Learning from disruption: evolution, revolution or status quo?

AGENDA

2021 ALNAP MEETING
19–21 OCTOBER 2021

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Day 1

19 October

All timings are GMT+1 (London time).

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- Disrupting the balance of power
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10:30–12:00 | Plenary

ALNAP keynote and high-level panel

Welcome Address: Johan Schaar, Steering Committee Chair, ALNAP; Juliet Parker, Acting Director, ALNAP

Keynote: Alice Obrecht, Head of Research and Impact, ALNAP

Chair: John Mitchell, Special Advisor, ALNAP

Speakers: Jan Egeland, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and former UN Emergency Relief Coordinator; Wafaa Saeed Abdelatef, Acting Director, Coordination Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); Heba Aly, Chief Executive Officer, The New Humanitarian

12:00–12:30 | Networking session

12:30–14:00 | Broadcast session

Why isn’t the system changing?

Speakers: Paisley Dodds, The New Humanitarian; Wendy Cue, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); Mary Wheat, Mercy Corps

Description: Amidst ongoing reporting of cases of sexual abuse and exploitation by aid workers, the session will focus on some of the following questions: What it will take to break a cycle of SEA, reporting challenges and data sharing issues among aid agencies? What can aid groups do to be more transparent about the extent of the problem in order to more effectively address it? We aim to come out of this session with practical steps that actors within the humanitarian space can take to increase transparency, and justice for survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation.

14:00–14:45 | Broadcast session

Health responses during COVID-19: documenting experiences from humanitarian actors

Speakers: Dr James Smith, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM); Kimery Popple, LSHTM

Description: Humanitarian settings have been largely overlooked in published evidence on COVID-19 health responses. Yet, throughout the pandemic, frontline health workers and organisations have been adapting guidance and finding innovative approaches to prevent and treat COVID-19 cases in humanitarian contexts while also adapting other health services. Join us for key findings from ALNAP's new learning review on adaptations made to frontline health responses to COVID-19 in humanitarian settings.

15:00–16:00 | Opportunity session

Same storm, different boats: how to lead when we’re apart physically, but together virtually

Speakers: John Bates, Executive Speaking Success

Description: It's becoming more and more apparent that we will never go back to exactly how it was. Virtual leadership is here to stay. Even when we are not being pushed apart by a pandemic, we will be using a different mix of in-person and virtual engagement. Join John Bates in this interactive masterclass where he will share some essential keys to powerful virtual leadership, the neurobiology of communication, and bringing human connection into all you do – including leading in a virtual realm. You’ll leave inspired and in possession of a powerful tool that will help you make better, more productive connections across your networks.

16:00–18:30 | Networking session

16:30–18:00 | Broadcast session

Why aren't digital technologies revolutionising accountability in humanitarian action?

Facilitation: Murray Garrard, CDAC Network

Chair: Rosie Jackson, CDAC Network

Speakers: Jim Fruchterman, Jim Fruchterman, Tech Matters; Fernanda Baumhardt-Grojean, OCHA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean – ROLAC; Gil Francis Arevalo, UNICEF Tajikistan

Description: This session will seek to understand the ways in which digital communications technologies have and have not disrupted traditional power structures in aid and attempt to understand why.

18:00–18:45 | Opportunity session

Becoming comfortable with disruption through mindfulness

Facilitation: Stephen Wainwright, Geneva Mindfulness

Description: The practice of mindfulness can help us to cultivate awareness of ourselves and our environment, developing a curiosity about internal and external change. By establishing awareness and curiosity, we can move away from old patterns of reacting, and develop our inner resilience to disruptive events.

This session will focus on practicing some simple mindfulness techniques, cultivating awareness of the breath and the body.

18:00–19:30 | Opportunity session

Games-based learning and humanitarian response: playtest “the pyramid: a humanitarian learning game”

Facilitation: Matthew Stevens, Lessons Learned Simulations and Training (LLST); Terry Pearce, Untold Play; Jessica Roberts, LLST; Ben Stevens, LLST; Carolyn Aubry, Sustainable Change Consulting

Description: Can games-based learning help create a more ethical and informed humanitarian sector? Join Lessons Learned and Untold Play as we explore the science and craft behind learning games with an interactive, online playtest of an upcoming learning game, “The Pyramid” examines the priorities, goals, needs, and expectations of various stakeholders in a typical humanitarian response context.
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**Applying coaching techniques to challenges**

**Chair:** Charlie Dalrymple, Useful Consulting  
**Description:** Where do the ideas come from in your team? How do you find them? Communication is key in times of disruption. Simple coaching and peer consultation techniques can help you to ask better questions, listen better and reach ideas and solutions faster. Come and find out how.

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09:00–10:30 | **Breakout-based session**

**Is risk really shared between local and international humanitarian actors?**

**Facilitation:** Rhea T Tarig, CAFOD UK; Dr Win Tun Kyi, Karuna Mission Social Solidarity (KMSS)

**Speakers:** Kingsley Okpabi, Jireh Doo Foundation (JDF); Riazullah Wali, Rural Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan (RRAA); Fadi Hallisso, Basmeh and Zeitooneh; Marielle van Miltenburg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands

**Description:** This session will focus on the experience of local humanitarians and will reflect on the effect of recent disruptions on risk sharing and local leadership in crisis responses.

10:30–11:00 | **Networking session**

11:00–12:30 | **Workshop**

**Decolonisation, power and racial justice: mitigating barriers to reporting misconduct**

**Chair:** Ania Gaboune, Oxfam

**Facilitation:** Emily Tomkys Valteri, Oxfam; Rhea Russell-Cartwright, Oxfam; Shahd Mousalli, Oxfam; Keita Rose, OxFAM

**Speakers:** Samuel Boateng, Oxfam Ghana; All Mohammed Sadeeq, Oxfam Iraq; Johnson Naapi, Oxfam Ghana

**Description:** In light of recent events urging the sector to do better on decolonisation, racial justice, and safeguarding, we will hear from Oxfam staff in Ghana and Iraq on the learning emerging from pilots seeking to mitigate barriers to reporting mechanisms.

13:00–14:30 | **Workshop**

**New training models emerging from the COVID-19 era**

**Facilitation:** Jane Lennon, Primary Care International; Jane Beston, Primary Care International; Julia Beart, Primary Care International; Rory Downham, Bioforce; Camille Nussbaum, IECAH (Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria)

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**Description:** The recent pandemic has forced substantial changes in training provision in the humanitarian sector. Traditional training models are giving way to new approaches that can strengthen locally-led responses.

13:00–14:30 | **Broadcast session**

**Learning to adapt humanitarian action to the effects of climate change**

**Chair:** Jennifer Doherty, ALNAP

**Speakers:** Veronique de Geoffroy, Groupe URD; Mihir Bhatt, All India Disaster Management Institute; Carol Devine, “Climate Smart MSF” Transformational Investment Capacity Incubators, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF); Adenike Oladosu, I Lead Climate; Erin Coughlon de Perez, Tufts University

**Description:** This interactive session will consider the disruptions caused by climate change and will launch ALNAP’s latest Lessons Paper on adapting to climate-related disasters. The panel will explore how humanitarians actors can evolve their operations, strategies and partnerships to anticipate and respond to threats – both known and uncertain.

14:30–15:00 | **Networking session**

15:00–16:30 | **Broadcast session**

**Trust, misinformation and the role of digital technology in the localisation of information**

**Facilitation:** Zoe Hamilton, GSMA; Olly Parsons, GSMA; Guy Peggram, GSMA

**Speakers:** Katie Susman, International Rescue Committee (IRC); Kim Foulds, Sesame Workshop; George Zahm, Solidarités International

**Description:** This interactive session will share learning from the approaches taken by three organisations to deliver locally relevant information through trusted sources in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

15:00–16:30 | **Broadcast session**

**Community-led disruption: what happens when people are in charge?**

**Facilitation:** Simone di Vicenzo, Christian Aid; Emma Pritchard, Local2Global; Alessandra Podesta, Start Network

**Moderator:** Mai Jarrar, East Jerusalem YMCA

**Speakers:** Adan Wako, CIFA, Kenya; Ahmed Zaqout, Maan Development Agency, Gaza; Jahn Shaim, Uttaran, Bangladesh; Sandra Judith Miguel Martinez, ASECAS, Guatemala

**Description:** A conversation between local innovators and activists, reflecting on the power and potential of community-led disruption.

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Moderator: Raquel León, Trócaire
Speakers: María Teresa Calderas, Fundación Guillermo Torriello; Evelin Texaj, Asociación Coordinadora Comunitaria de Servicios para la Salud (ACCSS); Lisa Donado, ACCSS
Description: The session will explore how indigenous women in Guatemala are providing leadership and support to their communities during the global pandemic and in response to hurricanes Eta and Iota.

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Opportunities for indigenous leadership emerging through crisis

Moderator: Anya Sitaram, Rockhopper Media
Speakers: Fiona Lithgow, South Sudan Logistics Cluster, World Food Programme (WFP); Nikola Jovanovic, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Sean Rafter, HELP Logistics; Silva Alkebeh, United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees (UNHCR); Jean-Baptiste Lamarche, Action contre la Faim (ACF); Ayla Bajwa, DP World
Description: A panel discussion with Logistics Cluster partners on how the pandemic has influenced humanitarian logistics at global, regional and local level.

10:00–11:00 | Broadcast session

Exploring community-centred approaches to remote management

Facilitation: Filippo Minozzi, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Shahnaaz Parker, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Speakers: Joseph Oliveros, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Helen Campbell, British Red Cross; Mohammed Aklan, Prodigy Systems
Description: A panel discussion and breakout conversations will explore disruptive practices in funding for humanitarian research and innovation, and the challenges posed as funders seek to change the way they operate.
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Disruption from the inside, out: leadership practices to cultivate supportive organisational cultures

Facilitation: Melissa Pitotti, CHS Alliance Initiative to Cultivate Caring, Compassionate Aid Organisations

Description: Come play with leadership practices found in the CHS Alliance-ICVA “Leading Well” project to support you and your teams to “work well.”

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The rise in local leadership: because of, or in spite of the Grand Bargain?

Chair: Wendy Fenton, Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) and Humanitarian Practice Network (HPN)

Speakers: Sema Genel Karaosmanoglu, Support to Life and NEAR Leadership Council; Dr Puji Pujiono, SEJAJAR and Indonesian Development – Humanitarian Alliance; Manu Gupta, Sustainable Environment Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) and NEAR Leadership Council

Description: What really drives change – global initiatives like the Grand Bargain, changing conditions such as COVID-19, or local leadership? During this session, Global South civil society leaders will explain how they are driving change rather than waiting for change to happen.

14:00–15:30 | Broadcast session

Evaluation in the time of COVID-19

Speakers: John Mitchell, ALNAP; Susanna Morrison-Metols, ALNAP; Margie Buchanan-Smith, Independent Consultant; Jane Mwangi, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); Marco Segone, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Hicham Daoudi, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Description: Join ALNAP, UNFPA and UNICEF for a discussion on how organisations’ evaluation and learning approaches are adapting to COVID-19.

15:30–16:30 | Plenary

ALNAP closing session and high-level panel

Closing Remarks: Juliet Parker, Acting Director, ALNAP

Chair: Johan Schaar, Steering Committee Chair, ALNAP

Speakers: Jeremy Konyndyk, Executive Director, COVID-19, Office of the Administrator, USAID; Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Hibak Kalfan, Executive Director, Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR)