



**Due Diligence Community of Practice
Launch event
19 February 2025, 13:00-14:30 CET (Geneva time)
Concept note**

Background

There is widespread interest in the humanitarian sector in due diligence reform, with surveys of local NGOs frequently highlighting lengthy, repetitive and complex due diligence assessments as a barrier to localisation. At the same time, many INGOs and some donors and UN agencies have identified this as a priority for reform. These efforts have taken a variety of overlapping forms, all with the ultimate goal of making the due diligence process less burdensome via stripped down, simplified processes.

While the widespread interest in due diligence reform and proliferation of pilots has led to significant benefits, it has also created a very crowded programming space and also brings challenges. Unless action is taken to enable those developing and implementing pilots to learn from one another's experience, this will generate significant duplication and waste of scarce resources.

Community of Practice

The Due Diligence Community of Practice (CoP) has been formed by a group of interested international and local NGOs from across the sector to address this through mutual information sharing and joint advocacy across the sector. This collaboration intuitively formed through NGOs brought together through the DEC's collective initiatives programmes and the LOCAL programme hosted by DRC, ICVA and HQAI. The CoP is hosted by ICVA with an INGO co-host from Save the Children UK, and several other prominent INGO alliances such as Charter For Change and the Start Network represented on our Steering Committee. Ultimately, by sharing information and working together, we will identify opportunities to scale successful approaches and advocate for wider systemic reform.

After initial meetings of NGOs currently working in this area were held in late 2024 and January 2025, we are now proposing to launch the Community of Practice to a wider audience.

Launch Event

The Launch Event will be held online on Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 13:00 CET (Geneva time). It will include speakers from the Somali NGO Consortium, the Humanitarian NGO Platform in Ukraine as well as ECHO's donor perspective and ICVA setting out the plans for the Community of Practice.

To attend the event please [register here](#). **Registration is open until Friday 14 February 2025.**