

# COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR ACCOUNTABLE AID

CHS Alliance membership pack

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## WHO WE ARE

The CHS Alliance is a global movement of more than 300 humanitarian and development organisations – local, national, and international – committed to making aid more accountable to people affected by crisis.

## HOW WE WORK

Guided by the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS), which sets out nine commitments that put people affected by crisis at the heart of aid, the CHS Alliance strengthens organisations and the wider system at two levels.

### STRONGER ORGANISATIONS

We enhance organisations' capacity to improve the quality, accountability, and safety of assistance.

#### Continuous Improvement

Guidance, tools, and verification support help organisations meet CHS commitments and make lasting improvements in accountability, safeguarding, and quality.

#### Courageous Collaboration

Peer learning, shared expertise, and innovative partnerships across a diverse global membership strengthen accountability and support locally-led approaches.



### A STRONGER SYSTEM

We harness the influence of our global movement to create a more accountable, safer, and more locally-led aid system.

#### Collective Action

Sector-wide solutions reduce duplication, strengthen safeguarding, and remove barriers to equitable and locally-led assistance.

#### Informed Influence

Evidence and the voices of crisis-affected communities drive advocacy and bold sector reform.

## WHY JOIN

As a member of the CHS Alliance, your organisation strengthens its own systems while helping shape a more accountable, safer, and more locally-led aid sector.

Membership gives you practical tools, peer support, and collective influence.



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### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

#### STRENGTHEN YOUR ORGANISATION

##### Continuous Improvement

Verify against the CHS, benchmark your progress, and access practical tools and tailored support to strengthen safeguarding, accountability, and quality.

##### Courageous Collaboration

Learn directly from peers, exchange solutions, and build partnerships at country and global levels.

#### STRENGTHEN THE SECTOR

##### Collective Action

Reduce duplication through shared initiatives such as CHS due diligence passporting and sector-wide safeguarding schemes.

##### Informed Influence

Shape reform through evidence, governance engagement, and the collective voice of around 300 organisations.

## WHO CAN JOIN

Membership is open to organisations of all sizes – local, national, and international – committed to accountability, safeguarding, and people-centred, locally-led assistance.

The CHS Alliance Board regularly reviews applications and approves new members.



### MEMBER

According to the CHS Statutes, an organisation is eligible to be a member of the CHS Alliance if:

- It is an organisation whose activities, or whose members' activities, work towards assisting and protecting vulnerable people and crisis-affected communities.
- It is recognised or legally registered in the country where it is based or has its headquarters
- It makes no adverse distinction in its work on the basis of people's diversity, as defined in the CHS.
- It meets the requirements for financial accountability under the law in the country where it has its Headquarters or is registered.
- It has a documented organisational commitment to quality and accountability in its activities and management practices towards people and communities vulnerable to risk and affected by disaster, conflict or poverty.
- It commits to the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) and demonstrates this by submitting an alignment statement or a completed CHS verification report.
- It has a written code of conduct, with specific mention of prohibiting sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

# RIGHTS

According to the CHS Statutes, members enjoy the following rights:



## MEMBER

- ✓ Entitled to attend and speak at general meetings of the CHS Alliance
- ✓ Entitled to vote at general meetings of the CHS Alliance
- ✓ Eligible for election to the Board of the CHS Alliance
- ✓ Entitled to nominate persons to stand for election to the Board
- ✓ Able to participate in committees and working groups of the CHS Alliance
- ✓ Able to lodge proposals for consideration by the General Assembly
- ✓ Entitled to preferential access to events and support services (applies to all affiliates of global networks).

# MEMBERSHIP FEES

## CHS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

Currency = Swiss francs (CHF)

<b>Annual income</b>	<b>Standard rate</b>	<b>Reduced rate (Medium HDI Country)</b>	<b>Reduced rate (Low HDI Country)</b>
Less than 1 million	100	100	100
1-5 million	900	450	100
5-20 million	5,000	2,500	100
20-50 million	8,750	4,375	100
50-150 million	10,000	5,000	100
More than 150 million	12,500	6,250	100
Global networks	25,000	-	-

Reduced and minimum rates are available for full members headquartered in countries ranked as 'Medium' and 'Low' respectively in UNDP's [Human Development Index \(HDI\)](#).

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

## 1. THE CHS ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT WILL:

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- ✔ Review the application against the membership eligibility criteria and requirements, check references and seek additional information if required.
  - ✔ Check that organisations applying to the CHS Alliance do not appear on any international terrorist lists.
  - ✔ It will then send the application to the CHS Alliance Membership and Nominations Committee.
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## 2. THE MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE WILL:

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- ✔ Undertake a preliminary review of the new membership application and provide a recommendation to the CHS Alliance governing Board.
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## 3. THE BOARD MEETS QUARTERLY AND WILL:

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- ✔ Consider the application and approve, reject or defer it based on a majority vote.
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## 4. THE CHS ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT WILL:

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- ✔ Inform the applicant organisation of the Board's decision. If the membership is approved we will send a formal acknowledgement to the applicant, invoice the organisation, and once payment is received, send an official welcome package.
- ✔ The CHS Alliance will seek to approve all complete applications within three months of submission. To find out more about joining the CHS Alliance, please contact [membership@chsalliance.org](mailto:membership@chsalliance.org).

# APPLY ONLINE!

If your organisation wants to join a global network committed to putting people and communities at the heart of aid, then apply today.

Simply start your application on our website:  
[www.chsalliance.org/join](http://www.chsalliance.org/join), email us:  
[membership@chsalliance.org](mailto:membership@chsalliance.org).



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