

What is humanitarian governance?

Humanitarian governance refers to how multiple and diverse actors address humanitarian needs and crises. Collaboration processes between actors are challenging, including the effectiveness of aid, accountability, and localisation. Beyond international trends, it is important to look how to improve humanitarian governance considering specific regional and national contexts. The Humanitarian Observatories seeks to address this need.

What are Humanitarian Observatories?

Humanitarian Observatories are organized spaces where participants representing multiple actors discuss a variety of topics in relation to humanitarian governance.

Humanitarian Observatories are places for

Exchange - Exchange experiences and insights

Learning - Share views on humanitarian governance

Strategic Thinking - Share desired changes in, for example, relation to localization and humanitarian programming.

Action and influence - Discuss action points to realize specified changes. For example, writing a manifesto for change, producing a blog, organizing and/or speaking at meetings.



“ How are funds for humanitarian responses allocated?

Which people are most vulnerable?

What is the role of the state in service provision?

How is aid politicized and whose interests are at stake?

What is the role of national NGOs and civil society and how are their voices heard?

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Current Humanitarian Observatories

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia and Latin America

Coordination and Contact

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