

FACILITATION NOTES AND MATERIALS

**The Core Humanitarian Standard
Sessions on Commitment 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 as well as overall accountability**

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Introduction

The respect and dignity of people and upholding of good practices in humanitarian work are integral to the goals of all organizations working with populations in crisis and in need as well as when working in development contexts.

Ensuring that people are in the center of the work we are doing is essential to guarantee rights, dignity and meaningful participation of all stakeholders. Accountable organizations commit to take into account all different stakeholders and their opinion, give account to different stakeholders and being hold to account by all stakeholders.

The aim of the different sessions is to provide the participants with a basic and practical understanding of how Core Humanitarian Standards is operationalized and how the different commitments contained in the Core Humanitarian Standard can be ensured within a humanitarian emergency response as in long term development initiatives. The overall objectives of the different sessions is ensure knowledge of the Core Humanitarian Standard to secure relevant and ethical actions in joint project and to adhere to international standards on code of conduct in the frame work of international development activities and to install the values of accountability as an overall guiding principle in their respective actions and behaviour towards aid recipients while delivering aid. Accountability is to be understood and guided by the 9 commitments under the CHS system.

The following training tool and methodology has been focusing on a limited number of CHS commitments which were identified as being most appropriate to the activities of the organization.

Accountability commitments (extracted from the Core Humanitarian Standard) included into this guide:

- ✚ **Session 1**
Communities and people affected by crisis have access to the humanitarian assistance they need at the right time
- ✚ **Session 2**
Communities and people affected by crisis are not negatively affected and are more prepared, resilient and less at-risk as a result of humanitarian action
- ✚ **Session 3**
Communities and people affected by crisis know their rights and entitlements, have access to information and participate in decisions that affect them
- ✚ **Session 4**
Communities and people affected by crisis have access to safe and responsive mechanisms to handle complaints
- ✚ **Session 5**
Communities and people affected by crisis receive coordinated, complementary assistance
- ✚ **Session 6**
Overall Accountability : The CHS describes the essential elements of principled, accountable and high-quality humanitarian and development action. In applying accountability standards, an organization places communities and people affected by crisis or disaster at the centre of humanitarian action and promotes respects for their fundamental human rights.

This facilitator guide gives general guidance on facilitating individual sessions including case studies as well as alternative proposals for some of the sessions.