
Annex 5: Acknowledgements

The drafting of the HAP Humanitarian Accountability and Quality Management Standard (2007) and of the subsequent Guide to the HAP Standard have drawn on a wide and diverse group of stakeholders, all committed to promoting and strengthening accountability to people affected by disaster. Each step in the development of the HAP Standard followed internationally recognised principles.

The principles for creating the Standard are:

- 1. Consensus: the views of all those interested should be taken into account.** In July 2005, HAP invited identified stakeholders to participate in the consultation and development of the Standard and its Guide. Some 232 individuals joined the Standard Development Reference Group. This group was made up of 45 different nationalities and included eight disaster survivors, staff from 122 organisations (including seven UN agencies), ten donors, and 12 quality initiatives.
- 2. Sector-wide: the Standard should seek international/global solutions for humanitarian accountability and quality management.** Although HAP was mandated to create the Standard initially for its own members, it was recognised that there was a need for such a standard for the humanitarian sector as a whole – hence the

consultations, workshops, and reference group input from the wider sector. Information regarding each stage of the development process was regularly posted on the HAP website and sent to the Reference Group.

3. **Voluntary: involvement at all stages of development of the Standard should be voluntary.** Participation in the HAP Standard development project was entirely voluntary.

Structure of the consultation process

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HAP members

HAP members provided feedback and platforms for trials and field tests of the Standard, hosting workshops and carrying out self-assessments. Several members provided examples of good practice and, in some cases, tools that are included in the Guide.

Full members

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID); CAFOD; CARE International; Christian Aid; Concern Worldwide, DanChurchAid (DCA); Danish Refugee Council (DRC); Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP); Medair; MERCY Malaysia; Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); OFADEC; Oxfam GB; Save the Children UK; Tearfund UK; Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children (WCRWC); World Vision International (WVI).

Associate members

DANIDA; DFID; MANGO; SIDA.

Quality initiatives

HAP has tried to involve all interested stakeholders and, in particular, has recognised the importance of drawing on the expertise and insight of many quality and accountability initiatives, including: ECB; The Sphere Project, People In Aid; MANGO; Transparency International; ALNAP; One World Trust; Group URD; SCHR; GlobalScale; Social Accountability International; AccountAbility.

Donors

AusAID/ACFID; DFID; IrishAid; DANIDA; SIDA; Netherlands MFA; Ford Foundation; SDC; Oxfam GB; ECB; World Vision International.

Reference Group

The Reference Group was drawn from a wide and diverse group of individuals, based in the following organisations:

Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief	AusAid	CARE UK
AccountAbility	Beyond Borders	CARE USA
Action Contre la Faim	Bioforce	Caritas Australia
Action Aid	British Red Cross	Channel Research
Adventist Development & Relief Agency	BushProof	Christian Aid
The Australian Council for International Development	CAFOD	Christian Children's Fund
Aid World ICT	CARE Australia	Colombia University
Al Manar	CARE Bangladesh	Concern
ALNAP	CARE Cambodia	Concern Cambodia
American Red Cross	CARE Indonesia	Development Cooperation Ireland
American Refugee Care	CARE International	DfID/CHASE
Amnesty International	CARE Kenya	Danish Refugee Care
	CARE Laos	DRC Serbia
	CARE Philippines	D-Trac
	CARE Sierra Leone	

ECHO SE Asia	IRC Kenya	Shelter Centre
ECHO Sri Lanka	Islamic Relief	SIDA
Emergency Capacity Building Project	MANGO	The Sphere Project
Emma Ltd	Medical Aid for Palestinians	Swiss Peace
Ethical Globalization Initiative	Medair	Tearfund UK
EU-CORD	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Terre des Hommes
FHI Mozambique	Norwegian Refugee Council	The Leprosy Mission
Ford Foundation	OFADDEC	Transparency International
Glemminge	One World Trust	Tufts University
Global Scale	OSCE Parliamentary Assembly	UN-UNICEF/EMOPS
Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies	Oxfam Bangladesh	UN-WFP
Group URD	Oxfam DRC	UN-WHO
Handicap International	Oxfam GB	VBNK
HAP International	Oxfam East Asia (Thailand)	VIVA
HelpAge International	Oxfam Indonesia	Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies
Humanitarian Policy Group – ODI	Oxfam Liberia	Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children
Humanitarian Times	Oxfam Solidarité Belgique	World Bank
Inter Agency Standing Committee	Oxfam South Africa	World Council of Churches
International Aid Services	Oxfam Sri Lanka	World Relief
International Council for Voluntary Agencies	Oxfam USA	World Vision Cambodia
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Oxfam Viet Nam	World Vision Colombia
International Institute for Humanitarian Law	People In Aid	World Vision International
InterAction	Save the Children UK	World Vision Kenya
The International Peacebuilding Alliance	SCF UK Senegal	World Vision South Africa
Irish Aid	SCF UK Sri Lanka	World Vision Sri Lanka
	Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response	World Vision USA
	Swiss Development Cooperation	ZOA
	Serbian Refugee Council	

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We would have liked to mention each person and agency who participated in drafting the Standard by name here, but recognise that the list would take up many pages, so we have therefore provided a full list on the HAP website: www.hapinternational.org/ and accompanying CD-ROM.