CHS Alliance 2023: Achievements for aid accountability

By using, measuring and promoting the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality & Accountability (CHS), CHS Alliance members drive more effective and accountable aid. Together, members are creating an aid system that works more closely and meaningfully with people affected by crises—so that those in need receive dignified support and their rights are respected, no matter the context. In 2023, a greater number and diversity of organisations delivered on the Commitments of the CHS, getting closer to that vision.

The result: our accountability movement gained the greatest momentum to date. Here's how:



PEOPLE-DRIVEN AND PEOPLE-CENTRED CHS:

The CHS has been strengthened, simplified and made more accessible through the contributions of more than 4,000 individuals, including over 500 representatives from communities affected by crisis across 90 countries.



UPTICK IN THE NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS JOINING THE ALLIANCE:

More than 200 organisations from 50 countries are members of the CHS Alliance, with a record 33 new members joining in 2023.



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SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CHS VERIFICATION:

Overall, more than 200 aid organisations are now measuring their operations against the Commitments of the CHS and committing to improve quality and accountability.



MOVING ACCOUNTABILITY CLOSER TO COMMUNITIES:

Most new CHS Alliance members in 2023 were national organisations, and a third self-assessing their application of the CHS were either local or national organisations.



APPLICATION OF THE CHS BRINGS POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

CHS-verified organisations demonstrated improvements in seven of the nine Commitments, highlighting the longer-term impact of the application of the CHS.



SCALING UP EFFORTS TO STOP SEAH:

System-wide efforts have been scaled up to prevent abuse, exploitation and harassment, including improvements in SEAH investigations.



HARNESSING COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE TO TACKLE THE HARDEST CHALLENGES:

Hundreds of practitioners have been given a safe space to crowd-source solutions to fundamental issues blocking aid system transformation.



PROMOTING THE CHS TO SUPPORT MORE ACCOUNTABLE AID:

CHS Alliance have shared guidance and resources in more than 30 languages, including a tailored CHS package for post-earthquake responses in Turkiye and Syria. CHS training has equipped more than 40,000 people from 150+ countries. THE RESULT

The movement for accountability to people affected by crisis, once fringe to the humanitarian system, is now mainstream, global and demonstrating tangible improvements for communities assisted by aid.