

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTORY, JULY-AUGUST 2020



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Highlighted below (in yellow) are some key agencies which focus in on Community Development, Participation, Project Management, & Training .

ACAPS – www.acaps.org. ACAP's mission is to contribute towards a shared situation awareness within the humanitarian community, thereby enabling effective, evidence-based humanitarian decision-making.

ACFID – <https://acfid.asn.au>. ACFID unites Australia's non-government and international development organizations to strengthen their collective impact against poverty. Note in particular:

- Learning & Development retrieved from <https://acfid.asn.au/learning/learning-opportunities>
- Resources retrieved from <https://acfid.asn.au/resources>
- Professional development course. *Making Change Happen – Be Part of Unique Professional Development Opportunity*. New. Retrieved from <https://acfid.asn.au/blog-post/making-change-happen-%E2%80%93-be-part-unique-professional-development-opportunity>

Admitting Failure – www.admittingfailure.com. Hosted by Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Canada, this is an unusual site that encourages the sharing of development project failures, as a learning tool for ultimately improving project effectiveness and impact.

Agenda for Humanity – www.agendaforhumanity.org Developed from the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, the Agenda for Humanity is a five-point plan that outlines the changes that are needed to alleviate suffering, reduce risk and lessen vulnerability on a global scale. In the Agenda, humanity—people's safety, dignity and the right to thrive—is placed at the heart of global decision-making.

AIDEX – www.aid-expo.com. AidEx encompasses a conference featuring inspirational thought leaders, an exhibition which is the largest of its kind in the world, private meeting areas, training programmes, networking receptions and a dedicated awards programme recognising individuals and innovations to truly inspire. The 2019 Flagship conference is being held in Brussels from the 13-14 November; and Regional conference in Nairobi from 11-12 September.

Aid Workers Security Database (AWSDB) – www.aidworkersecurity.org. AWSDB is a project of Humanitarian Outcomes – www.humanitarianoutcomes.org. The AWSDB records major incidents of violence against aid workers.

AlertNet – www.alertnet.org. Run by the Reuters Foundation, this is an internet service for the relief community and anyone interested in the work of aid agencies.

All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) – www.southasiadisasters.net. A practical community-based action research, action planning, and action advocacy organization primarily focussing on disaster risk mitigation.

ALNAP – www.alnap.org. ALNAP works to improve humanitarian performance through learning and accountability. It is a unique sector-wide network which brings together the major actors involved in international responses to conflicts and natural disasters. It has recently added an updated Humanitarian Evaluation, Learning, and Performance (HELP) Library.

Amnesty International (AI) – www.amnesty.org. A worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognised human rights. AI produces the annual *Amnesty International Report*.

Architects without Frontiers (AWF) – <http://www.architectswithoutfrontiers.com.au>. AWF works with vulnerable communities to design and build health and education projects in the Asia Pacific region.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) – www.adb.org. A multilateral development finance institution dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific. ADB produces an annual report, as well as a wide range of useful reviews and publications.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) – www.adpc.net. A regional resource centre based in Thailand and working towards disaster reduction for safer communities and sustainable development.

Asian Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC) – www.adrc.asia. Established in Kobe, Japan, the ADRC's mission includes enhancing disaster resilience of the member countries, building safe communities, and creating societies in which sustainable development is possible.

Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) – www.adrrn.net. With over 30 members, the ADRRN's aim includes promoting coordination and information sharing and collaboration amongst NGOs and other stakeholders for effective and efficient disaster reduction and response in the Asia-Pacific region.

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute – www.northwestern.edu/ipr/abcd.html. The ABCD focuses in on approaches that build on communities' assets and strengths, rather than their needs and deficits.

Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) – www.afac.com.au. AFAC is the Australian and New Zealand National Council for fire, emergency services and land management, working to create synergies across the emergency management sector.

Australian Aid – www.dfat.gov.au. Australian Aid is part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and is responsible for the management of the official Australian Government Overseas Aid Program.

Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC) – www.acmc.gov.au. The Australian Civil-Military Centre is a whole-of-government initiative to improve Australia's effectiveness in civil-military collaboration for conflict and disaster management overseas.

Australian Government Emergency Management –

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/emergency-management>

The Department of Home Affairs is responsible for immigration and customs border policy, as well as other portfolios such as emergency management, including crisis management and disaster recovery.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) – www.australianhumanitarianpartnership.org

The AHP is a five-year (2017-2022) partnership between the Australian Government and six Australian NGOs. Through the AHP, partners aim to save lives, alleviate suffering, and enhance human dignity in the face of conflict, disasters, and other humanitarian crises. Disaster Preparedness is handled through the Disaster READY program.

Australian Institute of Disaster Resilience (AIDR) – www.aidr.org.au. The AIDR is a partnership between the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC), the Australian Red Cross (ARC) and the Bushfire & Natural Hazards CRC (BNHCRC) under a contract with the Australian Government through Emergency Management Australia, a division of the Attorney-General's Department.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) – www.aspi.org.au. The ASPI is designed to help Australia understand better the strategic choices facing it, and help government make better-informed decisions.

AVAAZ – www.avaaz.org. An independent not-for-profit organization that works to ensure that the views and values of the world's people inform global decision-making. It has over 43 million members worldwide.

Banking with the Poor Network (BWTP) – www.bwtp.org. A network of some 30 NGOs, microfinance institutions, commercial, and central banks from 8 countries in Asia.

BBC – www.bbc.co.uk. The BBC has the latest news updates, and provides in-depth coverage of key current global major events. Throughout 2020 the BBC has announced plans for a year-long series of special programming and coverage on climate change, entitled 'Our Planet Matters'¹.

BlazeAid – www.blazeaid.com.au A volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, its volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

Bond – www.bond.org.uk. Bond is the UK membership body for organizations working in international development or supporting those that do through funding, research, training, and other services.

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) – www.bom.gov.au. The BOM is Australia's national weather, climate and water agency. Its expertise and services assist Australians in dealing with the harsh realities of their natural environment, this including drought, floods, bushfires, storms, tsunami and tropical cyclones. The BOM also provides key explanations for Australia's main

¹ See <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-51104776> for more details

climate drivers, namely the El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO), the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), and the Southern Annular Mode (SAM).

Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (BNHCRC) –

www.bnhcrc.com.au. The Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre draws together all of Australia and New Zealand's fire and emergency service authorities, land management agencies, as well as non-government organizations and leading experts, across a range of scientific fields to explore the causes, consequences, and mitigation of natural disasters.

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Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) – www.cdema.org CDEMA is a regional inter-governmental agency for disaster management in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

CBM – www.cbm.org.au. Together with its partners, CBM seeks to empower people living with disability in the world's poorest countries, transforming their lives and breaking down barriers in their homes and communities that stop them from reaching their full potential.

Center for International Disaster Information – www.cidi.org. The USAID CIDI guides and informs the public, non-profits, corporations, and governmental organizations on the most effective ways to support international disaster relief and recovery.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) – www.cdc.gov. This US agency gives advice to WHO and other international organizations on specific health issues globally.

Centre for Humanitarian Leadership – www.centreforhumanitarianleadership.org
The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership delivers education, innovation and research for the humanitarian sector. It is changing the way the world responds to humanitarian crises.

Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) – www.cidt.org.uk. The CIDT is a centre within the University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom. Capacity strengthening is at the heart of its initiatives. It has worked in over **140 countries** worldwide to deliver programs, projects, and consultancies aimed at enhancing capacity across a range of sectors.

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) – www.unocha.org/cerf. The CERF is a humanitarian fund established by the United Nations to enable more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters and armed conflicts.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) – www.csiro.au
Australia's national science research agency helps solve some of the nation's, as well as global greatest challenges, by using innovative science and technology.

Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network – www.cdacnetwork.org. The CDAC Network brings together diverse local, regional, and global actors to catalyse communities' abilities to connect, access information, and have a voice in humanitarian emergencies.

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) – www.cgiar.org. CGIAR is a strategic alliance of members, partners, and international agricultural centers that mobilize science to benefit the poor.

Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) – www.corehumanitarianstandard.org. The Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) sets out nine commitments that organizations and individuals involved in humanitarian response can use to improve the quality and effectiveness of the assistance they provide. The CHS is now one of the Foundation Chapters of the 4th Edition of the Sphere Project. A useful video on the CHS can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAkxy3o9vDY&feature=youtu.be>

CHS Alliance – www.chsalliance.org. The CHS Alliance leads and facilitates the development, promotion and maintenance of the Core Humanitarian Standard, including by providing training and capacity building to its 240+ members and the wider sector.

CRID (Regional Disaster Information Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean) – http://www.cridlac.org/ing_index.shtml. CRID was established by six organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean to consolidate and disseminate disaster related material throughout that region.

Dart Centre for Journalism & Trauma, Asia Pacific – <http://dartcenter.org/asia-pacific>. Dart Centre Asia Pacific, based in Melbourne, is a regional hub for media and trauma professionals and students who believe that effective reporting on violence matters.

Darwin Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) - <https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>. VAAC Darwin is one of nine Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres worldwide operating under the International Airways Volcano Watch and has responsibility for an area that includes the volcanically active regions of Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the southern Philippines.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) – www.delwp.vic.gov.au. DELWP is tasked with creating liveable, inclusive and sustainable communities throughout Victoria.

Development Aid – www.developmentaid.org. Development Aid is a leading innovative membership organization offering services for the international developmental sector. It brings together donors, consultancy firms, NGOs, and experts working for international development.

The Development Circle – www.developmentcircle.org. A community of professionals and students striving to improve knowledge, practices, and networks to benefit the community and individuals they work with.

Devex – www.devex.com. A social enterprise that connects and informs 700,000+ global development professionals through news, business intelligence, and funding and career opportunities.

Earth Nullschool – <https://earth.nullschool.net>. See current wind, weather, ocean, and pollution conditions, as forecast by supercomputers, on an interactive animated map. Updated every three hours.

Eldis – www.eldis.org. Funded through UK and Irish sources, Eldis is a gateway to information on development issues, providing free and easy access to a wide range of high quality online resources.

ELD Training – www.eldtraining.com. Based primarily in South/South East Asia, ELD training provides practical training and consultancy services to development organizations worldwide. It produces useful toolkits on reporting skills, professional, proposal, and case study writing.

The Elders – www.theelders.org The Elders are an independent group of global leaders working together for peace and human rights. The Elders represent an independent voice, not bound by the interests of any nation, government or institution.

ELRHA (Enhanced Learning & Research for Humanitarian Assistance) – <https://www.elrha.org> ELRHA aims to stimulate and support collaborative partnerships between academic and humanitarian communities to produce research and training that delivers measurable impact in the prevention of and response to global humanitarian crises.

Emergency Appeals Alliance (EAA) – www.emergency-appeals-alliance.org The EAA is a voluntary body without legal statute which currently consists of ten member organisations. Each EAA member unites aid agencies and the private and public sector, especially the media, within their respective countries to respond to humanitarian emergencies around the world.

Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT) – www.emdat.be The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) in Belgium launched the EM-FDAT in 1988, supported by the WHO and the Belgian Government. The EM-DAT contains essential core data on the occurrence and effects of over 22,000 global disasters from 1900 to the present day. The database is compiled from various sources, including UN agencies, NGOs, insurance companies, research institutes and press agencies. The main objective of this database is to rationalise decision making for disaster preparedness, as well as provide an objective base for vulnerability assessment and priority setting.

Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) – <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/>. The EMV leads emergency management in Victoria by working with communities, government, agencies, and business to strengthen their capacity to withstand, plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) – www.ennonline.net. ENN aims to improve the effectiveness of emergency food and nutrition interventions by encouraging better dialogue and institutional memory between field workers, researchers, and academics. Produces *Nutrition Exchange*, an ENN publication that contains short, non-technical and easy-to-read articles on nutrition programme experiences and learning, from countries with a high burden of undernutrition, and those that are prone to crisis.

Ethical Jobs – www.ethicaljobs.com.au. Ethical Jobs is a job search site for people who want to "work for a better world". They list aid and development, community, environmental, and non-profit jobs that contribute to a more sustainable, more equitable world.

Evaluation Toolbox – www.evaluationtoolbox.net.au. The Community Sustainability Engagement Evaluation Toolbox aims to provide a one-stop-site for the evaluation of community sustainability engagement projects intended to change household behavior.

Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) – www.fews.net. A USAID-funded initiative that monitors and reports on food security conditions within 20 African countries, and others.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – www.fema.gov. FEMA's mission is to support its (US) citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation, the US can build, sustain and improve its capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Financial Tracking Service (FTS) – <https://fts.unocha.org>. UNOCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS) records all reported humanitarian aid contributions, with a special focus on humanitarian response plans (HRPs) and appeals.

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) – www.fao.org. A specialised UN agency focusing in on agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and rural development. It produces the following reports: *Annual State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)*; *State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI)*; *State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA)*; *State of World Forests (SOFA)*; and *State of Agricultural Commodities Markets (SOCO)*.

Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit – Somalia (FSNAU) – www.fsnau.org. The FSNAU provides evidence-based analysis of Somali food, nutrition, and livelihood security to enable both short term emergency responses and long term strategic planning to promote food and livelihood security for the Somali people.

Freedom House – www.freedomhouse.org. Freedom House is an independent watchdog organization that supports the expansion of freedom around the world. Freedom House's 4 annual surveys, *Freedom in the World*, *Freedom of the Press*, *Nations in Transit*, and *Countries at the Crossroads*, are available in their entirety on the Internet, along with numerous special reports.

The Fritz Institute – www.fritzinstitute.org. Aims to strengthen humanitarian relief infrastructures through the mobilisation of logistics and technical expertise from the corporate and academic sectors.

Gapminder – www.gapminder.org. Gapminder is a simply brilliant method of illustrating global statistical trends over time in an exciting and compelling way for example the health and wealth of nations; CO2 emissions; child mortality rates, etc.

Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) – www.gdnonline.org. A vibrant online community of researchers and practitioners, working towards the reduction of gender-related disaster risk.

The Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development – <http://www.genevadeclaration.org/>. This agency promotes sustainable security by taking action to reduce armed violence and its effects. It produces the *Global Burden of Armed Violence* report.

Geoscience Australia – www.ga.gov.au. Australia's national geological survey dealing with geological, geophysical, and geo-hazard mapping of the continent. It includes a range of scientific activities including natural hazard risk and impact analysis.

Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) – www.gdln.org. The GDLN uses distance learning to facilitate interactive, cost effective learning and knowledge sharing for sustainable development and poverty reduction.

Global Development Network (GDN) – www.gdnet.org. A global network of research and policy institutes working together to address the problems of national and regional development. The Pacific, Australia and New Zealand chapter of this is known as the Oceania Development Network (ODN).

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Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) – www.gfdr.org. The GFDRR is a partnership of 36 countries and 6 international organizations committed to helping developing countries reduce their vulnerability to natural hazards and adapting to climate change.

Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) – www.globalnetwork-dr.org. This network of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) is committed to working together to improve disaster risk reduction policy and practice at every decision-making level.

Global Witness – www.globalwitness.org. Global Witness investigates and campaigns to prevent natural resourced-related conflict and corruption.

GNS Science – www.gns.cri.nz. GNS Science is New Zealand's leading provider of earth, geoscience and isotope research and consultancy services.

Google Earth – <http://earth.google.com>. Google Earth offers maps and satellite images for complex or pinpointed regional searches – ideal for aid-related programs and projects.

Google Maps – <http://maps.google.com>. Google Maps offers a global map service that facilitates the production of maps from macro to micro scales.

Groupe u.r.d. – www.urd.org. Groupe URD is a French-based research, evaluation, and training institute, supporting the humanitarian and post-crisis sectors in research, training, and evaluation. It produces the quarterly review *Humanitarian Aid on the Move*.

Guardian Weekly – www.guardianweekly.com. A weekly newspaper combining the best articles on overseas events from the Guardian (UK).

Habitat for Humanity – www.habitat.org. Habitat for Humanity helps to turn expectations into reality by transforming lives through the provision of safe, decent, and affordable homes.

Handicap International (HI) – www.handicap-international.org.uk. An international NGO working alongside people with disabilities, offering them assistance and support in their efforts to become self-reliant.

Help Age International – www.helpage.org. A global network of not-for-profit organizations working with disadvantaged older people.

Human Rights Watch – www.hrw.org. An independent NGO which defends human rights around the world.

Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) – www.humanitarianadvisorygroup.org Promotes excellence in humanitarian action by bringing fresh thinking to challenge the status quo of humanitarian aid. As an ethically driven business, HAG combines humanitarian passion with entrepreneurial agility to think and do things differently.

Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) – <https://data.humdata.org> The Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) is an open platform for sharing data, managed by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) – <https://www.unocha.org/humanitarian-networks-and-partnerships-week-hnpw>
The HNPW, co-chaired by OCHA and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), provides a unique forum for humanitarian networks and partnerships to meet and address key humanitarian issues.

Humanitarian to Humanitarian (H2H) Network – www.h2hworks.org H2H is a vibrant network of humanitarian entrepreneurs, who day by day are engineering new solutions and services that enable the humanitarian sector to perform better. H2H was inspired by the 'Business to Business' (B2B) concept in the private sector.

Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) – www.humanitarianinnovation.org. The Humanitarian Innovation Fund supports organizations and individuals to identify, nurture, and share innovative solutions to the challenges facing operational agencies in the delivery of effective humanitarian aid.

Humanitarian Practice Network (HPN) – www.odihpn.org. Produces 3 types of specialist publications for the humanitarian community: *Humanitarian Exchange*, *Network Papers* and *Good Practice Reviews*.

Humanitarian Response – www.humanitarianresponse.info. This service is provided by UN OCHA to support humanitarian operations globally. It facilitates information exchange between operational responders during either a protracted or sudden onset emergency.

Humanity Road – <https://www.humanityroad.org/>. Humanity Road delivers disaster preparedness and response information to the global mobile public before, during, and after a disaster.

Humentum – www.humentum.org. Humentum was a merger in 2017 of three former NGOs serving the international development community, namely InsideNGOs, LINGOs and Mango. Humentum has now combined these agencies' respective areas of expertise which include learning, capacity building, and essential operations, this including financial management.

IDEP Foundation – www.idepfoundation.org/en IDEP is a local Indonesian NGO based in Bali - Indonesia, founded in 1999, that develops and delivers training, community programs and media related to sustainable development through Permaculture, and Community-based Disaster Management.

Integrated Approaches to Participatory Development – www.iapad.org. A practical Asian-based website covering a range of participatory tools, in particular Participative

Geographical Information Systems (PGIS), and Participative Three Dimensional Modelling (P3DM).

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) – www.irdrinternational.org. IRDR is a decade-long integrated research programme co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR).

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Interaction – www.interaction.org is a US NGO alliance organization of 180-plus members working around the world. What unites them is a commitment to working with the world's poor and vulnerable, in the belief that together they can make the world a more peaceful, just and prosperous place.

Interagency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) – www.ineesite.org. INEE is an open, global network of practitioners and policy makers, working together to ensure all persons receive the right to quality education, and a safe learning environment in emergencies and post-crisis recovery.

Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) – <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc>. The primary mechanism for inter-agency coordination of humanitarian assistance. It is a unique forum involving key UN and non-UN humanitarian partners.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – www.ipcc.ch. The IPCC is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. Its *Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)* was finalised in 2014.

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) – www.internal-displacement.org. The IDMC, established in 1998 by the Norwegian Refugee Council, is the leading international body monitoring internal displacement worldwide.

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – www.icrc.org. ICRC's mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war/international violence, by the provision of appropriate assistance.

International Crisis Group (ICG) – www.crisisweb.org. An independent organization working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world. It provides high quality background research, publications and now also the monthly *Crisis Watch*.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) – <http://www.ifrc.org/>. The world's largest humanitarian organization with 178 member National Societies.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – www.ifad.org. IFAD focuses on agriculture and rural development. It is an international financial institution and a specialized United Nations agency dedicated to eradicating poverty and hunger in rural areas of developing countries

International Institute for Disaster Risk Management (IDRM) – www.idrmhome.org. A research and training institute based in the Philippines, and involved in disaster risk reduction throughout the Asia and Pacific regions.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) – www.imf.org. A 184 member organization working to foster improved global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment, sustain growth, and reduce poverty. It produces the six-monthly *World Economic Outlook (WEO)*.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) – www.iom.int. Working with its partners, IOM has become the leading international organization to provide humane responses to migration challenges.

International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) – www.insarag.org. INSARAG is a global network of more than 80 countries and organizations under the United Nations umbrella. INSARAG deals with urban search and rescue (USAR) related issues.

International Water Centre – www.watercentre.org. The International WaterCentre (IWC) is dedicated to providing advanced education and training, applied research and consulting to develop capacity and promote whole-of-water cycle approaches to integrated water management around the world.

Last Mile Learning – www.lastmilelearning.org. Last Mile Learning's mission is to provide world-class learning opportunities at no cost to those working to improve lives in the developing world. This is achieved through a collaborative model that includes partnerships with development organizations, private sector partners, and a community of volunteers to create technology platforms and develop learning content.

Lonely Planet – www.lonelyplanet.com. An international print and on-line publisher of travel information. Publications include travel guide books, phrase books, activity guides, and maps.

Lowy Institute for International Policy – www.lowyinstitute.org. An independent, non-partisan think tank which conducts original, policy-relevant research about international political, strategic, and economic issues from an Australian perspective.

Monitoring and Evaluation NEWS – www.mande.co.uk. A useful practical site covering a whole range of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) methods, tools, systems, approaches and innovations.

Mandala Staff Support – www.mandalastaffsupport.org. The mission of the Mandala Foundation is to strengthen humanitarian action through the psychosocial support of staff, projects and management systems. Its principal activity is to promote the prevention, mitigation, and treatment of stress in humanitarian aid and development staff.

MapAction – www.mapaction.org. A UK-based charity that provides rapid response mapping services in disaster areas and development programmes.

Micah Network – www.micahnetwork.org. Micah Network is a global Christian community of over 500 member agencies in 80+ countries, all committed to integral mission.

Microfinance Pasifika – www.microfinance-pasifika.org. An alliance of institutions committed to improving the quality of life of economically disadvantaged people in the Pacific through inclusive and sustainable micro-finance services such as savings, credit, remittances, etc.

New Internationalist – www.newint.com.au. The New Internationalist is an independent monthly not-for-profit magazine that reports on action for global justice. They believe in putting people before profit, in climate justice, tax justice, equality, social responsibility and human rights for all.

Our World in Data – www.ourworldindata.org. Our World in Data is a scientific online publication that focuses on large global problems such as poverty, disease, hunger, climate change, war, existential risks, and inequality.

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) – www.odi.org.uk. A leading think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues. It produces a wide range of regular and useful publications including an e-newsletter.

Pacific Disaster Centre (PDC) – www.pdc.org. The PDC strives to prevent hazards from becoming disasters, and disasters from becoming crises. It does this by applying science, technology, and knowledge exchange.

Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations (PIANGO) – www.piango.org. PIANGO serves 23 Countries and territories of the Pacific through the strengthening and building up of the capacity of the civil society sector.

Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) – www.paho.org. An international public health agency with strong roots on both development and humanitarian assistance. Publications include the disaster newsletter *Preparedness and Mitigation in the Americas*.

Practical Action – www.practicalaction.org. Practical Action is a global innovator, inspiring people to discover and adopt ingenious, practical ways to free themselves from poverty and disadvantage. Its projects are organised under four program themes, namely sustainable energy access, food and agriculture, urban water and waste, and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR.)

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) – www.phap.org. PHAP is a professional association bringing together all parts of the humanitarian sector. PHAP's mission is to empower capable and informed professionals to transform humanitarian action.

Project Management for Non-government Organizations (PM4NGOs) – www.pm4ngos.org. PM4NGOs aims to optimize international NGO project investments by enabling project managers to be reflective, professional practitioners who learn, operate, and adapt effectively in complex project environments

Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre – www.climatecentre.org. The Climate Centre supports National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to eventually reduce the loss of life and damage done to the livelihoods of people affected by climate change and extreme weather events.

Redr Australia – www.redr.org.au. RedR Australia Selects, trains and deploys technical specialists overseas. It is a Standby Partner to 11 United Nations agencies or entities, as well as other stakeholders including national governments. It maintains a roster of 750 technical experts across a range of sectors.

Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) – www.refugeecouncil.org.au. This is an Australian non-profit peak organization providing information on and advocacy for refugees and humanitarian entrants in Australia.

Refugee Studies Centre – www.rsc.ox.ac.uk. A leading multi-disciplinary centre for research and teaching on the causes and consequences of forced migration. Publishes the *Forced Migration Review (FMR)* (www.fmreview.org) in English, Arabic, Spanish, and French.

Relief Web – www.reliefweb.int. Serves the international humanitarian relief community by providing a comprehensive range of relevant material, including the latest emergency/country updates, appeals and funding, professional resources and maps.

Reporters without Borders – www.rsf.org. An organization that fights for press freedom and denounces the violations of the human rights all over the world.

Research for Development Impact (RDI) Network – <https://rdinetwork.org.au>. The RDI Network is a consortium of practitioners, researchers and evaluators working in international development, supporting collaborative partnerships to improve the uptake and use of evidence in policy and practice.

Scope Global – www.scopeglobal.com. Scope Global is a specialist project management company delivering international development and international education programs throughout Australia, Asia and the Pacific. Its key clients include the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFA) and Department of Education and Training (DET), national and sub-national governments in other Asia-Pacific countries, the Asian Development Bank and various universities and educational institutions.

Shongjog – www.shongjog.org.bd. The Bangladeshi organisation Shongjog aims to promote trust between communities and the disaster response sector by recognising voices of the community and reflecting them in strategies, policies and decision-making processes. Shongjog itself means 'Linkage'.

Smart Traveller- www.smartraveller.gov.au. Invaluable advice provided by the Australian Government for Australians travelling overseas.

Social Change Central (SCC) – www.socialchangecentral.com. Social Change Central (SCC) is Australia's first dedicated online hub for social enterprises. SCC connects, encourages, and supports social enterprises and aspiring entrepreneurs through an easy-to-use, comprehensive self-service database which collates the most up-to-date social enterprise opportunities available in Australia and internationally.

Sphere Standards - www.spherestandards.org. The Sphere Handbook *Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response* is one of the most widely known and internationally recognized sets of common principles and universal minimum standards in life-saving areas of humanitarian response. The 4th edition was released in 2018.

Standby Partnership – www.standbypartnership.org. The Standby Partnership (SBP) is a network of bilateral agreements between organisations and United Nations (UN) agencies. It comprises a range of partners which provide support to UN agencies responding to humanitarian emergencies throughout the world via the secondment of gratis personnel.

Start Network - www.startnetwork.org Start Network's aim is to deliver effective aid, harnessing the power and knowledge of the network to make faster and better decisions to help people affected by crises. This includes a proposed funding system which will be dependable and predictable, based on humanitarian need.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) – www.sipri.org. SIPRI is an independent research institute focusing on international security, arms control, and disarmament. SIPRI has built its reputation on authoritative, balanced research, including its flagship publication the *SIPRI Yearbook*.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>. The 17 Goals covering the period 2016-30, are designed to transform our world. The SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and aim to go further to end all forms of poverty. The new Goals call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income, to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) – www.syriahr.com/hr. The SOHR reports on the Human Rights situation in Syria.

Health Books international (HBI) www.healthbooksinternational.org Health Books International (HBI) is a UK-registered charity run on a not-for-profit basis. It offers a practical, highly-effective response to a lack of access to information by sourcing, producing and distributing practical and accessible health information designed for use in developing countries.

TorqAid – www.torqaid.com. An Australian-based global humanitarian and development agency offering a combination of humanitarian consultancy and advisory work, training, and research.

Transparency International (TI) – www.transparency.org. An international NGO devoted to combating corruption by awareness raising, advocacy of policy reform and other means. It produces the annual *Global Corruption Report*.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – www.unicef.org. Protects the rights of children and parents by a variety of interventions. It produces the *Annual State of the World's Children Report*.

United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 25) - <https://unfccc.int/cop25> As the global climate emergency intensifies and greenhouse gas emissions continue to grow, governments meet in Madrid for the UN Climate Change Conference COP25 (2 to 13 December 2019) to take the next crucial steps in the UN climate change process.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – www.undp.org. Provides a range of services to governments and others in the areas of democratic governance, poverty reduction, crisis prevention and recovery, energy and environment, etc. UNDP produces the *Annual Human Development Report*.

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) – www.unhcr.org. Mandated by the UN to lead and coordinate international action for the world-wide protection of refugees. It produces the annual *Global Trends Report*, and other publications.

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) – www.unisdr.org. As the UN office for disaster risk reduction, UNISDR supports the implementation, follow-up, and review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) – www.unocha.org. UNOCHA is designed to strengthen the UN's response to complex emergencies and natural disasters, and improve UN humanitarian operations in the field.

United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) – <https://www.unscn.org/>. The UN focal point for harmonising nutritional policies and strategies. It produces the period review *SCN News*

United States Geological Survey (USGS) – www.usgs.gov. The USGS serves the US by providing reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth and thereby minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters, manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources, and enhance and protect quality of life. It also monitors earthquakes globally.

Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) – www.vmgd.gov.vu Works in close cooperation with the Vanuatu Humanitarian Team (VHT) and Vanuatu Climate action Network, to give early warning on a range of meteorological and geo-hazard threats.

Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE) – www.ngovoice.org VOICE's members consist of European NGOs, with VOICE working to ensure that the policies, practices and funding of EU and member state institutions relevant to humanitarian aid increasingly follow core humanitarian principles and good practice.

WaterAid – www.wateraid.org.au. An NGO dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation, and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) – <http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/>. WEDC is one of the world's leading education and research institutes for developing knowledge and capacity in water and sanitation for low- and middle-income countries.

World Bank – www.worldbank.org. The World Bank works globally in areas of poverty alleviation, health, education, HIV/AIDS, debt relief, biodiversity projects, civil society, and post-conflict assistance. It produces the annual *World Development Report*.

World Food Program (WFP) – www.wfp.org. WFP is the world's largest agency, and annually brings food assistance to more than 80 million people in 80 countries globally.

World Health Organization (WHO) – <http://www.who.int>. A UN agency involved not only in combating disease and infirmity, but also in promoting complete physical, mental, and social well-being. It produces the annual *World Health Report*.

World Resources Institute (WRI) – www.wri.org. An NGO with staff including scientists and policy makers who work to protect the Earth and improve people's lives. It produces the annual *World Resources* and other publications.



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