

# ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from December 2024 - January 2025



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## 1. Message from ICVA

### **Defending Humanitarian Principles: A Collective Responsibility**

In an era of growing geopolitical tensions, humanitarian action faces increasing pressure to align with political agendas. The fundamental principles that have guided humanitarian response for decades - humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence - are under threat. Without a firm defence of these principles, the ability of humanitarian actors to access and assist those in need is at risk. ICVA stands at the forefront of this defence, ensuring that NGOs remain guided by needs, not politics.

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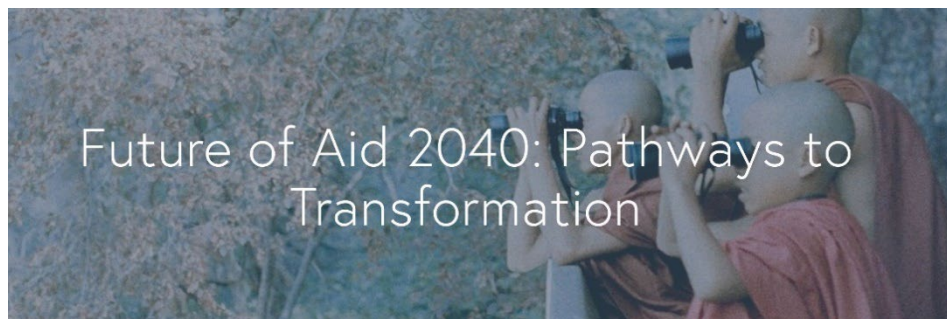
## 2. 90 Day Suspension Order Impact Study and Resources



When the U.S. suspended humanitarian funding, ICVA acted swiftly to assess the impact through a survey, highlighting the consequences on humanitarian efforts. To support organisations, ICVA created an [online hub](#) featuring the survey's preliminary findings, country-level impact snapshots, and essential resources. The webpage also includes statements from [ICVA's Executive Director](#), NGO commentary, news, and expert analyses, with regular updates to ensure organisations are informed and prepared to address these challenges effectively.

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### 3. Shaping the Future of Humanitarian Aid: Seminar One: Futures Thinking - What does humanitarianism look like in the coming 15 years?



ICVA hosted the first seminar of a transformative series as part of the Future of Aid project led by the Inter-Agency Research and Analysis Network (IARAN) and the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership. Focusing on the next 15 years of humanitarianism, the session examined key drivers of change shaping the sector and the diverse perspectives influencing the humanitarian system. Designed to analyse trends and develop scenarios for 2040, the series aims to prepare for future challenges and opportunities. If you missed the first session, you can still contribute through the Pathways to Transformation [survey](#) and find details about upcoming seminars on our [website](#).

[Learn more about our Humanitarian Coordination work](#)

### 4. Due Diligence Community of Practice Launch Event (19 February 2025)



Join our launch event! Hosted by ICVA and co-hosted by Save the Children UK, the new Due Diligence CoP was established by international and local NGOs to coordinate efforts, foster collaboration, share knowledge, and simplify due diligence processes in the humanitarian sector. The launch event will include insights from the Somali NGO Consortium, the Humanitarian NGO Platform in Ukraine, ECHO, and ICVA, offering an opportunity to engage with peers and explore innovative approaches. [Register](#) by 14 February.

[Learn more about our Financing work](#)

## 5. Webinar - Refugee Integration Policies in Eastern Africa: Local, National and Global Perspectives



The first in ICVA's 2025 regional webinar series for East and Southern Africa aimed to connect members with policymakers to shape and influence refugee integration policies. Featuring contributions from ICVA members in Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia, the session explored policy development and application from both humanitarian and refugee perspectives. Discussions focused on post-Global Compact on Refugees policies, collective advocacy to address challenges, and achieving durable solutions. Further details can be found in the [Summary Report](#).

[Learn more about our work in the Regions](#)

## 6. Sparking Global Change through Local Solutions: Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) Asia Pacific (10 – 12 December 2024) Bangkok



Co-hosted by ICVA, the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN), Community World Service Asia, and UNOCHA, the event brought together over 400 participants from 300 organisations across 61 countries. Centred on the theme ‘Sparking Global Change through Local Solutions in Humanitarian Action,’ it highlighted the crucial role of grassroots innovation in tackling complex crises. Attendees exchanged best practices, revitalised partnerships, and explored sustainable, community-led approaches to urgent humanitarian issues. For further insights, visit our [website](#) to view the highlights video, session presentations, and press release.

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## 7. A Growing Membership



We are thrilled to welcome five new members to the ICVA network, reflecting our continued growth and commitment to principled and effective humanitarian action. Joining us are Fundacja Alight – Alight Europe from Poland, Pak Mission Society from Pakistan, Development for Peace Organisation in Ethiopia, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network – MYAN from Australia, and Yeryüzü Çocukları Derneği / Children of Earth Association, YEÇED, from Turkey. We look forward to working with them to strengthen humanitarian efforts worldwide. Learn more about our members on our [website](#).

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