

Principles of Partnership

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- No single humanitarian actor, whether it is a large international organisation or a small non-governmental organisation (NGO) deeply rooted in its local community, can meet humanitarian needs on its own.
- Working in partnership with other humanitarian actors can help to increase the effectiveness of humanitarian actions.

A Statement of Commitment

- Striving to enhance the effectiveness of humanitarian action, based on an ethical obligation and accountability to the populations we serve,
- Acknowledging diversity as an asset of the humanitarian community and recognizing the interdependence among humanitarian organizations
- Committed to building and nurturing an effective partnership

Equality

- Mutual respect between members of the partnership irrespective of size and power.
 - Respect each other's mandates, obligations and independence
 - Recognition of each other's constraints and commitments.
- => Mutual respect must not preclude organizations from engaging in constructive dissent.

Transparency

- Dialogue (on equal footing)
- Early consultations and early sharing of information.
- Communications and transparency, including financial transparency

=> Increased level of trust among organizations.

Result-oriented approach

- Reality-based
- Action-oriented
- Result-oriented coordination based on effective capabilities and concrete operational capacities.

=> Enhanced effectiveness of humanitarian action

Responsibility

- Ethical obligation to accomplish tasks responsibly, with integrity and in a relevant and appropriate way. Commitment to activities only when they have the means, competencies, skills, and capacity to deliver on their commitments.
- Constant effort for decisive and robust prevention of abuses.

Complementarity

- Build on diversity of the humanitarian community
- Build on comparative advantages
- Complement each other's contributions.
- Local capacity is one of the main assets to enhance and on which to build.