



Humanitarian Aid
and Civil Protection



-Background-

The European Union (Member States and Commission), which is the largest humanitarian donor in the world, is at the forefront of developing effective policies to ensure its humanitarian assistance has a lasting impact and to provide its many partners with guidance.

With the context of humanitarian action changing rapidly over the past years, good humanitarian policies are needed to respond to a fast-changing environment. The increasing scale of humanitarian needs requires the most effective use of the limited resources available. At the same time, the complexity and volatility of humanitarian contexts call for continuous, in-depth analysis to assess the effects of the current mode of action, identify good practices and improve the quality of aid. In short, there is a constant need to develop, review and adapt humanitarian policies in virtually all areas ranging from food assistance to water and sanitation and across issues such as gender, protection and humanitarian coordination.

-Description of the INSPIRE Consortium-

The DG ECHO has selected Groupe Urgence-Réhabilitation-Développement (Groupe URD), Global Public Policy Institute (GPPI), the Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción humanitaria (IECAH) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), through an open call for tender, to support DG ECHO in developing and implementing policies through research, workshop facilitation and the dissemination of results. The four leading European institutions in the humanitarian sector are part of the INSPIRE consortium for this purpose.

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