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# DEALING WITH COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES - INTERNAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Many humanitarian organisations have to deal with counter-terrorism measures, country-specific sanctions and other related legal provisions. Developing strong internal risk management systems can help minimise or prevent negative consequences of these counter-terrorism measures on their humanitarian work.

In this online seminar, participants will learn how to analyse risks associated with counter-terrorism regimes. They will also identify policies and procedures agencies can adopt to mitigate the identified risks.

The two-day seminar is directed at experienced humanitarian NGO staff who are involved in the implementation of humanitarian projects.

The seminar will be facilitated by Michael John Parkinson. Before working as a consultant, he was part of Oxfam GB's legal team of for many years. There, he worked on the impact of counter-terrorism regulations on humanitarian action, the design of internal policy frameworks and compliance with donor contracts.

Given that the number of participants is limited, we kindly ask you to provide a short motivation statement upon registering and will inform you about final admission after the registration deadline. The sessions will be in English. Participation is free of charge. After the seminar, participants are welcome to take part in individual coachings with the trainer.

The seminar is part of a joint project of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) of Ruhr-University Bochum and VENRO.

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9 am – 3:30 pm CET

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**PROGRAMME****Day, XX October 2021**

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09:00	<b>Introduction, expectations and house rules</b>
10:00	<b>Background – key legal, business and operational risks</b> Group develops a shared understanding of internal and external risks linked to counter-terrorism regimes.
11:00	Break
11:15	<b>Risk types</b> Small group work on real case studies reflecting four different policy areas. Participants will analyse what the risks are and what type of policy framework would help mitigate that risk.
12:00	<b>Feedback from groups on risk types exercise</b>
12:30	Lunch break
13:15	<b>Risk types (2)</b> Small group work on a further four case studies.
14:00	<b>Feedback from risk analysis exercise</b>
14:45	Break
15:00	<b>Review risks and categorise risks</b> Participants will group the case studies into corporate and operational risks.
15:30	<b>Review of day 1</b>
15:45	<b>End of seminar day 1</b>

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09:00	<b>Welcome and recap from day 1</b>
09:30	<b>Policy mapping exercise</b> Small group work: using a simple mapping exercise participants will review the corporate and operational risks identified in the previous day and identify which existing policies apply and what new policies may need to be created.
10:30	Break
10:45	<b>Feedback from group exercise</b>
11:30	<b>Potential barriers</b> Plenary discussion: Participants identify potential internal and external barriers to implementing any change in policies.
12:30	Lunch break
13:15	<b>Governance – legal liability and decision making</b> Counter-terrorism regulations involve both criminal and civil offences. Participants will learn what the difference between the two are and how this might affect policy and decision making.
14:15	Break
14:30	<b>Next steps</b> Participants will identify key learning points and next steps they will take on returning to their organisations.
15:00	<b>Wrap up and evaluation</b>
15:30	<b>End of seminar</b>

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