

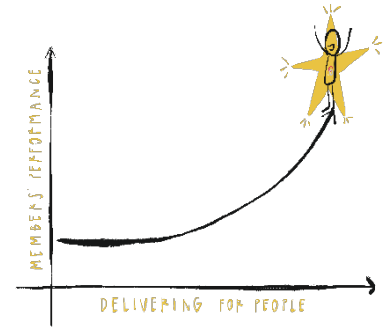


CHS ALLIANCE AT A GLANCE

DRIVING QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

CHS Alliance is at the forefront of strengthening accountability in the aid sector, putting people's rights and dignity first at a time when affected people and communities still have limited influence on how aid is being provided.

As a copyright holder of the globally recognised Core **Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS)**, CHS Alliance was established in 2015 and engages at organisational, local, country and system levels for greater accountability to people affected by crisis.



UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO BRING CHANGE

Through its network of **more than 180 member organisations** across the globe, CHS Alliance brings together diverse stakeholders from among national and international organisations, aid consortia, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, donors, government agencies, and others.

CHS Alliance member organisations are operating across a large number of response contexts. These include current or recent Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Scale Up contexts, such as Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Somalia, Syria, Türkiye and Ukraine. Together, the organisations applying the CHS in their aid delivery are reaching tens of millions of people worldwide every day.

“An important initiative to drive greater accountability is the Core Humanitarian Standard. I hope all organisations will join CHS Alliance, as the CHS is the gold standard that ensures the people we exist to serve can participate in decisions that affect their lives.”

Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council

The work of CHS Alliance supports global priorities, emphasising existing capacities and shared commitments to people affected by crises.

Through the **CHS Verification Scheme** organisations are not only able to gauge their performance against a common, recognised standard but also supported in the development of improvement plans and measurement over time to ensure they progress in putting people first.

“The CHS has become a reference in our organisation. People take ownership of it, and it allows you to be part of a process of continuous improvement and learning.”

Key informant, HERE-Geneva CHS Verification Review

More than 200 organisations have engaged with the CHS Verification Scheme so far, with an increasing number of organisations, specifically national NGOs, exploring how it can help them improve. Beyond its value in helping organisations improve overall quality and accountability, options within the CHS Verification Scheme are recognised by donors as a means to align and reduce due diligence processes.

“I am delighted that so many organisations are making dedicated efforts to put people affected by crisis at the core of their work.”

Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator on the number of organisations verified against the CHS



STRENGTHENING OUR WORK = STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY

“The CHS is a powerful tool and we need to use it to make a difference. This means ensuring the commitments become action points for every humanitarian agency and all humanitarian country teams – with the perspective of aid recipients hard-wired into the way plans, programmes, and projects are designed and their impact measured.”

Nick van Praag, Founder of Ground Truth Solutions

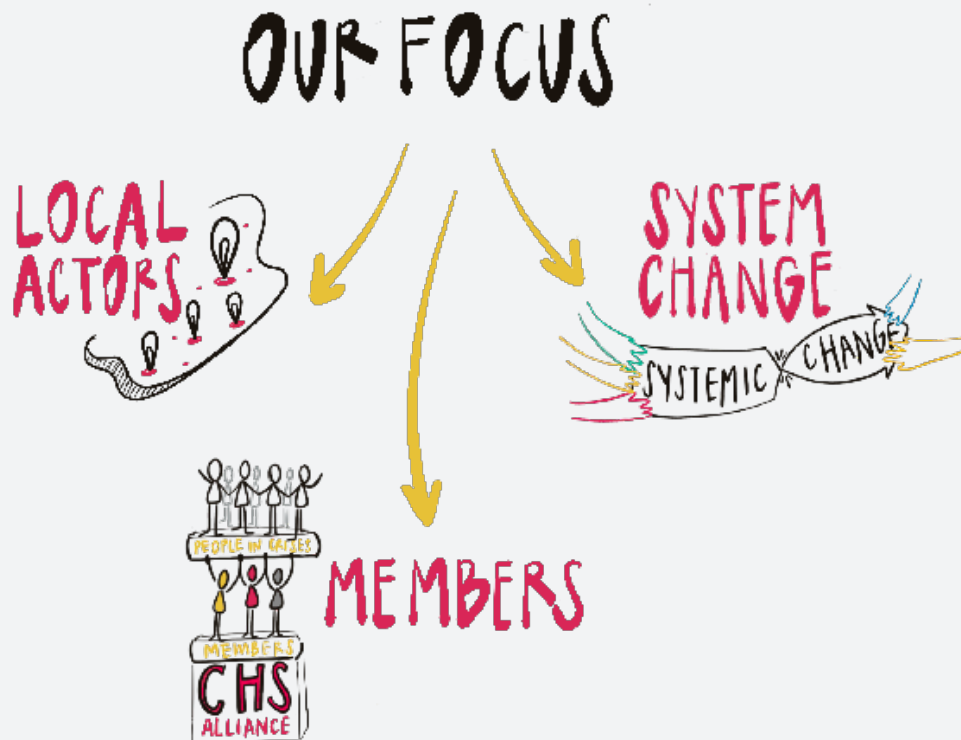
CHS Alliance has set its priorities for the coming period, working with operational partners and at the policy level to drive change. Among its priorities are the following:

1 INCREASED UPTAKE AMONG NATIONAL NGOS:
Encouraging application of the CHS among national NGOs is an ongoing priority for the Alliance, in line with global Grand Bargain commitments on local responders and the participation of affected communities in addressing humanitarian needs. There has recently been a strong uptake among national NGOs, with numbers expected to increase into 2024.

2 ENHANCED COUNTRY LEVEL SUPPORT:
To better enable organisations to become familiar with and apply the CHS, CHS Alliance is stepping up its country level engagement and support. A ‘CHS-in-emergencies’ suite of information, tailored training, and real-time support, as well as peer assessments and a capacity sharing model are under development to accelerate impact at country level.

3 CHS FIT FOR PURPOSE:
The relevance and value of the CHS are linked to its proximity to affected people. To ensure the CHS remains fit for purpose, a process to update the CHS is underway. Through a series of country case studies and regional workshops, CHS Alliance is making sure the updated CHS will be grounded in the realities of affected people and communities.

4 ADVOCACY FOR SYSTEM CHANGE:
The CHS represents a basic framework to promote greater accountability in humanitarian response, allowing organisations to be held – and hold themselves – to account. Joining forces with global partners, CHS Alliance co-chairs the normative work and operational support provided by the IASC Task Force on Accountability to Affected People.



The IASC Principals have identified accountability to affected people as a non-negotiable, at all times.

At CHS Alliance we work every day to make this a reality.

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