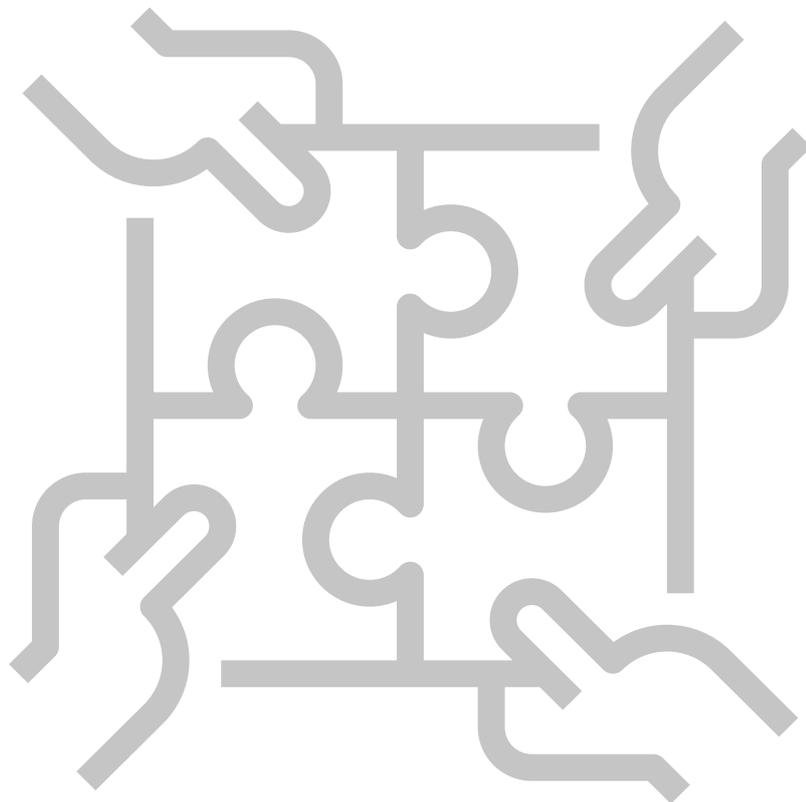




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# Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme Summary



## About ICVA

Founded in 1962, ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies) is a global network of almost 130 nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) active in 160 countries, operating at global, regional, national and local levels, whose mission is to make humanitarian action more principled and effective by working collectively and independently to influence policy and practice. As an NGO network, ICVA brings together civil society organisations from around the world and acts as a bridge connecting them to the UN, governments, and regional organisations. Based on its 2019-2021 Strategy, ICVA promotes and facilitates NGO engagement in the development of the humanitarian sector, with a focus on Forced Migration, Humanitarian Coordination, Humanitarian Financing, and cross cutting issues.

## About ICVA's NGO Fora Support Programme

In many humanitarian contexts, NGOs come together to establish networks to coordinate NGO efforts to deliver humanitarian assistance. Networks are active in a range of areas: facilitating NGO engagement in the humanitarian response system; supporting an effective, inclusive and contextualised response; promoting collective NGO advocacy etc. In-country humanitarian NGO networks frequently contribute to the effective and principled delivery of humanitarian assistance. In a context of rising humanitarian needs and increasing complex humanitarian crises, effective NGO coordination is more critical than ever. At ICVA, we believe that well-resourced and effectively supported NGO coordination bodies are crucial to improving humanitarian operations.

## About the Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme

The Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme is a strategic partnership between UNDP and ICVA to strengthen the capacity of Syrian NGO/CSO networks to enable them to play a vital role in joint coordination and representation by strengthening skills and capacity across a range of areas including joint coordination, governance, and strategic planning. Strengthening local humanitarian actors and networks in Syria and the region is key to a strong humanitarian response. International efforts should supplement – not substitute – national and local efforts. This project will build on ICVA's experience supporting NGO/CSO Networks.

### The programme will deliver the following key activities:

- 1. Improved Coordination by Syrian CSO's and their networks**
  - Virtual training on coordination skills targeting at least 7 Syrian NGO/CSO networks.
  - Development and dissemination of key coordination tools, templates, and guidelines.
  - Webinar sessions to brief NGO Networks on the international humanitarian eco-system, and tips for effective engagement.
  - Inviting Syrian CSO/NGO network representatives to attend the ICVA annual conference
  - Facilitate connections between Syrian NGO Networks and IASC structures.
- 2. Supporting organisational capacity and governance development of Syrian NGO Networks**
  - Workshop on good governance for Syrian NGO Networks including different network models and structures, NGO Network

accountability, key components of a governance framework

- Identify areas for further Governance development and support.

### 3. Supporting Syrian NGO Network strategic planning capacities

- A strategic planning workshop for Syrian NGO Networks to strengthen skills in strategic planning including: the value of a member driven strategy, participatory process for NGO Networks, core components of a strategic framework for NGO Networks.

### 4. Documenting the evolution of NGO networks in the Syria contexts

- Through a series of Case Studies.

## Who Will the Programme Support?

The first phase of this programme is for ten months (September 2020-June 2021). In the phase the programme will directly support at least 7 Syrian NGO Networks based in Turkey and Syria. This programme will indirectly support approximately 200 CSO/NGOs members of the networks and approximately 11 million people in need inside Syria that these organisations reach. The programme will aim to support National NGO Networks as the primary clients.



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