

## EXTERNAL ENDORSEMENT & RECOGNITION OF CHS AND CHS VERIFICATION

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| ENDORSEMENT/REQUIREMENT                                                                                                                               |                   |                                                                                                                           |                                  |                          |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
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| i.e. concrete/formal requests for adopting the CHS as standard and using its Verification options. It is a higher level of commitment and acceptance. |                   |                                                                                                                           |                                  |                          |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
| Who?                                                                                                                                                  | Org. Type         | On What?                                                                                                                  | Required CHS Verification option |                          |                 | Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Notes                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                                                           | Certification                    | Independent Verification | Self-Assessment |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
| Denmark, Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF)                                                                                                          | Government/Public | Requires organisations to adopt the CHS. CHS Certification and Independent Verification automatically qualifies partners. | Yes                              | Yes                      |                 | Doc: <a href="#">DERF Funding guidelines</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Pages 5-7, 9, 11                                                 |
| Denmark, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ DANIDA                                                                                                          | Government/Public | Independent quality assurance against the CHS is a prerequisite for funding.                                              | Yes                              | Yes                      |                 | Doc: <a href="#">Guidelines Strategic Partnerships 2022-2025 With Danish Civil Society Organisations</a><br><br>Doc: <a href="#">information note Full Application 2022 — 2025</a><br><br>Web: <a href="#">Strategic Partnerships 2022-2026 With Danish Civil Society Organisations</a><br><br>Consultation of pre-qualification material for strategic partnership 2022-2025 -Question and answers<br><br>Questions and answers for the Q&A meeting 26 February 2021 at | Page 6<br><br>Pages 33-37<br><br>Page 2<br><br>Pages 4, 5, 7, 12 |

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|                                                             |                                           | <p>satisfied themselves with the quality of HQAI work”.</p> <p>DG ECHO accepts Framework Partnership Assessments and Programmatic Partnership Assessments submitted by HQAI as ex ante auditor.</p>                                   |     |     |     | <p>FPA of ACT Church of Sweden, 2020</p> <p>PP ex-ante of CARE confederation members</p>                                                    |                               |
| <b>Germany, German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)</b>        | Government/Public                         | <p>Germany partner due diligence (quality profile) is designed to take into consideration the CHS.</p> <p>GFFO accepts the 3 CHS Verification options to shorten partner capacity assessment.</p>                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Doc: <a href="#">Federal Foreign Office Strategy for Humanitarian Assistance Abroad Document</a></p>                                     | Pages 15, 39, 40              |
| <b>Ireland, Irish Aid</b>                                   | Government/Public                         | <p>CHS compliance is an eligibility criterion under Ireland’s 5-year funding scheme for Irish NGOs (2023-2027) (ICSP). Partners have to either be in the process of a self-assessment, be certified or be independently verified.</p> | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Doc: <a href="#">Ireland’s Grand Bargain Self Reporting 2025</a></p>                                                                     | Page 2                        |
| <b>Luxembourg, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</b> | Government/Public                         | <p>Inclusion in Luxembourg’s Humanitarian Action Strategy. Only certified organisations are eligible for financial support by Luxembourg.</p>                                                                                         | Yes |     |     | <p>Doc: <a href="#">Luxembourg’s Humanitarian Action Strategy</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="#">Luxembourg’s Humanitarian Action Strategy</a></p> | Page 10                       |
| <b>Netherlands, Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)</b>             | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | <p>Independent quality assurance against the CHS is a prerequisite for funding.</p>                                                                                                                                                   | Yes | Yes |     | <p>Doc: <a href="#">DRA 2022-2026 STRATEGY</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="#">DRA - Grand Bargain</a></p> <p>Web : <a href="#">DRA</a></p>         | Pages 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15 |

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| <b>Sweden, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>                                | Government/Public                         | In order to support quality and transparency work, Swedish civil society organisations can apply for up to 80% of their costs for the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQAI) CHS certification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes |     |     | Doc: <a href="#">2025-209 strategy</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Page 8                                              |
| <b>Sweden, Radiohjälpen</b>                                               | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | Applicant and implementing organisations are required to be CHS-certified or possess equivalent documented competence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Doc: <a href="#">Main Guidelines Partnerships and International Activities</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Page 2                                              |
| <b>Switzerland, Swiss Solidarity</b>                                      | Private Foundation/Pooled Fund            | Aid organisations verified against the CHS have access to streamlined partner capacity assessments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes | Doc: <a href="#">Accountability to affected people Swiss Solidarity Response Nepal</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Pages 3, 12-14                                      |
| <b>United Kingdom, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b> | Government/Public                         | <p>Organisations certified under the CHS can now benefit from a streamlined application process when seeking FCDO grant funding. This certification, verified through independent audits by the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative, demonstrates that organisations meet rigorous quality and accountability standards for humanitarian and development work.</p> <p>Organisations seeking funding should ensure proposals take note and adopt the CHS among other standards. FCDO Performance Effectiveness Tracker (PET), designed to monitor the performance of partners, reflects CHS indicators/requirements.</p> <p>FCDO recognises and supports CHS SEAH initiatives, as well as HQAI verification work. “The CHS requirements are designed to improve the quality and accountability</p> | Yes |     |     | <p>Web: <a href="#">Guidance - Applying for FCDO grant funding: simplified application processes with HQAI CHS Certification.</a></p> <p>Doc: <a href="#">FCDO Humanitarian Funding Guidelines for NGOs applying for CHASE Humanitarian Response Funding</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="#">Guidance Humanitarian Response Funding: guidelines for NGOs</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="#">FCDO progress report on safeguarding against SEAH in the international aid sector 2022 to 2023</a></p> | <p>Pages 4, 9, 14</p> <p>Section 5 and Annex A.</p> |

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|                                                            |                                           | <p>of aid including to better prevent and respond to SEAH."</p> <p>"Supporting HQAI to deliver verification of the Core Humanitarian Standard that provides quality assurance and helps to raise and maintain standards, improve transparency and improve capacity for local NGOs."</p> |     |     |  | <p>Web: <a href="#">Guidance Safeguarding against SEAH. Due Diligence Guidance for FCDO implementing partners</a></p> <p>Doc: <a href="#">UK's PSEAH Strategy 2020</a></p> | <p>Section 4, 5 and Annex A</p> <p>Pages 8, 11<br/>"The six pillars assessed within FCDO's due diligence on Safeguarding (...) are based on the IASC and CHS global standards."</p> |
| <b>United Kingdom, Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)</b> | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | Independent quality assurance against the CHS is a prerequisite for funding.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes | Yes |  | <p>Doc: <a href="#">The DEC's assurance approach</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="#">DEC</a></p>                                                                                   | Page 1                                                                                                                                                                              |

## RECOGNITION

i.e the general acknowledgement of the CHS as standard and/or its Verification options and/or general support, but without any formal requirement.

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| <b>Austria, Ministry of European and International Affairs</b> | Government/Public                         | Inclusion in the Humanitarian Strategy. Due diligence referencing to CHS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Web: <a href="#">Austrian Strategy on Humanitarian Assistance</a><br><br>Doc : <a href="#">Austrian Strategy on Humanitarian Assistance</a>          | Pages 12, 18         |
| <b>Canada, Humanitarian Coalition</b>                          | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | Reference of the CHS in the Codes and Standards of the Coalition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Web: <a href="#">Codes and Standards</a>                                                                                                             |                      |
| <b>Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank</b>                        | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | Reference of the CHS in the Standards and Affiliations of the Foodgrains Bank.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Web: <a href="#">Standards and Affiliations</a>                                                                                                      |                      |
| <b>Grand Bargain</b>                                           | International Organisation                | The Grand Bargain Workstream 6 – Participation Revolution includes several indicators referencing the adoption of the CHS by aid organisations and donor requiring funding partners to apply the CHS.                                                                                                                                                    | Doc: <a href="#">Success indicators against good practices related to participation of people affected by crisis in humanitarian decisions</a>       | Pages 1-3            |
| <b>Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC)</b>                  | International Organisation                | The IASC principals agreed to five Commitments on Accountability to Affected Populations (CAAP) as part of a framework for engagement with communities. It was developed and endorsed by the IASC to reflect essential developments such as the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS).                                                                        | Doc: <a href="#">IASC Key Operational Guidance</a>                                                                                                   | Page 15              |
| <b>Norway, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>                     | Government/Public                         | Partners are encouraged to use recognised standards in their work, such as (...) the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).<br><br>Norway supports passporting through relying on other donors' due diligence assessments, such as the CHS in addition to their own assessment when considering entering into new partnerships. | Web: <a href="#">Ensuring respect for the humanitarian principles 2024-2029</a><br><br>Doc: <a href="#">Norway Grand Bargain Self Reporting 2025</a> | Page 5<br><br>Page 9 |

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| <b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b> | International Organisation                | The CHS is referenced several times as a key standard, and as one of the foundational document cited in the OECD DAC recommendations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Doc: <a href="#">Toolkit to Support Implementation of the OECD DAC Recommendation on Ending Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment</a>                     | Pages 23, 47, 54, 74, 82, 96, 112, 113, 123, 128, 134, 143, 146, |
| <b>Sahel Regional Fund (SRF)</b>                                     | Non-Governmental Organisation/Pooled Fund | The SRF promotes the application of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) as part of its commitment to quality and accountability. To uphold consistent standards across its funded projects, SRF requires its international partners to adhere to the CHS and reflects this expectation in its project selection process. As part of its due diligence, SRF generally requests partners to share evidence of CHS verification, including certification. The CHS is referenced in the SRF Strategic Framework. | Doc: <a href="#">SRF Strategic Framework</a>                                                                                                                 | Pages 6-7                                                        |
| <b>Spain, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/AECID</b>                      | Government/Public                         | The CHS is referenced in the Spanish Strategy Humanitarian Action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Doc: <a href="#">Spanish Strategy Humanitarian Action</a>                                                                                                    | Pages 18-19, 34                                                  |
| <b>Spain, Government of Andalusia</b>                                | Government/Public                         | The CHS is referenced in the Andalusian Plan for Development Cooperation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Doc: <a href="#">Andalusian Plan for Development Cooperation 20-23</a><br><br>Web: <a href="#">Andalusian Plan for Development Cooperation</a>               | Pages 41, 71                                                     |
| <b>Spain, Catalan Government</b>                                     | Government/Public                         | The CHS is referenced in the Catalan Development Cooperation Master Plan 2023-2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Doc: <a href="#">Catalan Development Cooperation Master Plan 2023-2026</a><br><br>Web: <a href="#">Catalan Development Cooperation Master Plan 2023-2026</a> | Page 28                                                          |
| <b>Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR)</b>           | Non-Governmental Organisation             | The SCHR supports widely accepted quality standards, primarily the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and Sphere. It supports both certification against, and promotion of, standards as a preferred approach to systematically improving the quality and impact of humanitarian response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Web: <a href="#">SCHR Key Areas of work</a>                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |

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| Switzerland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation                                                    | Government/Public          | Switzerland has been a core donor until 2024.                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                  |
| United Nations, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) / Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) | International Organisation | The Handbook for Humanitarian Coordinators includes a section on the CHS.                                                                                                                                | Doc: <a href="#">Handbook for Humanitarian Coordinators</a>                                                        | Page 18          |
| United States, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)                                                       | Government/Public          | Recognition of the CHS as standard in several key policies and procedures, mostly around Accountability to Affected Population (AAP), Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH). | Doc: <a href="#">Population, Refugees, and Migration. U.S. Department of State FY 2023 General NGO Guidelines.</a> | Pages 19, 44, 60 |