



IOM Principles for Humanitarian Action



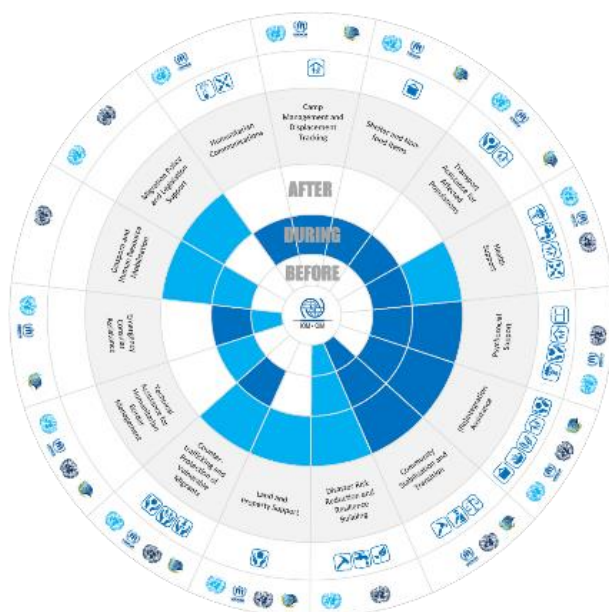
IOM – the International Organization for Migration - works to ensure that people affected by crises can access protection and assistance.

When we do so, we follow IOM’s Principles for Humanitarian Action (PHA). The Principles for Humanitarian Action (PHA) underpin the [Migration Crisis Operational Framework](#) and aim to ensure that the Organization acts on the basis of robust principles and as part of the humanitarian response system. The PHA is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

PHA IN PRACTICE

The PHA was field tested in six countries (El Salvador, Iraq, Libya, Nepal, South Sudan and Ukraine), ensuring geographical diversity as well as a variety of operating contexts – human induced disasters, protracted crises, natural disasters, health crises and migrants in crisis.

The field testing demonstrated the added value of the PHA and contributed to the fine-tuning of PHA provisions and development of tools for its implementation.



I. Humanitarian Context

IOM plays a unique role in responding to the needs of people exposed and vulnerable to the impact of these global challenges from a human mobility perspective.

II. Humanitarian Mandate

Member States recognize IOM's comparative advantage in addressing mobility dimensions of crises as a global institution implementing a wide range of activities for the benefit of those affected.

IOM is also accountable to affected populations, States concerned, donors and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee which coordinates humanitarian partners.

VI. Humanitarian Practice

IOM applies a principled approach to humanitarian action in different operating contexts: i) human-made disasters; ii) protracted crises; iii) natural disasters and iv) settings where migration flows trigger a crisis situation.



The PHA is divided into 6 parts

V. Humanitarian Partnership

Let's not forget that IOM does not act alone. It engages with all those who can help make a difference: local authorities, international or national civil society organizations, the private sector, diaspora organization, or the academia. IOM does so based on the Principles of Partnership.

III. Humanitarian Principles

IOM reaffirms its adherence to the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in the delivery of its humanitarian response, and the need for all those engaged in humanitarian action to promote and fully respect these principles.

IV. Humanitarian Protection

Protection is at the centre of IOM's humanitarian action. As an intergovernmental organization and a standing invitee of the IASC, IOM supports States, as the primary duty bearers, in their responsibility to protect individuals and their rights in line with international law.

IOM commits to mainstream protection across all of its sectors of assistance in crisis response.

The PHA is also about building resilience

We know that only a humane response that empowers people and enables them to live with dignity will make for resilient communities: This is what we do when we provide humanitarian protection and assistance.

But crisis response does not stop with humanitarian action. Longer-term transitional and developmental interventions are required if we want to progressively resolve displacement situations.
