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Evidence in an Era of Change: Insights from the Global Humanitarian Assistance 2026 Report and System-Wide Evaluative Learning

Wednesday, 17 June, 13:15-14:30, Conference Room 11, UN HQ, New York

For in-person attendance, please register here: [\[Link\]](#)

Sponsors/Organizers: Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the UN, IASC/ Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation Steering Group, Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP), the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Belgium, Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR), CALP Network, Mercy Corps

Background and Objectives:

In the context of political uncertainty, rising needs, shrinking budgets, and continuing pressure for reform, the need for a comprehensive and reliable overview of the financial architecture and existing evaluative learning underpinning humanitarian response is more important than ever. In this era of change, the sector must rethink how humanitarian action is prioritized, financed, coordinated, and delivered, while ensuring that responses remain principled, effective, and accountable.

The **2026 Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) report** is the world-leading annual assessment of the state of international humanitarian financing. The GHA report provides a critical body of evidence to inform the sector about its financial size, how its finances are distributed, and what key trends require our focus if we want to protect and improve the funding response to crisis. This event will present Member States with the latest data and analysis on humanitarian financing in 2025, including key donor trends, country-level funding patterns and gaps, and progress on priority reforms such as localization, pooled funds, anticipatory action, and cash assistance.

The **Synthesis of Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHEs)**, prepared by the IAHE Steering Group – a standing body of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee – is a review undertaken to consolidate key lessons from inter-agency humanitarian evaluations spanning the period 2015-2025. The Synthesis presents an analysis of existing evaluative evidence, drawing attention to issues of strategic importance for the humanitarian system. It identifies recurring themes, system-wide strengths, persistent gaps, and broader patterns requiring collective reflection and action. It also puts forward recommendations aimed at informing improvements across the system.



The release of the synthesis comes at a particularly important time, as the humanitarian system is experiencing major changes in its structures, policies, and operational context. In this environment, ensuring that reforms and decisions are informed by credible evidence is more important than ever.

This side event will bring these two evidence streams together to support a more informed discussion on the practical challenges and opportunities associated with humanitarian reform. With perspectives from local and national actors, bilateral donors, and international organizations, the discussion will consider key trade-offs and decision points shaping the humanitarian system and examine how learning and evidence can better inform collective choices. It will explore how evidence can better inform collective prioritization, coordination, accountability, localization, financing approaches, and operational decision-making in resource-constrained environments, including in the context of a shifting financial landscape and the imperative to deliver meaningful results.

The event will contribute to ECOSOC HAS deliberations on strengthening humanitarian coordination and enhancing the effectiveness of humanitarian financing in delivering results for people in need. It will provide a platform for Member States, humanitarian leadership, civil society, and operational actors to reflect on how learning and evidence can support more coherent, collective, and results-oriented reform processes.

The objectives of the side event are to:

- Examine how financing and evaluative evidence can jointly inform humanitarian reform efforts and system-wide decision-making;
- Facilitate dialogue among Member States, humanitarian organizations, and operational actors on the implications of current humanitarian trends;
- Identify priority areas where evidence points to feasible improvements in collective leadership, accountability, prioritization, and delivery;
- Promote the systematic use of independent evidence in humanitarian policy, financing, and coordination discussions.

Discussion Points or Guiding Questions:

1. How can the humanitarian sector adapt its financing approaches to mobilizing more diverse, predictable, and flexible resources in an increasingly constrained global environment?
2. As humanitarian actors adapt to a more resource-constrained environment through the Humanitarian Reset, what should the system prioritize to remain effective, principled, and people-centered?

Co-Chairs:

- Permanent Mission of Canada
- Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand

Moderator:

- Mike Court, Chief Executive Officer, Global Support and Development



Panel Composition:

- ALNAP (Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance)
- IAHE SG Chair or alternate
- NEAR (Network for Empowered Aid Response)
- Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand
- CALP Network
- Senior IASC official
- Mercy Corps

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Background Material:

- [Global Humanitarian Assistance \(GHA\) report 2025 | ALNAP](#)
- [Synthesis and Meta-Analysis of Findings from Crisis-specific Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations Covering the Period 2015-2025](#)