Joint NGO statement - Global Humanitarian Overview 2025

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This statement is delivered on behalf of 108 NGOs, including humanitarian organizations with operations in countries covered by the GHO.

We are witnessing unspeakable human suffering due to the proliferation of conflicts lacking political solutions and the normalization of IHL violations. Indiscriminate attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers, the bombing of schools and hospitals, and the use of starvation and sexual violence as methods of warfare are devastating communities worldwide. Climate shocks, economic fragility, and protracted conflict are exacerbating humanitarian needs, leading to unprecedented levels of displacement and an escalating global hunger crisis.

Boundary-setting and narrower definitions of people in need are resulting in a highly prioritized 2025 GHO. With limited complementarity with development and other actors, it is unclear who will target those left behind. Despite exceptional prioritization efforts, humanitarian funding lags behind and ODA cuts impact both humanitarian action and development gains.

We must turn the tide together in 2025.

We urge donors to fully fund the 2025 GHO and to provide quality funding as early as possible in the year to enable flexible, timely, and principled humanitarian action.

The catastrophic effects of IHL violations – including on children, women, and people living with disabilities – urgently require donors' re-commitment to the traditionally underfunded sectors of gender and GBV, education and child protection in emergencies, and the stepping up of funding for hunger and forced displacement.

We call for a substantial increase in the volume and quality of funding to local and national actors, including Women's organizations, whose essential leadership in humanitarian response must be recognized. This should be rooted in accountability to - and meaningful participation of - affected people.

All stakeholders must redouble efforts to prevent and resolve conflict, and we urge humanitarian, development, peace and climate actors to work together to make nexus programming a reality and foster resilience. This requires increased ODA directed to fragile settings. Nothing will reduce humanitarian needs unless civilians are protected. The 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions is also a year of unconscionable IHL violations. We urge parties to conflicts to abide by their obligations, and we call on governments to leverage their influence and ensure that the consistent application of IHL is a top priority.

Signatories

Abs Development Organization for Woman and Child	Imprint of Life Foundation for Humanitarian Works
ACT Alliance	International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	INTERSOS
Action for Development	Jesuit Refugee Service
Adaptin	Jordan Paramedic Society
Africa Humanitarian Action	Keen and Care Initiative (KCI)
Al shorouk Foundation for Women and Child Development	League for Mental Health in Slovakia
Al-Anwar Development Foundation	Les Scouts Tunisiens
Al-reyadah Development Foundation	Life at Best Development Initiative
Al-Wajdan Foundation for Development and Qualification	LMMPO
Aman Welfare Society	Lutheran World Federation
Amel Association International	Make Hope Development and Relief
Analysis and Strategic Study Organization (ASO)	Mercy Corps
Arab Council Supporting Fair Trail and Human Rights (ACSFT)	Modern Social Association
Association for Protection of Refugee Women and Children (HAMI)	Nahda Foundation for Development
Association pour le développement rural intégral ADRI en sigle ASBL	National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NAHR)
AWO International (Germany)	New World Hope Organization (NWHO)
CARE International	NGORC
Caritas Internationalis	Norwegian Church Aid

Charter for Change	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Child and Youth Protection Foundation, Al Dhale Governorate - Yemen	Pak Mission Society (PMS), Pakistan
ChildFund Alliance	Peace And Development Association
Christian Aid	People in need
COAST Foundation	Philippine Inclusive NGO Network (PINGON)
Community and Family Services International (CFSI)	Plan International
Community Healthcare Initiative (CHI)	Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK)
Community World Service Asia	Refugee Council of Australia
CONAFOHD RDC	Relief International
Concern Worldwide	Rescue Foundation for Development
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Danish Refugee Council	Save the Children
Democracy school	Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN)
Dóchas	Secours Islamique France
Education for All Coalition	Social coexistence Foundation
Educo Philippiens	Society for Human Rights & Prisoners Aid (SHARP)
Estijabah Foundation for Humanitarian Aid and Relief	Solidarités International
Ethiopia HINGO Group	Sphere
Eve Diamond Foundation for Development	Syrian NGO Alliance - SNA
Federation of Ethiopian Associations of Persons with Disability (FEAPD)	Tamdeen Youth Foundation
Finn Church Aid	Tamkeen Foundation for Development
Finnish Refugee Council	Terre des hommes Foundation
Foundation for Rural Development (FRD)	The Lebanese Organization of Studies and Training

Fundacja Alight	Trócaire
Future Makers Organisations Development	VOICE
Global Mentoring Initiative	WATAN Foundation
GOAL	Welthungerhilfe/WHH
Ground Truth Solutions	WeWorld - Member of ChildFund Alliance
HelpAge International	Women's Refugee Commission
Heya Foundation for Women Protection and Empowerment	World Vision International
HIMAYA DAEEM AATAA	Yemen Humanity Foundation for Development
Human Initiative	Yemen International Agency for Development
Humanity & Inclusion – Handicap International	Yemen Media Guide for Development center
IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation	Youth of Peace of Development
Imagine1day	Zamzam Foundation