



CHS Revision 2022-2023 governance

The CHS and its revision process were governed by two entities: the CHS Steering Committee and the CHS Management Group.

The CHS Steering Committee

The Steering Committee advises the Management Group, ensuring that the revision process is inclusive of the diverse stakeholders in the sector and rooted in the voices of people affected by crisis. It further ensures that the CHS builds on the latest knowledge in the field, evidence about its application and international good practice. The Steering Committee also plays an important advisory role during the drafting process of the updated Standard.

The Steering Committee is composed of 11 individuals from diverse personal, organisational and geographic backgrounds. Together, they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the revision process.

Umut Dilara Baycılı – Mavi Kalem, Turkey
Mihir Bhatt – All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), India
Matthew Carter – CHS Alliance Board representative
Charlotte Dufour – Groupe URD Board representative
Pierre Hauselmann – Independent
Shama Mall, Community World Service Asia, Pakistan
Aydée Cecilia Marín Pallares – Humanitarian Consultant, Colombia
Stephen O'Malley, UN Representative
Rita Rhayem, Sphere Board representative
Valpuri Saarelma, IFRC
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The CHS Management Group

CHS Alliance, **Group URD** and **Sphere** are the copyright holders of the CHS. They are entrusted with managing and promoting the standard and maintaining its integrity and relevance on behalf of the CHS' users and supporters.

The **Management Group** consists of the three copyright holding organisations: Tanya Wood (CHS Alliance), Véronique de Geoffroy (Groupe URD) and William Anderson (Sphere). They are supported by one colleague each. The Management Group also includes two revision managers.

With regard to the CHS, the three organisations have complementary roles:

[CHS Alliance](#) is a global alliance of over 150 humanitarian and development organisations committed to making aid work better for people. It supports its members and the wider aid community to promote and implement the CHS through their policies, processes and programme. It also supports monitoring and reporting how the CHS is being used by organisations and across the aid sector, including publishing the biennial Humanitarian Accountability Report, and manages the CHS verification scheme that is used to support self-assessments and external verification of how the CHS is applied.

[Groupe URD](#) helps organisations to improve the quality of their programmes through evaluations, research, training, and strategic and quality support. It has developed the [Quality & Accountability COMPASS](#) that provides guidelines, processes and tools to help implement the CHS in organisations and programmes.

[Sphere](#) brings together a wide range of humanitarian agencies around the aim to improve the quality and accountability of humanitarian assistance. The [Sphere Handbook](#) sets common principles and universal minimum standards in life-saving areas of humanitarian response. The Core Humanitarian Standard is one of the three foundational chapters of the handbook, informing and supporting the technical standards, together with the Humanitarian Charter and the Protection Principles. Furthermore, Sphere hosts and manages the [Humanitarian Standards Partnership](#) (HSP); a group of humanitarian standard initiatives covering a wide range of programming sectors and themes. All HSP standards share common foundations, including the CHS.

The copyright holders are joined by hundreds of organisations around the world that advocate for, promote and implement the CHS.



