

RETHINKING PARTNERSHIPS IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Most German humanitarian NGOs work with local or national partner organisations. But are these equitable partners? The intention to localise, improve partnerships and at the same time fulfil donor requirements can be difficult to navigate. In this seminar, we would like to discuss how equitable partnerships between local, national and German NGOs can be established and maintained.

The seminar consists of three half-day online sessions. Participants will gain insights into different partnership models and discuss what equitable partnerships can mean for them and how they can be improved.

Target group are staff of German and local/national humanitarian NGOs that are in close contact with their partner organisations and managers/team leads of humanitarian programme departments of NGOs working with partner organisations. We kindly ask German NGO colleagues to forward this invitation to their local and national partners.

The seminar will be facilitated by Carolin Gomulia and Vanessa Buvens. Carolin has worked with numerous NGOs and INGOs on strategy, business and organisational development as well as localisation and partnership. Vanessa now focuses on organisational development and innovation, after having worked for the UN and various NGOs.

The sessions will be in English. Participation is free of charge. To enable interactive sessions, the number of participants is limited. Participants will receive feedback on their admission to the course one to two weeks after their registration.

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Monday, 3 July,
Thursday, 6 July and
Wednesday, 12 July 2023

1:00-5:00 pm CEST each

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Online (Zoom)

REGISTRATION

Please register [online](#) until
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PROGRAMME

Session 1: Monday, 3 July 2023

1:00 pm	Introductions and expectations
1:30 pm	Introduction on partnerships among NGOs Participants discuss their experiences with partnerships
2:30 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Partnership models Input and discussion on different partnership models
4:00 pm	Reflection and discussion
5:00 pm	End of session

Session 2: Thursday, 6 July 2023

1:00 pm	Reflection on the last session and expectations
1:30 pm	External perspective on partnerships Guest input and discussion
2:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm	What does equitable partnership mean for me? Group discussion
4:00 pm	Maintaining partnerships Group work on different aspects of partnership maintenance
4:45 pm	Reflection and debriefing
5:00 pm	End of session

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Session 3: Wednesday, 12 July 2023

1:00 pm **Reflection on the last session and expectations**

1:30 pm **Making it practical**
What works well? What is challenging?
What helps to maintain partnerships?

2:45 pm **Break**

3:00 pm **I have a dream**
What would an ideal partnership look like?

4:15 pm **Reflection and evaluation**

5:00 pm **End of seminar**