Reset Examined: A Strategic Guide for NGOs](#)", explores how these changes are reshaping the humanitarian system, particularly in the face of deep funding cuts and growing operational pressures.



At ICVA, in response to the significant financial shifts across the sector, we have made the difficult - but necessary - decision to adjust staffing in both Geneva and the regions. While these changes are challenging, our commitment to engaging members as close to operational realities as possible remains unwavering **while staying true to our core purpose: advancing principled and effective humanitarian action**.

As part of these changes, ICVA is moving to a **single focal point model** in each region, while maintaining our commitment to regional presence and member engagement. This means we are sadly parting ways with our Deputy Regional Representatives. We are grateful for their dedication and the meaningful relationships they've built with members and partners over the years.

Strengthening partnerships: A new hosting agreement



As part of our regional engagement strategy, ICVA has signed a signed a [new Global Hosting Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to host our Regional Engagement Coordinators. This marks an exciting step forward in reinforcing our long-standing regional approach, which for over a decade has aimed to support principled and effective humanitarian action through stronger regional connections.

LWF will host our ICVA Regional Engagement Coordinators in Amman, Addis Ababa and Bogota by the end of the year, with additional pending locations in West Africa, East Africa and Asia/Pacific within the same timeframe.

Evolving our regional presence

ICVA will continue to maintain its presence in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). We are currently reviewing the specific locations based on the presence of local or regional NGO networks, members and member initiatives to maximise our added value and impact and avoid duplication. We recognise there will be a period of adjustment, and we sincerely thank our members and partners in advance for their patience as we evolve our regional presence to enhance member engagement.

ICVA's regional teams have played a key role in linking global and local priorities, ensuring that members contribute to global discussions while also supporting country-level collaboration through forums, working groups, and opportunities for dialogue with humanitarian leadership at national, regional, and global levels.

Our regional presence remains vital for facilitating close collaboration with members, NGO networks, and humanitarian partners, ensuring ICVA continues to serve as a network with both representative power and legitimacy.

Our Regional Engagement Coordinators, will streamline our focus and engagement in the regions, allowing us to prioritise and respond to strategic member needs.

Looking ahead: Regional strategies for 2026 and beyond

Looking ahead, and in alignment with our strategic focus areas - Forced Displacement, Humanitarian Coordination, and Humanitarian Financing - ICVA will begin developing new region-specific strategies beginning in 2026.

These Strategies will also mainstream critical cross-cutting issues such as climate change and diversity which appear in ICVA's 2030 Strategy as transformations, highlighting the importance of integrated approach in complex times. The region-specific strategies will explore how best to support members and partners in elevating national and regional perspectives within global humanitarian policy and practice.

This renewed approach is part of our broader effort to strengthen ICVA's role as a global NGO network working collectively and independently to influence humanitarian action in support of affected populations.

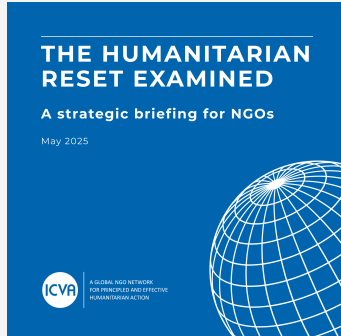
We want to hear from you

To ensure this approach is responsive to member needs, we will be inviting feedback from members and will be circulating a survey in the coming days.

We thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to working with you to strengthen our shared impact.

Ms Reshma Adatia,
Director of Network Engagement at ICVA

Latest Updates



The Humanitarian Reset: A strategic guide for NGOs

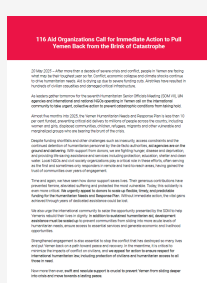
Developed by ICVA, this webpage aims to support NGOs in understanding and engaging with the ongoing IASC Humanitarian Reset, a reform initiative intended to help reshape the humanitarian system. [Access it here >](#)



UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs in Europe 2025

ICVA is pleased to partner with UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe for the 2025 UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs in Europe, taking place 23–24 September 2025 at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva.

[Register here](#)



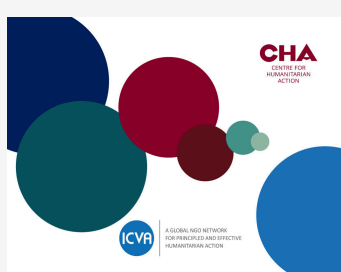
116 Aid organizations call for immediate action to pull Yemen back from the brink of catastrophe

With humanitarian needs surging and the 2025 response plan less than 10% funded, millions risk being cut off from lifesaving aid. [Read it here >](#)



NGO Statement on NGO Registration requirements

Over fifty organisations – including many ICVA Members – have signed a joint statement sounding the alarm on newly proposed international NGO registration requirements in Israel. [Read it here >](#)



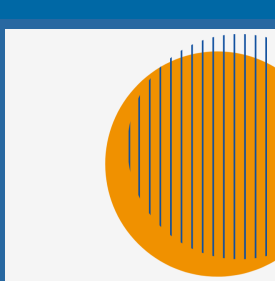
Humanitarian Takeaways

This edition examines **aid workers' wellbeing**. It explores how **organisational culture** can influence both burnout and wellbeing: from fostering healthier structures to understanding the **crucial role of leadership** in this area. This isn't just about surviving – it is about building a culture where humanitarian workers feel supported and valued. [Access it here >](#)

Our Latest Blogs and Videos

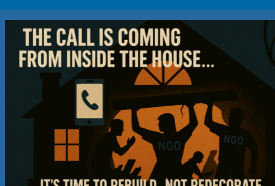
Introducing our new blog section!

If you are an ICVA member and would like to submit a blog or video to us, [please get in touch!](#)



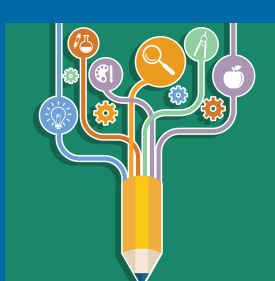
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by Albert Phillip-Burger. [Read it here >](#)



The call is coming from within the house...

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Refugee self-reliance through economic inclusion and social protection

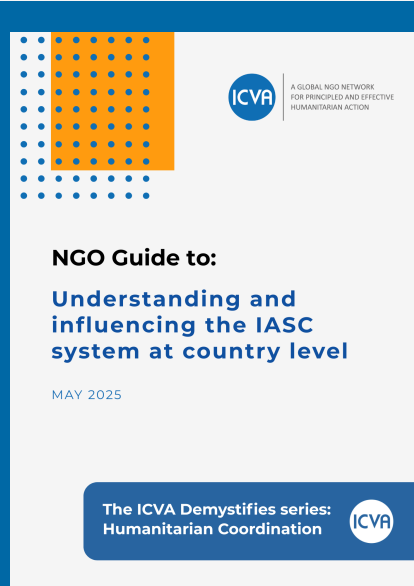
by Kellie Leeson, Kari Diener, Simar Singh. [Read it here >](#)



Funding cuts are threatening lives in Yemen

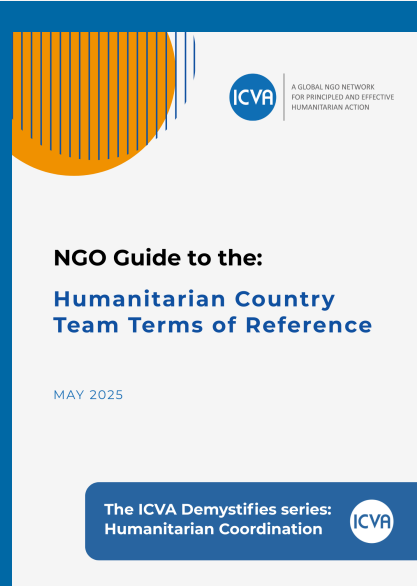
"People are facing a higher risk. They are not mere numbers or statistics. They are life stories. They are dreams and families who suffer in silence" explains [Asia al-Mashreq](#) from Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF). [Watch it here >](#)

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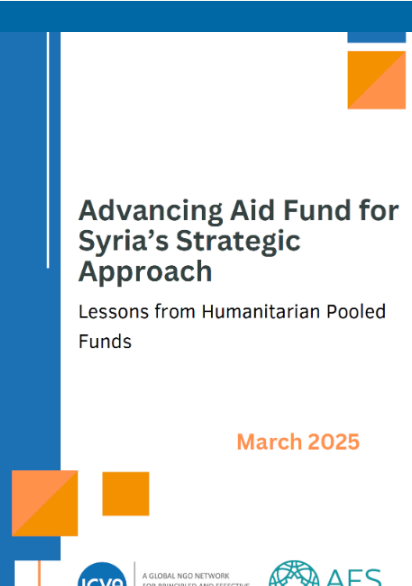
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The Humanitarian Country Team Terms of Reference

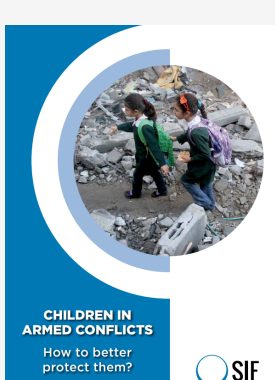
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Advancing Aid Fund for Syria's Strategic Approach

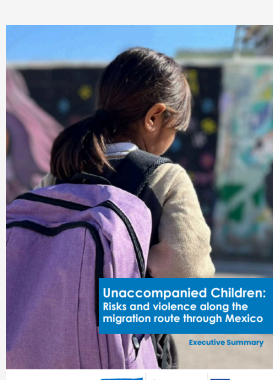
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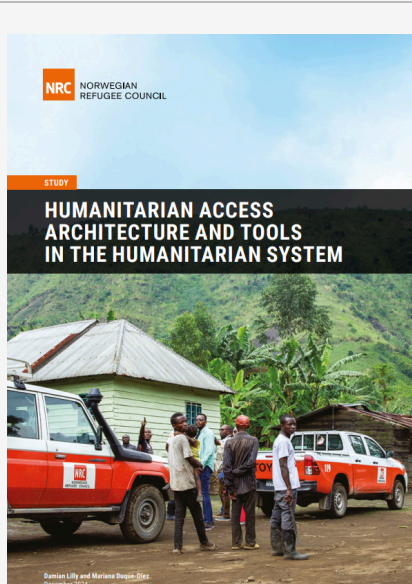
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