



Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2024 Program

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Theme: Sparking Global Change through Local Solutions in Humanitarian Action

Introduction:

The Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2024 brings together leaders and partners to address key topics in humanitarian action, resilience, and local partnership. This schedule provides an overview of each session and details the dialogue and collaborative opportunities offered at the event.

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Sessions

#	Dialogue Session Title	Time	Session Description
D1	<p>Inclusion</p> <p>Equity in Action: Strengthening Inclusive Partnerships in Climate and Humanitarian Action</p>	<p>13:30 -15:15</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund South and South-East Asia, World Vision</p> <p>This session will explore the key characteristics of equitable partnerships in climate and humanitarian programming, with a focus on amplifying the voices of women, children, and persons with disabilities. Speakers will share their experiences working collaboratively to create meaningful, equal partnerships, prioritizing community leadership and inclusion. Through real-world examples from humanitarian efforts, particularly in Indonesia, the Philippines and the Pacific, we will highlight the challenges and successes in building these partnerships and discuss strategies to address power imbalances.</p>
D2	<p>Capacity Sharing</p> <p>What is working and how is it working - Locally Led Capacity Strengthening and Partnerships in Asia Pacific</p>	<p>13:30 - 15:15</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: Humanitarian Leadership Academy (Save the Children), Network of Empowered Aid Response, Catholic Relief Services</p> <p>The session will focus on sharing good practices, challenges, and lessons learnt in capacity strengthening of partners to be locally led in the context of Emergency response. It will also showcase their innovative approaches to supporting capacity strengthening and capacity sharing initiatives that deliver locally led humanitarian action. Participants from this workshop, take back with them innovative approaches, good practices, success, and challenges to apply in their context and even test, new approaches.</p>
D3	<p>Innovation x Faith</p> <p>Strengthening Resilience: Faith-based Community-led Innovations in Disaster Management</p>	<p>13:30 - 15:15</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: Humanitarian Forum Indonesia, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation</p> <p>Climate change has become one of the major causes of community displacement. As extreme weather events increase in frequency and intensity, faith-based community leaders are emerging across the Asia Pacific to play a key role in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. This session will bring together leaders to highlight their grassroots initiatives, such as community-based early warning systems, disaster education programs, climate change adaptation initiatives, and knowledge sharing initiatives to empower those affected to become resilient community leaders. Each faith offers unique perspectives, but all are rooted in compassion and respect, focusing on bottom-up, locally-led innovative approaches, caring for vulnerable populations</p>

			(including women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities), and protecting the environment during the rebuilding process.
D4	<p>Nexus</p> <p>Localizing Climate Justice: Failures that bring us forward towards a Locally Led Nexus Approach across Asia Pacific</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: OXFAM, World Vision</p> <p>A candid discussion among regional and local actors, focusing on the lessons learned from past failures and how they can be leveraged to enhance the effectiveness of climate action and localization efforts, particularly in the context of the nexus approach across Asia Pacific. The session will identify concrete actions and commitments needed to overcome existing barriers, managing risks and empower local actors to lead climate justice initiatives across the region. The session will unpack both failures and innovative solutions that could further address these needs, including multi-stakeholder investments in building local leadership and the context monitoring tool to help analyzing the early warning signs of changing situation. These tools will support decision-making, enabling actors to adapt their operations—whether in development, advocacy, or emergency response—according to the evolving context.</p>
D5	<p>Diplomacy</p> <p>New Frontlines, Old Challenges: Untangling Humanitarian Diplomacy</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: CCHN, Norwegian Refugee Council, Penabulu Foundation</p> <p>To meet critical protection challenges and achieve durable solutions for refugees in the region, a more strategic and targeted approach towards Humanitarian Diplomacy is necessary. Drawing on recent research, experience, and analysis focused on the concept and implementation of humanitarian diplomacy, expert panelists will untangle and explore how NGOs and Refugee-Led Organisations can better leverage their collective capacities to engage in Humanitarian Diplomacy. This session will begin with a general introduction of the concept of Humanitarian Diplomacy, its contemporary global challenges, and propose a framework that helps humanitarian organizations plan their engagement strategies more effectively. Panelists will then discuss how women-led organizations in Indonesia are shaping humanitarian diplomacy, responses, and the narrative around the Grand Bargain. Panelists will also examine the limitations of current NGO and CSO approaches to ASEAN advocacy on the Myanmar/Rohingya crisis, discuss how to address these gaps, and identify upcoming opportunities for collaboration and joint engagement.</p>

D6	Heat		By: All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, IRC
	Localization in South Asia: Lessons from Adaptation Actions Against Extreme Heat and Beyond	16:00 - 17:15 Michelangelo	Climate change intensifies risks for local communities, with extreme weather events becoming more frequent and severe. Local Adaptation Plan of Action (LAPA) through Localization is essential to tailor solutions to the unique needs, cultures, and climatic zones of local communities. This session highlights local adaptation actions from South Asia, showcasing key lessons like the importance of context-specific solutions and cultural relevance, which lead to community empowerment, resource efficiency, and more agile responses. Stakeholders such as local bodies, businesses, and community organizations play a pivotal role in addressing climate challenges like extreme heat, floods, and cyclones. Localization efforts ensure national adaptation strategies are practical, inclusive, and sustainable by being deeply rooted in the realities of each community. It integrates indigenous knowledge at the lowest administrative levels, into development plans, fostering community-led initiatives that enhance climate resilience and ensure sustainability.

Innovation Presentation Sessions

#	Presentation Session Title	Time	Session Description
P1	Stellar Aid Assist: Transforming Humanitarian Aid Delivery through Blockchain	15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom A	By: Stellar Development Foundation Join the Stellar Development Foundation (SDF), for an in-depth demonstration of its open-source Stellar Aid Assist technology, a blockchain-based tool that is being deployed in the humanitarian sector to streamline cash disbursements, enhance transparency, and reduce transaction costs. Attendees will explore active use cases, including ongoing work with UNHCR, highlighting how Stellar Aid Assist addresses critical challenges in conflict zones and disaster-affected areas. The presentation will illustrate how aid organizations can securely transfer funds directly to recipients via mobile wallets, reducing costs, increasing speed, and ensuring aid moves at the speed of need.
P2	Together We Can: Networking for Equitable Partnership and Nexus Building for Localization	15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom B	By: Dwip Unnayan Songstha The localization of humanitarian action emphasizes empowering local and national actors to take the lead in disaster response and development efforts. The Cyclone "REMAL" that happened in May 2024 and its response in Bangladesh has created an opportunity to showcase a strong example of equitable partnerships and localization efforts made by the local and national

			actors supported by the NEAR Change Fund. Seven local and national actors all from the NEAR and NAHAB members formed a consortium for a response project to create this example. This consortium is led by Dwip Unnayan Songstha (DUS) (https://dusbangladesh.org/), and technical and coordination led by the National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB) (www.nahab.net).
P3	From the Ground Up: Transforming Humanitarian Leadership through Local and Women-Led Initiatives	15:00 - 15:30 Michelangelo	By: CARE This RHPW 2024 innovation session will spotlight how CARE's Women Lead in Emergencies (WLiE) approach empowers local women in crisis settings to lead humanitarian diplomacy and policy work. Drawing on examples from Myanmar, Nepal, and Bangladesh, the session showcases how women leaders have navigated complex political environments, advocated for gender-sensitive humanitarian responses, and driven key policy changes, such as prioritizing SRHR and GBV prevention in disaster preparedness and refugee camp management. Through interactive discussions, participants will explore how these leadership models can be scaled to advance the Grand Bargain's localization commitments, creating more inclusive, effective humanitarian interventions.

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D7	<p>Community Led Innovation</p> <p>Mainstreaming community-led disaster and climate risk reduction and management – the role of local leadership, indigenous knowledge, and innovation</p>	<p>9:30 - 10:45</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: ADRRN Tokyo Innovation Hub, Center for Disaster Preparedness</p> <p>While investing in community-led disaster and climate actions are increasingly recognized as an effective approach in fully mobilizing community resources and capacity, thereby maximizing the long-term impact of the intervention, the channel and mechanism through which the community resources and capacity are enhanced and transformed into the resilience has not been well recognized, and therefore the approach remains under-invested. The session draws on the lessons learned from numerous community-led projects in the region, and discuss the role of local leadership and innovation, with particular focus on gender, indigenous and local knowledge, and social inclusion. The session also explores how the channels and mechanism can be encapsulated and communicated with wide range of stakeholders despite the high context and complex nature of community ecosystem.</p>
D8	<p>Nature-Based Solution</p> <p>“Taking Care of the Nature: Scaling Up Nature-based Solutions in Humanitarian Contexts in Asia” - an exchange learnings from Indonesia, Cambodia and Timor-Leste</p>	<p>9:30 - 10:45</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: Plan International, Rumah Zakat</p> <p>This session will be set in a dynamic and multi-stakeholder dialogue. Starting with a brief introduction of the Nature based Solution (NbS), an unpacked guide from Sphere, and followed by a dynamic panel exploring strategies to scale up NbS in development and humanitarian action in the context of Asia. The discussion will feature insights from leading experts in the field, fostering dialogue on how these solutions can reduce risk, especially in the context of Indonesia, Cambodia and Timor-Leste. In addition, unpacking the strategy in engaging local leaders, and community members including girls, women and other relevant stakeholders in the decision-making process, fostering a sense of ownership and long-term viability in the community with a strong gender lens.</p>
D9	<p>Innovation x Faith</p> <p>Faith Actors Value Addition: Advancing Localization, Climate Change Resilience, and Beyond!</p>	<p>9:30 - 10:45</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: Islamic Relief Worldwide and Partners</p> <p>Often overlooked yet essential component of successful localization is the role of faith actors. These actors, rooted deeply within their communities and motivated by spiritual and moral imperatives, offer unique value in promoting resilience, fostering trust, and ensuring culturally sensitive interventions. As communities worldwide grapple with the far-</p>

			<p>reaching impacts of climate change, from extreme weather events to rising sea levels, the need for innovative solutions and collaborative efforts has never been more pressing. At the heart of this complex landscape lies the nexus of climate, localization, and faith – a dynamic intersection that offers both challenges and opportunities for creating change positive. This session aims to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from faith-based organizations, international NGOs, local communities, donors, and policymakers, to explore the added value that faith actors bring to localization efforts.</p>
D10	<p>Alternative Financing</p> <p>Innovative Financing Strategies and Empowering Local Solutions</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Human Initiative, Mercy Malaysia</p> <p>Traditional financing models often fall short in addressing these evolving needs, making it essential to adopt innovative, locally driven financial solutions, especially in building resilience and emergency response. This session gathers partners from across the Asia-Pacific region to share practical financial tools successfully utilized during emergencies, including blended finance, impact investing, green bonds, and digital financial technologies. Panelists will discuss how these innovative approaches and partnerships have bolstered climate resilience and strengthened humanitarian efforts.</p> <p>Participants can expect to gain insights from real-world case studies, explore avenues for public-private collaboration, and examine the role of pooled funding and innovative financing in enabling swift and scalable responses to climate-driven humanitarian challenges.</p>
D11	<p>Gender Focused Solutions</p> <p>Innovating for Equitable Partnerships in Localized Nexus/Humanitarian Action – A Gender and Feminist Approach across Asia Pacific</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: UN Women, Action Aid</p> <p>Despite commitments to gender equality and localization, these goals remain unfulfilled in the humanitarian sector. This session will examine the humanitarian system, identifying necessary structural and cultural changes, while focusing on practical solutions that can be implemented and scaled in real-time actions. It explores how innovative approaches like Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and equitable partnerships, grounded in feminist principles, can transform localized humanitarian action. The session emphasizes shifting power to local, frontline women-led organizations (WROs/WLOs) and prioritizing their voices. Feminist approaches to partnerships, local</p>

			<p>leadership, and innovative solutions are highlighted as key to achieving sustainable humanitarian outcomes. Drawing from lessons learned during Pakistan's flood response, the session will discuss strategies to empower women, disproportionately affected by climate change, to lead their communities in recovery and long-term growth. Integrating gender-focused, local solutions can bridge immediate humanitarian needs with lasting development goals.</p>
D12	<p>Games x Education</p> <p>Game On! Learning Through Play - Climate, Humanitarian Action, And Ethics</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: PREDIKT, Mercy Malaysia, Inti International University</p> <p>This interactive session is designed to explore how playful learning can be a powerful tool for engaging diverse stakeholders in critical issues such as climate change, humanitarian action, and ethics. Mercy Malaysia will present the Humanitarian Standards Partnership Board Game, developed by Sphere Secretariat, a dynamic and engaging tool that demonstrates the relevance and application of minimum humanitarian standards at various stages of a crisis. PREDIKT will showcase GenerAksi, a new Climate Change Education Board Game, the result of a unique co-creation process involving children from 10 different organizations. Inti International University will present an adaptation of a Growth Mindset with Bioethics and a Human Values Model, integrating cognitive, affective, and psychomotor learning into game-based activities. A structured reflection and debriefing session will follow the gameplay, focusing on the participants' experiences, the learning process, and the practical applications of the games in their own contexts.</p>
D13	<p>Collective Action</p> <p>Greater than the Sum of its Parts: Lessons In Harnessing Collective Action to Deliver Outcomes to Affected Communities and Support Locally-Led Humanitarian Action</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: Humanitarian Advisory Group, Disasters Emergency Committee, GLOW Consultants, Dwp Unnayan Songstha</p> <p>This session explores the role of collaboration in networks, consortia, and collectives—groups of humanitarian organizations working together in a larger, overarching relationship—to deliver better outcomes for crisis-affected communities and support locally-led humanitarian action. Across the Asia and Pacific regions, there is a rich set of examples of how networks involved in humanitarian action have been created or supported localized practices. Some of these networks are longstanding, others are new; some are country-specific, while others are global networks sponsoring initiatives in Asia and the Pacific. Networks and consortia have a</p>

			<p>unique and important role in supporting affected communities, particularly due to their reach, wide scope of relationships, and ability to provide platforms. Using experiences from Bangladesh and Pakistan, the session aims to identify key lessons from these collaborative efforts and provide practical strategies for leveraging collective action to deliver outcomes to crisis-affected communities and enhance locally led humanitarian responses.</p>
D14	<p>Supply Chain</p> <p>Strengthening Local Supply Chain Capacities for Enhanced Emergency Preparedness and Response through Multi-Sectoral Collaboration</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: DHL Group, Airlink, World Food Programme</p> <p>To achieve better humanitarian outcomes for affected populations, resources have been mobilized to facilitate an effective and efficient emergency response, while local responders' capacities to lead and deliver humanitarian assistance have increasingly been supported. The World Food Programme (WFP) as one of the Signatories of the Grand Bargain and global lead agency of the Logistics Cluster brings together various partners to ensure a coherent, collaborative approach to system-wide sustainable capacity transformation in humanitarian supply chain and logistics, a backbone to any emergency operation. At a corporate level, it has been gradually but firmly shifting from its traditional delivery role to a more enabling role in line with its "Supply Chain Country Capacity Strengthening Framework". In support of the humanitarian logistics community, it hosts, co-leads, or facilitates several emergency logistics working groups or networks at global, regional, and local levels, comprising a variety of stakeholders. This roundtable session facilitated by the WFP will engage representatives from non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector to share about multi-sectoral engagements and collaboration on strengthening local supply chain capacities for emergency preparedness and response. Their approaches to localization, good practices, and lessons learned will be highlighted, followed by interactive Q&As.</p>
D15	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Enhancing Safeguarding and Inclusion in Humanitarian Action</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: International Council of Voluntary Agencies and Partners</p> <p>ICVA aims to connect its DEI work with the RHPW to ensure that the partnership week is inclusive, both in terms of participation of groups often excluded from humanitarian discussions and session content. ICVA plans to organize a session on safeguarding and inclusion in close collaboration with global, regional and local actors, such as the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH), the regional PSEA network</p>

			<p>and regional disability networks, ICVA members and partners. Furthermore, ICVA aims to facilitate the attendance of Women-led Organizations, Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, etc. in the event, which also reflects ICVA's commitment to proactively engage in agile collaborative partnerships and championing diversity. A local NGO will be identified to speak during the session. The humanitarian sector is committed to and has over the last years strongly focused on ensuring that aid is delivered in a manner that respects the dignity, rights, and safety of all individuals, particularly the most vulnerable. Despite growing awareness, gaps remain in the implementation of intersectional safeguarding and inclusion practices within humanitarian settings. These gaps can lead to unintended harm, perpetuation of inequalities, and exclusion of the most vulnerable from accessing and obtaining humanitarian assistance. It is thus of utmost importance to ensure that safeguarding, including protection from sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEA), is integrated with efforts to include marginalized groups, such as persons with disabilities, women, and children, in humanitarian responses.</p>
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P4	A Detailed Look at the Humanitarian Response from the Point of View of a Global Aircraft Charter Provider	9:00 - 9:30 Ballroom A	<p>By: Air Charter Service</p> <p>Air Charter Service will be hosting a comprehensive humanitarian session focused on airfreight logistics for critical missions. The session is to provide insights into how airfreight operations work in humanitarian contexts, covering key challenges such as navigating difficult runway conditions, precise weight and cargo calculations, and handling unpredictable weather. Also, gain a deeper understanding of the impact of local regulations and the unique considerations required when delivering aid to conflict-affected regions. By sharing our real-life examples from Air Charter Service's mission, including evacuations from Afghanistan and relief efforts in Sudan, highlighting the challenges and the solutions involved to deliver not only speedily, but efficiently. At the end of the session, attendees will have a clearer picture of how airfreight plays a vital role in ensuring the timely delivery of essential supplies to those in need, often under extreme circumstances.</p>

P5	<p>Creating Sustainable Solutions: Enhancing Community Resilience and Livelihoods Opportunities Amidst Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar</p>	<p>9:00 - 9:30</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: Community Partners International</p> <p>Myanmar’s civil war, worsened by the 2021 military coup and natural disasters, has created urgent humanitarian needs, displacing over 3.4 million people by October 2024. Community Partners International (CPI) collaborates with local partners, including CSOs, CBOs, EHOs, and FBOs, to empower these organizations despite limited resources. CPI’s comprehensive program addresses capacity gaps and community resilience, integrating immediate relief efforts like food, WASH supplies, and emergency education and health services. They also provide training in disaster preparedness, project management, and organizational development. Local networks ensure rapid response, such as aid operations within two days after Typhoon Yagi. Recognizing that emergency aid alone is insufficient, CPI incorporates sustainable livelihood activities for early recovery, helping displaced groups generate income and share skills. Despite challenges like funding gaps and conflict, CPI’s triple nexus approach—sustainable development, peacebuilding, and humanitarian aid—aims to protect and support Myanmar’s conflict-affected populations.</p>
P6	<p>Strengthening Local Capacities for Forecast-Based Cyclone Response: Learnings from "Cyclone Forecast Based Early Actions to Reduce Disaster Loss and Damage"</p>	<p>9:00 - 9:30</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: Christian Aid Bangladesh</p> <p>The session "Strengthening Local Capacities for Forecast-Based Cyclone Response" will highlight community-driven strategies to enhance disaster preparedness in cyclone-prone areas, especially in coastal Bangladesh. It will focus on forecast-based early actions and innovative methods like Group Cash Transfer (GCT) and Survivor and Community Led Response (SCLR) to empower local communities. Emphasis will be on involving marginalized groups in decision-making and using local mapping for inclusive preparedness. The session will also address challenges in forecast-based actions and the importance of building local capacities through training in financial management, safeguarding, and accountability.</p>
P7	<p>Rohingya Community Rights and Mobilizing Civil Society in Asia Pacific for a Durable Solution</p>	<p>11:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: COAST Foundation</p> <p>Approximately 1.1 million Rohingya refugees currently live in Cox’s Bazar, a poverty-stricken and climate-vulnerable region in southeastern Bangladesh. With about 42,000 people per square kilometer, living in makeshift conditions, facing increasing challenges as aid dwindles by 30-40% from expected levels. Until the Myanmar government recognizes the Rohingya’s citizenship and rights, it is crucial for civil society and</p>

			<p>global donors, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, to organize and support them. COAST Foundation and CCNF are actively working in Cox’s Bazar, organizing a session at RHPW2024 on 12th Dec at 15h30 to empower Rohingya activists and civil society to raise their voices for refugee and human rights. The event will feature speakers from Rohingya activist groups and rights-based civil society organizations. Participants will also join via Zoom. After the event, press releases and social media content will be developed and shared for a wider level of advocacy and engagement from the event.</p>
P8	<p>Leveraging Technology for a Resilient Tomorrow: Driving Scalable Impact and Addressing Systemic Inequities</p>	<p>11:00 - 11:30 Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: SEEDS</p> <p>As climate impacts intensify and inequities deepen distress, SEEDS is harnessing technology to drive resilience at scale. In response to escalating natural hazards and extreme weather events, SEEDS has developed cutting-edge platforms designed to enhance risk management and climate resilience. Notable initiatives include Microsoft AI for Resilient Cities and The Akshvi National Loss Platform. The AI for Resilient Cities initiative, a collaboration with Microsoft, leverages the ‘Sunny Lives AI model’—an AI-powered risk assessment tool that evaluates flood, heat, and earthquake impacts. Meanwhile, the Akshvi National Loss Platform uses digital technology to create disaster loss wallets at a population scale, fortifying climate action and ensuring investments are resilient to shocks. These integrated approaches are critical in addressing the urgent need for climate resilience across the Asia Pacific, starting with a pilot in India.</p>
P9	<p>Sharing Local Contribution Accounting (LoCA) Model</p>	<p>11:00 - 11:30 Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: National Alliance for Humanitarian Actions Bangladesh</p> <p>Local Contribution Accounting (LoCA) model enables systemic inclusion of local costs in the accounting and financial reporting system by reckoning financial values therein. Counting the local contributions and the external contributions with equal standing creates scope to amplify the voices of local humanitarian actors to lobby for changes in the financial accounting and reporting system.</p>
P10	<p>Innovative Cost-effective Solutions to Enhance Quality, Accountability and Safeguarding (including PSEA) through the Nexus</p>	<p>15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: HUMA Consult</p> <p>This session will demonstrate the platform called - Huma Consult - to support humanitarian, development and peace actors to enhance quality, accountability and safeguarding (including protection from sexual misconduct). The expertise on these</p>

			subject matters is global, inter-agency and cross-cutting policies and programs. Support is provided on demand in a flexible lasting way through contextualized coaching. Both a people-centered approach and value for money are central to this presentation.
P11	Harnessing Mobile Data for Localized Disaster Resilience and Effective Humanitarian Action	15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom B	By: UN Global Pulse Join us for a session on the DISHA Social Economic Mapping (SEM) platform, developed by UN Global Pulse to improve disaster management using mobile network data. The platform analyzes mobile phone data, such as call patterns and top-up information, to provide poverty nowcasting and understand population movements, offering near real-time insights into community needs and situations during emergencies. We'll demonstrate how the platform works through case studies, focusing on its impact on disaster response. Key topics will include near real-time data integration, privacy and security, scalability, and user experience. This session will provide a clear understanding of how DISHA supports better decision-making and enhances disaster response.
P12	Role of CSOs during Humanitarian Response in Nepal: From Barpark to Barekot	15:00 - 15:30 Michelangelo	By: Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center Nepal In April 2015, a 7.8 ML earthquake struck Nepal's Gorkha district, with Barpark as its epicenter, claiming 8,979 lives and destroying nearly 500,000 homes. On November 3, 2023, a 6.4 ML earthquake hit Jajarkot, with Barekot as the epicenter, resulting in 128 deaths and over 10,000 homes destroyed. The From Barpark to Barekot session is a journey of humanitarian efforts put together by CSOs to respond to the disaster situations in between. The session will emphasize the role of local leadership in disaster response and explore how CSOs can empower communities for locally-led initiatives. Using presentations and visuals, we will demonstrate how local partnerships strengthen both emergency response and long-term resilience.

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D16	Contextualizing Standards From Universal Standards to Contextualized Application: Quality + Accountability + Safeguarding in Action!	9:30 - 10:45 Ballroom A	By: Sphere, Community World Service Asia (CWSA) This session aims to provide an integrated understanding of quality, accountability, and safeguarding in humanitarian action, with a particular focus on contextualizing related standards for local settings. A panel from Sphere Standards, CWSA and the co-creation workshop facilitators and selected participants will present and debate some emerging key issues based on findings from the field perspective. The session will kick off by reviewing the outcomes of the Sphere Contextualization Thematic Sheet and CWSA’s collaborative efforts, introducing the holistic approach of quality, accountability, and safeguarding that CWSA champions, alongside Sphere’s focus on contextualization. Following the introduction, the session will move to an interactive marketplace where participants will be engaged with various co-creation tools and materials demonstrated by Sphere focal points and workshop attendees. This will be followed by a plenary session for feedback and final reflections, drawing together insights from the discussions.
D17	Local Leadership Localizing Resilience: Pathways for Empowering Local Leadership for Scalable Impact	9:30 - 10:45 Ballroom B	By: Islamic Relief Worldwide, Sphere India This session will explore the critical role of local leadership in disaster preparedness, response, and long-term resilience. Drawing on case studies like the Inter-Agency Groups (IAGs) in India and Islamic Relief’s STRIDE project, participants will discuss successful models of local coordination that have enhanced emergency response and climate resilience. The session will also address key challenges to achieving true localization, including leadership gaps, donor misalignment, multi-stakeholder coordination, and the exclusion of local actors from decision-making processes. Participants will engage in an honest dialogue about systemic barriers and collaborate to develop practical solutions to strengthen coordinated localization efforts. With a focus on fostering cross-regional learning, this session aims to empower local actors and provide actionable recommendations to improve the sustainability and scalability of emergency response and resilience-building systems. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of localization and strategies for fostering resilience through local leadership.

<p>D18</p>	<p>Climate and Environment</p> <p>Capitalizing on the Climate and Environment Charter: the Urgency to prioritize Locally-Led, Conflict-Sensitive Climate And Environment Actions In The Asia Pacific Region</p>	<p>9:30 - 10:45</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: Climate and Environment Charter, World Vision</p> <p>Climate change and environmental degradation are impacting the most vulnerable communities across the world. The Asia-Pacific region continues to face devastating cyclones/typhoons, flooding, heatwaves, rising sea-levels among other impacts, in addition to conflict, displacement, and protracted crises. It calls for urgent attention from Asia-Pacific actors to address climate-linked conflicts by bridging the humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding sectors. The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations consists of 7 commitments which act as a framework for organizations to systematically prepare and respond to increasing climate and environmental challenges and prevent further harm to communities most vulnerable in humanitarian contexts. This session will introduce the Charter, unpack the Charter commitments and showcase how organizations can use the Charter as a framework to prioritize climate and environment action within the humanitarian programming cycle, use climate and environment action as a channel to integrate Humanitarian, Development, and Peace (HDP) approaches, and understand what it means to sign the Charter for the humanitarian organizations.</p>
<p>D19</p>	<p>Rohingya Crisis</p> <p>Empowering Rohingya Communities and their Futures: Local Leadership and Equitable Partnerships for Inclusive Solutions</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: Care, NGO Platform Cox's Bazar</p> <p>Description: As the Rohingya refugee crisis enters its seventh year, the urgency of durable solutions, particularly for women and children in Cox's Bazar, has reached a critical juncture. This session will spotlight the role of local leadership in shaping and implementing inclusive solutions, focusing on protection, livelihoods, and mental health for women, girls, and children in the camps. Yet, these cannot be even remotely actioned or activated if the aid sector and local authorities do not reinforce the role of community actors in driving these solutions forward. Often beset by multiple crises, this context requires innovative and adaptive operational methods to truly empower communities. The session will bring together local and national organizations, community leaders, international NGOs, and humanitarian actors to co-create solutions through an interactive format, promoting dialogue and innovation around the key challenges in the camps, including protection, livelihoods, and the need for community-centric approaches. By integrating local voices into the dialogue and ensuring that solutions are driven by</p>

			those most affected, this session will create pathways for durable, community-led responses in the Rohingya camps.
D20	<p>Afghanistan Crisis</p> <p>Supporting Displaced Populations in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan: the Role of NGOs</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: Asia Displacement Solutions Platform, HAMI association for protection of refugee women and children, Society for Human Rights and Prisoners' Aid</p> <p>Afghanistan has faced decades of conflict, political instability, economic and environmental challenges, leading to widespread displacement both within and across its borders and numerous challenges, including limited access to basic services and durable solutions. In this context, NGOs, particularly local ones, possess a deep understanding of the cultural, social, and economic dynamics, positioning them uniquely to address the needs of displaced populations. However, their potential is often constrained, due to e.g. restricted access to funding, legal and administrative impediments, and a complex security landscape. This session aims to explore the critical role local NGOs play in supporting displaced Afghans in Iran, Pakistan, and their home country. It will highlight their context analysis, challenges, interventions, and required cooperation to maximize impact.</p>
D21	<p>Triple Nexus</p> <p>Local Leadership in Action: Bridging the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus through Community-led Crisis Response</p>	<p>13:30 - 14:45</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits, Inc.</p> <p>This session will highlight the role of local leadership in integrating humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts. It will also showcase the impact of community-led and child-focused crisis response and resilience-building initiatives, with a focus on the Survivor and community-led response (SCLR) approach and micro-grants. It aims to facilitate knowledge exchange on best practices, challenges, and strategies for sustainable and inclusive community resilience.</p>
D22	<p>Equitable Partnerships</p> <p>Equitable Partnership in Action</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom A</p>	<p>By: Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation, CARE, People in Need</p> <p>The session presents the learning trajectory on equitable partnerships and localization from three organizations: Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC), People in Need (PIN), and CARE Asia. KCOC will share its localization efforts as an emerging actor from the Asia-Pacific region, moving beyond the traditional North-South divide. Specifically, it will discuss experiences of supporting local actors through local NGOs, focusing on how equitable partnerships were essential in empowering local leadership. From the donor perspective, KOICA will also share its institutional</p>

			<p>efforts toward localization, emphasizing its focus on equitable partnerships. The People in Need (PIN)'s partnerships strategy focuses on 'strengthening and transforming partnership' and embedded into localization discourse. The session will present a two-pronged approach of PIN: a) focusing on HQ and b) focusing on country programs fostering equitable partnership at PIN. This session will focus on innovative, community-driven strategies from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nepal, particularly highlighting the role of women-led organizations. The session will underline the importance of empowering local actors, especially women, in humanitarian responses.</p>
D23	<p>Local Leadership</p> <p>Catalyzing Local Leadership: Strengthening Frontline Resilience for Transformative Humanitarian Governance</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: Humanitarian Aid International, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, Development Support Initiatives</p> <p>The session will draw insights from Humanitarian Aid International (HAI) Frontline Resilience study, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) 's Voices from the Ground, and Development Support Initiatives (DSI) Local Leadership discussions. Its primary focus will be on enhancing the resilience and overall well-being of frontline humanitarian workers, who often face significant challenges in their critical roles. Additionally, the session aimed to address the empowerment of local actors in decision-making processes within humanitarian responses. A key area of exploration will be whether local leadership is genuinely supported in practice or if it remains an unfulfilled promise—a myth rather than reality. The discussions will highlight various obstacles, including limited capacity among local organizations, chronic funding gaps, and structural barriers that hinder the effective participation of local leaders.</p>
D24	<p>Localization Mechanism</p> <p>Localization in Action as the Case of START Network Hubs</p>	<p>16:00 - 17:15</p> <p>Michelangelo</p>	<p>By: Start Network, Star Foundation</p> <p>The START Network was established in 2010 following informal discussions among humanitarian leaders from various aid agencies in and around London. Frustrated by the challenges they faced, these leaders recognized that governments were struggling to adapt quickly to tackle global issues like climate change. Humanitarian action often appeared reactive, driven by politics or media attention, and influenced by factors other than the actual needs of people affected by crises. If an event didn't make headlines, there might be no response at all. When assistance did arrive, it was often delayed or misaligned with the needs on the</p>

			<p>ground. With this context, the START Network emerged with a vision for a locally led humanitarian system that is accountable to those affected by or at risk of crises. The aim was to usher in a new era of humanitarian action. Today, the START Network comprises 107 members worldwide, advocating for the agenda of localization. The network has established eight hubs in member countries, with two currently in the emerging phase. Notably, 62% of our members are local and national organizations. At the upcoming RHPW, we will present our working model, achievements, impact, and the challenges we face in promoting the localization agenda. We believe that change in the humanitarian system is impossible unless local actors take on leadership roles. Include marginalized groups, such as persons with disabilities, women, and children, in humanitarian responses.</p>
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Innovation Presentation Sessions

#	Presentation Session Title	Time	Session Description
P13	Anticipatory Action - Advice Needed! A collaborative Feedback session to Strengthening Anticipatory Action	9:00 - 9:30 Ballroom A	<p>By: ADRA</p> <p>Join ADRA and country representatives from Indonesia, Timor Leste, the Philippines, and India in an interactive session focused on refining ADRA’s Early Action Protocol (EAP) tool for Anticipatory Action (AA). Explore key strategies for integrating Adaptive Social Protection (ASP) with AA, dive into practical case studies highlighting challenges, successes, and innovative risk financing models, and engage in a hands-on tabletop exercise to gain practical insights into implementing Anticipatory Action while fostering collaboration on improving community resilience in disaster-prone regions.</p>
P14	Dedicated for Pacific colleagues (TBD)		TBD
P15	Young Minds CAMP (Child-led Actions, Mobilization and Partnerships) We nurture hearts, lead minds, and inspire impact	9:00 - 9:30 Michelangelo	<p>By: World Vision</p> <p>World Vision East Asia emphasizes child participation as essential for sustainable impact, viewing children as key social actors and agents of transformation. Through the Young Minds CAMP (Child-led Actions, Mobilization and Partnerships), World Vision provides safe, inclusive platforms for children to amplify their voices locally, nationally, and internationally. This session highlights Child-Led Research, where children explore and understand complex issues, inspiring and mobilizing their peers. Participants develop communication skills to effectively articulate their passions and concerns,</p>

			using tools and platforms to present recommendations to decision-makers at all levels. Training in diverse communication methods, including social media, written pieces, and direct engagement, empowers them to become influential advocates. This approach fosters a culture of meaningful child-led initiatives, ensuring children's voices are heard and impactful.
P16	Breaking Boundaries: Understanding Local and National Actors' Engagement across the HDP Nexus	11:00 - 11:30 Ballroom A	By: ALNAP Commitment to the HDP nexus approach has gained significant traction since the OECD DAC recommendation on the HDP nexus, particularly among international organizations, but recent studies find that the actual application and implementation of programming across the three dimensions of the nexus remain limited (IASC, 2024; Morinière and Morrison-Métois, 2023). In contrast, results from a survey and key informant interviews with local and national actors (LNAs) show practical examples of holistic, multi-dimensional programming that links short-term and long-term objectives. Through this session, ALNAP will present findings from our recent research on LNA's engagement in the HDP Nexus to shed more light on how local and national actors (LNAs) conceive of and implement holistic programming approaches to respond to the evolving needs and priorities of communities.
P17	Enhanced Coordination and Promoted Local Leadership through an Area-Based Approach in the Eastern Flood Response 2024 in Bangladesh	11:00 - 11:30 Ballroom B	By: UN Resident Coordinator's Office The "Enhanced coordination and promoted local leadership through an area-based approach" played a crucial role in the Eastern Flood Response 2024 in Bangladesh, ensuring that aid and relief efforts effectively addressed the needs of flood-affected communities.
P18	How the concept of Anticipatory Action and the Early Warning System have and haven't worked during the actual disasters in Japan	11:00 - 11:30 Michelangelo	By: Soka Gakkai International The concept of Anticipatory Action has been encouraged over the decade, and EWS has been installed at multiple levels in Japan. They have helped many people evacuate swiftly, while failing to save others due to various reasons. We would like to share our analysis from the local community viewpoint and discuss with participants how to disseminate it in a proper way in other countries.
P19	Unlocking the Potential of CSR for Disaster Resilience and Climate Action	15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom A	By: Sphere India Join us for an insightful session on "Unlocking the Potential of CSR for Disaster Resilience and Climate Action." In FY 2021-22, India's CSR expenditure reached

			<p>INR 26,278.71 crore, yet only 6.96% was allocated to environmental projects. With the escalating climate crisis and growing disaster risks, there is an urgent need to channel CSR funds toward long-term resilience building. This session will highlight success stories, and showcase the role of CSR in disaster preparedness, recovery, and resilience building. We aim to inspire the private sector to invest in sustainable, innovative solutions that enhance disaster management and contribute to a more resilient future.</p>
P20	<p>Optimizing the Capacity of Internal and External Stakeholders: Integrating a Scalable Mental Health Intervention into the existing NCD Care in Humanitarian Settings</p>	<p>15:00 - 15:30 Ballroom B</p>	<p>By: International Rescue Committee</p> <p>Complex emergencies, ranging from natural disasters to armed conflicts, pose serious challenges that strain health systems and increase vulnerabilities. Of these various challenges encountered, mental health and psychosocial support and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) management are among the most pressing needs. Join us to learn about the collaborative efforts of partners (International Rescue Committee, Johns Hopkins University, and Khon Kaen University) to maximize the successful integration of an evidence-based mental health intervention into non-communicable disease care in temporary shelters along the Thailand-Myanmar border, resulting in improved medication adherence in terms of a self-reported 5-item medication adherence rating scale (MARS-5).</p>