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## ICVA BULLETIN

Highlights from June 2020

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### Message from Executive Director

#### ***Our ability to partner : our most strategic capability***

The greatest problems we are facing may ultimately be entirely dependent for their resolution on our capacity for cooperation, for different forms of partnership.

With COVID-19, we are seeing more clearly the complexity of risk profiles. This means greater uncertainty concerning the nature of future problems and solutions. The implication is that no one organisation nor one sector can prepare for everything using its internal resources alone. We depend on others and we have to rely on influence rather than on control on the partnership relations.

Partnerships have to be shifted to enlarge the imaginative space in which crisis response is anticipated, planned, delivered and enhanced. Consequently, the best solutions begin with the capabilities of the people affected by risk (every one of us). Solutions are primarily social rather than technological.

We have the responsibility to do all we can to step up our game. We have no choice than to look through the lens of collaborative advantage proving a better understanding of how social problems may come into existence and they may best be addressed. The major social problems of our time, from poverty to climate change to political violence, all depend for their resolution on partnership among many stakeholders.

Promoting partnerships is a necessity if we are to find innovative and durable solutions to global challenges. This months' Bulletin covers a number of collaborative initiatives as well as a renewed invitation to join the conversation on [collaborative advantage](#) and on in-country platforms to engage [business](#) and drive partnership action within the [ICVA 2030](#) strategic process.

Our ability to partner is our most strategic capability.

**Ignacio Packer**  
Executive Director | ICVA

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## ICVA Updates

# ICVA 2030 Your View Counts

### ICVA 2030 : The future added value of the ICVA network in a post COVID-19 world

In May 2021 at our General Assembly, members will be adopting our new strategy. This will shape the future of the ICVA network, focusing on humanitarian concerns that are relevant to our members and stakeholders.

Throughout this year we have arranged a variety of ways for members to engage to ensure this is a well-informed strategy.



### ICVA 2030 Survey

Many thanks to all of you who recently completed this survey. We can now share the [interim results](#). The survey is still open until 15 July if you have not yet completed it. The links to the survey: [English](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#).

Join us for ICVA  
Membership sessions!  
2-3 September

### ICVA Membership sessions!

#### Save the date: ICVA Membership online sessions 2-3 September:

Within the [ICVA 2030](#) process, the “ICVA Membership Day” was initially scheduled as a one-day event in Geneva on 16 March. We have adapted our Membership day to be two online sessions on the 2nd and 3rd September to discuss key themes that will impact the future role of ICVA and the membership. More information will be shared with members shortly.



### ICVA 2030 Videos

#### What should ICVA focus on for the 2030 Strategy?

Members and stakeholders have recorded short videos sharing their ideas for the future of the ICVA network. [Watch videos here](#).

For more information on [ICVA 2030](#), see our [Strategic Development Document](#), or contact [communications@icvanetwork.org](mailto:communications@icvanetwork.org)

#### 1. ICVA Staff updates:

ICVA is pleased to announce that **Mr Jeremy Wellard** is appointed in the position of ICVA's

Head of Humanitarian Coordination. Being previously ICVA's Regional Representative for Asia-Pacific Region, this appointment is expected to help better bridge field realities with coordination and advocacy work. Mr Wellard has been successfully covering the position on an interim basis for the last few months.

## 2. Vacancies:

ICVA has a vacancy for the Regional Representative for Asia-Pacific Region. Any interested applicants can view the job description [here](#). The deadline for applications is 4 August 2020.

## 3. ICVA's COVID-19 Resources page:

ICVA's Covid-19 [resource page](#) has a collection of guidelines, tools, statements, papers and useful links which are relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Forced migration

## 4. Internal Displacement

On 25 June, ICVA and the Geneva and New York-based Groups of Friends of the High-Level Panel, jointly organised an exchange with NGOs, Member States, the Panel Secretariat, and other stakeholders on **Internally Displaced Persons, the Sustainable Development Goals and Perspectives for Durable Solutions**. The objective was to gather insights from a variety of perspectives that will then be used to submit a targeted set of recommendations to the Panel. Gathering over 80 participants, the meeting benefited from inputs from a variety of stakeholders, including representatives from Member States, NGOs, and the UN system, speakers included Ambassador David Donoghue, UNDP, the UNHCR-World Bank Joint Data Center, and the Norwegian Refugee Council. The Head of the Secretariat of the High-Level Panel also contributed through opening remarks and inputs into the discussion. The event's concept note is available [here](#). Notes from this meeting will be shared with ICVA members asap. For more information, contact [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org) or visit ICVA's [dedicated webpage](#).

In June, ICVA also continued to collaborate with the High-Level Panel Secretariat to connect NGOs to efforts to organise consultations with internally displaced persons and host communities in key countries.

## 5. Global Refugee Forum follow-up

On 11 June, UNHCR organised the second informal briefing on the follow-up to the Global Refugee Forum. On this occasion, thanks to the NGO inputs, ICVA delivered an NGO statement highlighting key messages on the outcomes document of the GRF 2019, the roadmap for follow-up on pledges and contributions, the initiatives launched at the Forum, the Digital Platform, and on the COVID-19 pandemic impacts. The statement is accessible [as delivered](#) as well as through a more [detailed version](#). Notes from the meeting have been shared with members and are also available to members on [ICVA's webpage](#). Additional resources can be found on [UNHCR dedicated webpage](#). For more information contact: [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org) and [Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org)

The High-Level launch of the Spanish Presidency of **the MIRPS Support Platform** was held on 29 June. As pledged at the GRF, ICVA continues to work to support NGOs' engagement in the Global Compact on Refugees implementation, particularly through information dissemination on relevant meetings and mechanisms arranged at the global level such as the three Support Platforms. Hence, related information on the MIRPS Support Platform will be shared broadly with NGOs and actors are referred to the event's video recording [here](#).

In June, ICVA also joined and actively participated in a series of meetings under the auspices of **the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR)**, including efforts to better define complementary pathways. As customary, NGOs issued a statement at the ATCR final meeting, coordinated by the NGO focal point, this year the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR). A Refugee Statement, the second such statement delivered at the ATCR, was developed by a group of individuals with lived experience as refugees, in consultation with many people around the world. Both are available on the CCR

website [here](#).

## **6. High Commissioner's ExCom briefing on UNHCR's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and operational priorities**

On 3 June, for the second time since the beginning of the pandemic, UNHCR organised a virtual meeting of its Executive Committee on UNHCR's COVID-19 response. Based on NGO inputs, ICVA delivered an NGO statement highlighting the funding challenges faced by NGOs, concerns about the results of recent pledging conferences, reiterated NGOs protection concerns, and recalled the importance of working on solutions for displaced population in the COVID-19 response. The statement is available [online](#), notes from this virtual briefing have been shared with ICVA members and are also [online](#) for members.

## **7. UNHCR and NGO meetings on COVID-19 response**

In June, UNHCR continued to organise weekly global exchanges with NGOs, addressing topics such as Children, youth, and the role of sport during the pandemic; UNHCR-led cluster response to the pandemic; Cash assistance in the COVID-19 response. ICVA provided support to UNHCR in organising those meetings and disseminating notes and relevant documents broadly within the NGO community, which are also available to members on [ICVA's webpage](#). For more information, contact: [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org) and [Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org)

## **8. IML learning programme**

On 9 June, ICVA, Civil Society Action Committee and the International Migrant Bill of Rights Initiative convened the first session of its International Migration Law (IML) learning programme for NGOs, which focused on giving an overview of international migration law (sources, branches etc), the role of NGOs in upholding the rights of migrants and human rights mechanisms at the global level.

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# Financing

## **9. COVID-19 response and funding flexibility:**

The IASC Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing (co-chaired by ICVA and OCHA), in consultation with the OPAG, has developed the [IASC Proposal for a harmonised approach to funding flexibility in the context of COVID-19](#). The proposal outlines nine suggested approaches to support a harmonised and flexible funding in the context of COVID-19 across UN agencies and partners.

## **10. CERF Allocation to NGOs:**

It was [announced](#) in June that for the first time NGOs will be able to receive CERF funding. The CERF has been so far only available for UN agencies. The sum of USD 25 million will be available for NGOs through a block grant to IOM who will administer the funding. The funding will be available for NGOs working on health and water and sanitation responses to COVID-19 in six countries: Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Haiti, Libya, South Sudan and Sudan.

## **11. Progress on GHRP for COVID-19 and Survey on Funding Flows:**

The [first progress report](#) on the GHRP for COVID-19 was released on 26 June. It highlights the need to increase the speed and volume of funding to frontline NGOs and the need for more flexible and unearmarked funding.

In order to support the work on pass-through COVID-19 funding to NGOs, both in quantity and speed, ICVA has carried out a survey among its members on funding flows and flexibility

measures in order to get a first-hand idea of what reaches the frontline actors. Plan international supported the work on the survey. The results will hopefully show a more accurate picture of the levels of funding that are reaching frontline responders as well as the degree to which flexibility measures have been communicated to partners. Results will be aggregated with similar efforts underway by InterAction, Norwegian Refugee Council and others.

### **12. Good Humanitarian Donorship (GHD)**

As part of the donor engagement, at the GHD Principals Co-chairs (Switzerland and EU) and the IASC Principals meeting on 5 June, ICVA raised considerations on the quality and flexibility of funding of COVID-19 and on the support to frontline responders. ICVA called for a major public pressure as short term boosts to funding are immediate, only, and there are major concerns for the funding for the years to come while needs increase.

### **13. Grand Bargain Annual Meeting:**

The Grand Bargain (GB) Annual meeting took place on the 24 and 25 June. Four years into the process, this meeting was a crucial moment to reflect on the progress achieved, priorities for the final year and the process for the future. The fourth annual independent report of the GB was presented and discussed in the meeting. The report, which can be [read here](#), assesses the collective progress made and recommends four key areas of action that will be vital for lasting change. Discussions during the meeting also focused on the risk sharing and management practices within signatories and how they affect the GB progress as well as the vision for after the final year of the GB. NGOs came with a strong message of support for the continuation of the platform which brings together concrete engagements and at a political level, donor agencies, UN and NGOs. ICVA is working on a joint statement of behalf of the NGO signatories to the GB.

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## Coordination

### **14. COVID-19 GHRP Update:**

ICVA supported the second review of the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), facilitating member engagement in the process. Consolidated inputs from members have been submitted to OCHA ahead of the publication of the revision on 16 July. ICVA organised an online meeting with the GHRP drafting team to discuss the process and address concerns from NGOs regarding the collection of inputs, monitoring framework and general inclusiveness of the engagement. A follow-up meeting was also organised addressing reporting through the Financial tracking Service.

### **15. Inter-Agency Standing Committee(IASC)**

#### **IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG):**

The EDG met five times in June, to discuss a range of issues. A general meeting was held to take a broader look at horizon scanning and Early Warning Early Action, identifying a range of issues that had been prioritised to help agency planning. At the request of the IASC Principals, the EDG is also considering a number of specific operational contexts. Meetings in June addressed the Syria response, Latin America and the Caribbean, South Sudan, and priority countries in the Sahel/Lake Chad Basin (Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad). Each discussion involved presentations from the relevant RC/HCs, followed by discussion with the EDG members. ICVA members provided valuable inputs to each of these meetings, ensuring key messages were heard by the RC/HCs and IASC agencies.

#### **IASC Principals**

IASC Principals met on 4, 16 and 24 June. Amongst key points of discussion the planning for the final GHRP revision, the follow-up with RC and RC/HCs to step up advocacy at country-level to address access concerns, NGO funding in the field, progress on issues identified in Latin America, support of the Human Rights situation of IDPs and Refugees and, with the UNSG participation, a COVID-19 scanning the horizon, including what the

humanitarian system will be facing until the end of the year and what the system can do about it.

### **Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)**

The OPAG weekly sessions held in June focused on the progress of the Result Group 1 and Result Group 4 versus their respective workplan and reprioritisation due to COVID-19. Other important subjects covered in the discussion include localization; the complementary of work around the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) and Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP); and duty of care. The summary record of the meetings, with references to agreed action points and documents cleared can be [read here](#).

During June various guidelines on COVID-19 response were cleared by the OPAG and endorsed by IASC Principal and can be [found here](#). ICVA contributed to many of these documents reflecting the work and expertise of its members on the ground.

### **16. Update on IASC Results groups:**

#### **RG 1 Operational response:**

ICVA supported participation of a national NGO representative, Dr. Ehsanur Rahman from Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Bangladesh, in discussion around the Emergency Response Preparedness approach to COVID-19. In response to the global outbreak of COVID-19, the IASC built on those guidelines and developed the [Interim Guidance on the Emergency Response Preparedness Approach to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#); a short and technical step-by-step guide. The interim guidance supports the development or strengthening of preparedness measures for country teams to implement the activities that are required to address the potential non-health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its compound effect on existing risks. **In this webinar, expert panellists provided an overview to more than 130 participants on the interim guidance and examples of its field application**, including a presentation on how national actors are tackling this in Bangladesh. The webinar can be [viewed here](#).

#### **RG 2 Accountability and Inclusion:**

The Results Group 2 on Accountability and Inclusion met on 8 June (The RG2 does not meet every month) to give members an update on its deliverable, the new RCCE COVID-19 initiative and the review of its progress by the OPAG in May. You can find the notes from the meeting [here](#).

#### **RG 3 Collective Advocacy:** No updates

#### **RG 4 Nexus:**

- Following the endorsement by OPAG and by the IASC principals on behalf of the IASC RG4, ICVA co-facilitated the dissemination of the [IASC light guidance on Collective Outcomes](#) and will start engaging with RC/HCs on the subject matter.
- Consultations on the Peace Articulation are in their last round and members of ICVA Nexus working group have been invited to share their inputs.
- Aiming to connect and enhance exchanges with development dimensions, ICVA organised a global call to connect NGOs, UNDP and DCO on the UN Socio Economic Framework to COVID-19. The meeting recording is [available here](#).

#### **RG5 Humanitarian Finance:** See update above under 'Financing'.

### **17. 2020 ECOSOC HAS:**

The 2020 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS) was held virtually from 9-11 June 2020. A wide variety of stakeholders, including governments, UN agencies, local, national and international humanitarian actors and organisations, development actors, civil society, academia and the private sector, came together to discuss health challenges, the situation in the Central Sahel, combating and preventing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), new technologies and innovation and improving humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs). The closing session of the ECOSOC HAS saw the launch of a [Call to Action in support of the humanitarian response in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Refer to the [ECOSOC HAS website](#) for statements, remarks and other key documents and the high-level panels can be accessed on [UN WebTV](#).

## 18. NGO ForaSupport:

Under ICVA's NGO Fora Support Programme, we are boosting the support of 12 NGO Fora. Following an evaluation of applications received and within the available funding capacity. From 1 July 2020, ICVA through the NGO Fora Support Project will be supporting the following NGO Fora in their localization and partnership efforts during the COVID-19 response under the GHRP:

**Africa:** Somalia NGO Consortium (SNC), Coordination of Humanitarian INGOs (CHINGO) in Cameroon, Forum des Organisation Nationales Humanitaires et de Development (FONHAD) in DRC, Cameroon Humanitarian Organisation Initiative; and, Tanzania Refugee and Migration Network.

**Asia/Pacific:** Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI), Local Resource Centre Myanmar (LRC) and National Humanitarian Network (NHN) Pakistan.

**MENA:** Palestinian Non-Governmental Organisations Network (PNGO), Yemen CSOs Forum (YCF) and Jordan National NGO Forum (JONAF)

**Latin America:** Humanitarian INGO Forum in Colombia

The aim for the project is to reinforce the localization approach as a key approach to address humanitarian needs/challenges in-country; and through this process use the lessons learned to drive and strengthen humanitarian responses nationally and at global engagements.

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## Navigating change: cross cutting issues

### 19. Child rights:

#### UNICEF NGO Briefings

The UNICEF-NGO briefing series on Humanitarian Partnerships in COVID-19 continued throughout the month of June in the form of thematic webinars. On 4, 11, 18 and 25 June respectively, UNICEF and its NGO partners discussed simplification and flexibility measures, child protection, nutrition response and public health in emergencies. More information on past and upcoming NGO webinars can be found [here](#).

The series of webinars continues in July, and will resume in September. On 2 July the webinar focus is on UNICEF's social protection, humanitarian cash & education response to COVID-19. On 9 July the webinar is on **UNICEF's WASH response to COVID-19**. For more information, please contact: [vania.gobbo@icvanetwork.org](mailto:vania.gobbo@icvanetwork.org)



### 20. Civil society space in humanitarian action:

On June 17 2020 ICVA held a webinar, 'The Futures of Civil Society' in collaboration with [Bond](#), [CIVICUS](#), [CONCORD Europe](#), [Forus International](#), [ICSC](#), [Climate Action Network](#), and [InterAction](#) (networks of civil society organisations). The webinar followed the publication of a series of articles: "[The Future of Civil Society Organisations](#)."

If you missed the webinar, you can find the recording, poll questions and the published articles on the [ICVA website](#).

### 21. TrustLaw and Covid-19 Support to NGOs:

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, TrustLaw has launched a series of new initiatives to support NGOs and social enterprises all over the world:

- A [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#) gathering global legal resources produced by our members.
- A [series of webinars](#) co-hosted by TrustLaw legal members and partners on the legal implications of COVID-19.
- A [COVID-19 Legal Checklist](#) which has been created to help organisations identify what legal advice may be needed during these unprecedented times. You can access the checklist in pdf version [here](#).

**ICVA members will have the opportunity to be fast tracked for TrustLaw membership in order to access free legal services and advice from TrustLaw’s probono lawyers.**

For more information, tools, resources and updates on civil society space and action, please email [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org) to be included in ICVA’s Working Group on NGO Space (ICVA members only).

## **22. Localization:**

The IASC OPAG held two discussions on the topic of localization and how the IASC could better support efforts in a cross-cutting manner. The report from the latest meeting can be [found here](#).

## **23. Safeguarding:**

**Update on the PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund:** in April ICVA and UNHCR launched the PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund to provide rapid, targeted financial support for NGOs to develop and disseminate protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) outreach and communication material that is context-specific and culturally appropriate. The Fund received more than 1500 applications from almost a 100 countries and covering every continent, confirming that there is indeed significant need for outreach on PSEA. The selection of recipients is now being finalised by a Steering Group comprising experts from NGOs and UN agencies. For more information contact [alon.plato@icvanetwork.org](mailto:alon.plato@icvanetwork.org)

### **PSEA Checklist:**

A new [Checklist to Protect from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse during COVID-19](#) was released to accompany the full [IASC Interim Technical Note on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse \(PSEA\) during COVID-19 Response](#). It is meant to be used as a quick reference card, representing minimum actions for project managers delivering in the field and in remote locations. The full Interim Technical Note has already been adopted into tip sheets by several country PSEA networks and this checklist is inspired by their efforts. Additional PSEA resources can be found on the [IASC website](#).

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## Region Specific

ICVA regional teams have been working intensively with inter agency coordination groups to ensure national and international NGO involvement and active contribution to the ongoing preparedness and response to the COVID19, including to liaise at the country, regional and global level.

## **24. Asia and the Pacific:**

### **EPWG**

The second quarter of Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) meeting took place on 11 June which focused on identifying priorities on early warning and preparedness challenges over the next several months – including a focus on the impact on food security due to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 and the ongoing locust outbreak. ADB, WFP and FAO made presentations on the relevant topics.

### **Orientation Session on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Emergencies**

The GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with ICVA organised a virtual orientation session on June 24 for NGOs in the region to better understand the humanitarian response architecture and GBV coordination mechanisms. The main topics covered include the definition of gender-based violence, root causes, contributing factors and consequences of GBV, as well as how to refer GBV survivors for care and support. There will be a second session on GBV risk mitigation on 29 July. Registration information will be shared closer to the webinar date.

### **New Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies (CAPRS)**

Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies (CAPRS) at the University of Auckland will be launched on 15 July 2020 as a designated research centre to inform and develop responses to conflict and climate induced displacement throughout the region. This will be achieved via evidence-based scholarship and high-impact research. Further details of the Centre can be found [here](#).

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### **25. Africa Region:**

- ICVA participated in meetings with the regional IASC in West and Central Africa and Southern Africa as well as the Regional IASC Humanitarian Partnership Team (RHPT) in East Africa covering COVID-19 related issues, but also discussing pre-existing and emerging needs in the sub regions.
- In collaboration with OCHA and DCO, ICVA facilitated the presence of the NGO Forum for Mali (FONGIM) at the ECOSOC HAS Transition [event](#). The event looked at the multidimensional and interconnected challenges in the central Sahel region: Reducing needs, risks and vulnerabilities for people through closer humanitarian, development and peacebuilding collaboration.
- ICVA briefed the Humanitarian Donors Group for East Africa on the NGOs current activities and adjustments in preparedness and response.
- ICVA continues to support members in the region.

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### **26. MENA Region:**

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders held an important discussion on “**Ensuring women's political and economic empowerment after conflict and crisis: Gender in peace deals and COVID-19 responses**” with the Center for Global Affairs at New York University, UN Women and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. The session's recordings can be found on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

#### **Yemen-Tamdeen global Initiative:**

ICVA member Tamdeen Youth Foundation in Yemen is launching an international initiative to save Yemen from epidemics and support the health sector. It aims to raise the level of coordination with internal conflict parties, mobilize resources, and respond to emergency health situations. [Click here](#) for more details on the initiative (in Arabic language).

#### **Syria- Brussels conference and days of Dialogue:**

The fourth Brussels Conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region” started on 22 June with the Days of Dialogue, where civil society representatives from Syria and the region engaged with Ministers and senior officials from refugee-hosting and donor countries, the EU and the UN. The total pledge amount is 6.9 billion euro for the conference.

Below are the recordings and summaries from some of the key events that ICVA MENA participated in:

- Report & executive summary: “[Into the unknown: listening to Syria's displaced in the search for durable solutions](#)”. This report is from 50 Syrian and international NGOs.

- Side-event: Resilience and the Syria Crisis - The Resilience Response in Syria's Neighbouring Countries: Lessons Learned and Way Forward. You can listen to the [recording](#) of the meeting and see the relevant UNDP publications on [resilience](#), including [localised resilience](#), [livelihoods and good practices related to post-conflict reconstruction and transitions in Syria](#).
- "Women building the future of Syria – Realising a feminist peace." [Find here](#) a summary of the recommendations expressed by the panel.
- [The conclusions](#) of the EU side event on humanitarian access in Syria

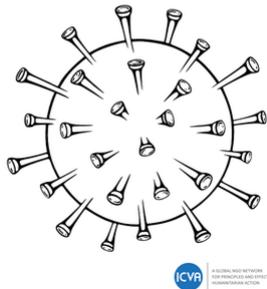
### Libya's Migrant Report

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has issued [Libya's Migrant Report](#). This report presents the findings of DTM Round 30 (March- April 2020) data collection, in which at least 625,638 migrants from over 44 countries of origin were identified in Libya.

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 مذكرة النقاش من إعداد [كفا]  
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### Publication in Arabic

ICVA's briefing paper, "*REINFORCE, REINFORCE, REINFORCE: Localization in the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response*" is now available in Arabic. [Click here](#) to see the English, Spanish or Arabic versions.

### 27. Latin America Region:

ICVA in collaboration with FM4 Paso Libre, Dignidad y Justicia en el Camino A.C., participated in the **OCHA-ROLAC meetings** held weekly in order to report the update and impact of COVID-19 in the region. The localization paper was distributed among participants due to interest in the subject in the region.

During the last month, **webinars on shelter management** in the context of COVID-19 were held in the region. They were organised by the CCM-LAC cluster and FM4 attended.

The ICVA-FM4 team shared information and invited members in the region to attend the webinar held by **TrustLaw: COVID-19 Legal Health Check**.

## Learning Opportunities

**28. Diversity and Inclusion:** Organisations around the world are embracing new notions of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Disasterready has curated a new set of [free learning resources](#) to help your organisation incorporate these values into your mission, operations, and policies.

Topics include: Why diversity matters, respecting differences, gender identity vs. sexual orientation, unconscious bias, supporting an inclusive culture and investing in talent equity among others.

**ICVA's Learning opportunities and resources page:** ICVA's [learning resource page](#) is a curated list of online and face-to-face (when available) learning and training programmes. Please share with us any interesting opportunities that would be useful to include on the webpage. For more information contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

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## New and noteworthy

### 29. 170 Actions to Combat Climate Change:

UNOG Perception Change Project (PCP) Team launched on the World Environment Day, 5 June 2020, the new publication: "[170 actions to combat climate change.](#)" ([click here for French version](#)) It lists 10 daily actions for each Global Goal to help the planet and the people.

30. [Humanity & Inclusion](#) released on 12 June 2020, its new report "**Death Sentence to Civilians: The Long-Term Impact of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas in Yemen**" which demonstrates how bombing in populated areas has wiped out decades development of Yemen. [Read here.](#)

### 31. World Humanitarian Day

This years World Humanitarian Day on August 19, 2020 the UN will be highlighting the real-life Heroes working every day, in countries and regions around the globe, to help build a better world. The 2020 Global Campaign, "Real-life Heroes" aims to bring attention to the world's real-life heroes by a comparison to culture's fictional superheroes through film, podcasts and social media.

## Mark your agenda

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**July 7-9:** 78th UNHCR Standing Committee, Geneva

**August 19:** World Humanitarian Day

**September 2-3:** ICVA 2030: The future added value of your network in a post COVID-19 world – ICVA Membership online sessions

**September 9-10:** [Virtual climate Summit](#) - Climate: Red

**September 16-17:** 79th UNHCR Standing Committee, Geneva

**October 5-9:** 71st UNHCR Executive Committee, Geneva

**October 19-23:** WFP Annual Partnership Consultation (APC)

**December 14:** UNHCR's 70th Anniversary

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**May 18-19:** ICVA General Assembly and Annual Conference, Geneva

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