



HNPW 2026 Community Day

Shaping the Humanitarian Reset: From Global Commitments to Local Action

Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at CICG

OVERVIEW

The Community Day will bring networks and partnerships together to continue last year's discussion on renewing the humanitarian movement and shaping the future of humanitarian aid amid shifting geopolitics and reduced funding. How have networks and partners adapted to the new way of working under the humanitarian reset? What concrete actions have they taken? What forward-looking and solution-oriented commitments are they willing to make?

KEYNOTE SESSION

The Community Day will open with a 90-minute keynote session featuring remarks from Ambassador Dominik Stillhart, Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid, followed by a fireside chat with Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher and local stakeholders. Drawing on insights from a pre-event survey, the conversation will explore what the humanitarian reset looks like in practice. Participants will reflect on how the humanitarian sector has adapted across contexts, what practical steps have been taken and what opportunities lie ahead to turn global commitments into locally-led solutions. [Register here](#)

Participants



Anna Tazita Samuel, South Sudan

Founder and Executive Director at Women for Change

A graduate in Procurement and Logistics from Uganda Christian University, she left her job in 2017 to tackle injustices affecting women and children in South Sudan. She founded Women for Change (WFC) and launched the 'Empower the Girl to Raise' campaign in 2018 to raise awareness of women's rights and the power of life skills training. Her work earned her the NGO Women Innovative Initiative Award in 2019.

Hashim Amiri, Afghanistan

Executive Director at Afghanistan Institute of Civil Society

With over 18 years of experience in humanitarian action, development programming, civil society strengthening, and organizational leadership, he currently serves as the Executive Director of the Afghanistan Institute for Civil Society (AICS) and as the Chair of the NGOs/CSOs Coordination Networking Platform (NCCNP), the largest national platform that brings together more than 1,000 NGOs and CSOs.



Faiza Altamimi, Yemen

Chairwoman at Nadha Makers Organization

She is a Chevening Scholar and currently serves as the Chairwoman of Nahda Makers Organization (NMO), a Yemeni NGO. She brings extensive experience in humanitarian response, development, and cluster coordination, having previously served as Co-Chair of the Education Cluster. She has been a strong advocate for localization and a key driver behind the development of the HCT Localization Strategy in Yemen.



Jonas Habimana, Democratic Republic of Congo

Founder and Executive Director at BIFERD NGO

A seasoned humanitarian professional with a Master's in Humanitarian Crisis Management and over 20 years' experience with various international NGOs across the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2004, he founded the NGO BIFERD and has been serving as its Executive Director since 2013. He champions humanitarian standards and quality within Sphere, CPMS, CHS and INEE. He is Focal Point and a certified Trainer of Sphere standards.



COMMUNITY DAY PROGRAMME

The programme is centred around the humanitarian reset and provides opportunities for inter-network discussions and collaborations around four core topics as well as six Areas of Common Concern (AOCC).

TRANSITION OF POWER

How can we achieve locally-led delivery of assistance? How do we shift power and resources to national and local actors? How can we build systems that are embedded in and sustained by the communities we serve? How do we ensure equitable partnerships between international and local organizations without dominance by the largest actors?

11.00 - 12.30 (UTC+1)

Equitable Partnerships: Enabling Local Leadership and Shifting Power in Practice

Explores how partnerships can enable local leadership, strengthen trust and accountability, and navigate community power dynamics to prevent exclusion while building lasting, locally led capacity through practical, quality-focused approaches. [Register](#)

14.00 - 15.30 (UTC+1)

From Stewardship to Sustainability: Enabling a Credible Transfer of Power to Governments

Explores how power can credibly shift to national leadership by reinforcing coordination structures, providing essential capacities, and applying proven practices that move from international delivery to nationally led, life-saving systems. [Register](#)

16.00 - 17.30 (UTC+1)

Complementarity in Action: Clarifying Roles and Managing Transitions

How can responsibilities be shared across actors, how can complementarity work in practice, and which transition strategies prevent service gaps? This session uses an HDP lens to improve role clarity, sequencing, and financing for smoother shifts. [Register](#)

RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

How do we support long-term recovery and self-sufficiency rather than short-term crisis response? How do we accelerate the shift from internationally led humanitarian systems to locally led responses, especially in countries with strong local capacity?

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Unpacking What it Takes: Country Case Study on Collaborative Locally Led Resilience

Spotlights locally led resilience through a country case, identifying practical conditions for recovery, self-sufficiency and coordination, and what actors must do differently to advance long-term, locally rooted resilience in humanitarian settings. [Register](#)

14.00 - 15.30 (UTC+1)

Financing and Scaling Long-Term Resilience at Community Level: What Works, What Doesn't, and What's Missing

Explores how to sustainably finance community-level resilience amid funding crises and climate-driven multi-hazard risks, highlighting what has been tested, what works, barriers, and practical pathways to scale locally led, cross-sector solutions. [Register](#)

16.00 - 17.30 (UTC+1)

Corporate Philanthropy and Business Engagement in Humanitarian Action: How can businesses step up?

Corporate foundations are increasingly important partners in humanitarian response. This session explores how corporate foundations leverage expertise and industry networks to support disaster response operations across Asia. [Register](#)

STREAMLINED COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY

How can we redesign global and national coordination systems to be more agile, adaptive, and responsive during crises? How do we create efficiencies by streamlining operations, reducing duplication and cutting overheads to optimize resource use? How do we ensure greater accountability and transparency in decision-making with clear communication channels to local actors?

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Improving Efficiency through Anticipatory Action

Anticipatory Action offers major efficiency gains by reducing losses and needs before crises escalate. Positioned within the Humanitarian Reset, AA can streamline coordination, improve value for money, and scale through shared analytics, triggers and local leadership. [Register](#)

14.00 - 15.30 (UTC+1)

Do Humanitarian Clusters Still Matter? The Role of Clusters in a Changing Humanitarian Landscape

This session shares evidence on how cluster coordination saves lives by reducing duplication, boosting efficiency, and ensuring inclusive, accountable response. Learn why clusters remain vital and adaptable in the Humanitarian Reset era. [Register](#)

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Streamlined Coordination, Stronger Outcomes: Supporting Local Leadership and Area-Based Approaches

Lighter, faster and locally led coordination maintains quality and accountability, reduces burdens on responders, strengthens area-based models, supports local leadership and improves coherent, context-driven humanitarian action. [Register](#)

INNOVATIVE FINANCING

How do we diversify funding and reduce reliance on a few key donors? How can we broaden our funding partnerships, particularly with the private sector, and make greater use of innovative financing mechanisms?

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Navigating Financing Transitions how L/NNGOs are Pivoting (or not)

With shrinking humanitarian grants, many local NGOs still meet needs by turning to local giving, diasporas, online fundraising and social enterprise. This discussion looks at how they adapt, the support they need, and the role of local pooled funds. [Register](#)

14.00 - 15.30 (UTC+1)

Myth to Reality: What is the Potential of Using Innovative Financing for Localization

Interest in innovative finance is rising, yet its potential for local NGOs remains unclear. This session looks at how L/NNGOs can diversify funding through new tools, from crypto to blended finance, and what support donors must provide to scale these shifts. [Register](#)

16.00 - 17.30 (UTC+1)

Pooled Funds and Innovation: Good Practices

Pooled funds are gaining attention in the Humanitarian Reset, from CBPFs to feminist, refugee-led and locally led models. Focus is on how these funds complement each other, pioneer innovative finance, link to climate and development funds, and scale good practices. [Register](#)