

Internet Resources on Humanitarian Action

As in last years edition, in the present one we have also decided to include this section with internet resources on humanitarian action, so the list included in last years publication is completed. In the case for the actual yearbook, the websites shown in these pages are related to topics on quality and performance in humanitarian action.

Active Learning Network for Accountability And Performance in Humanitarian Action - ALNAP

<http://www.alnap.org>

This is the website of an international and interagency forum which aim is to improve learning, accountability and performance in the humanitarian action sector. The website offers a wide range of resources, starting with information on its main activities (meetings, seminars, etc.), an evaluation data base with reports of different type of humanitarian interventions by its member agencies among others, the ALNAP bulletin with the latest news on the humanitarian sector, job and training opportunities, and a very interesting section with publications that can be downloaded from its website.

The Sphere Project

<http://www.sphereproject.org>

As it says in this projects presentation, the Sphere Project was launched in 1997 by a variety of humanitarian NGOs and the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement with the aim to improve the quality of humanitarian practice by alleviating human suffering

and contemplating the right to humanitarian assistance on a basis of the right to life with dignity. This was concretised in a manual for improving humanitarian work, that can be found in the website. The main resources that can be found in its website are several tools that can be applied for a better development of humanitarian work, being the sphere handbook the main one. There's also information on training courses to implement the specific tools of the handbook, as well as concrete information with examples of how this work is being applied in the humanitarian field.

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership - International

<http://www.hapinternational.org>

The Humanitarian Accountability Partnership- International was launched in 2003 by several agencies with the commitment of a bigger accountability of the humanitarian sector to the intended beneficiaries of it. The basis in which this initiative relays on are the seven principles of accountability, mainly related to actions involving beneficiaries and respecting humanitarian principles. In its website it can be found several documents with information on field reports, articles and general information on debates over accountability issues.

Groupe Urgence Rehabilitation et Developpement

<http://www.urd.org>

The Groupe URD is a research centre created in 1993 which stands for an improvement of humanitarian action in crisis and

in contexts of transition between emergency and development through research, evaluation and training. Among the different resources that can be found in the website, there are reports of program evaluations, applied research and training modules. The main, and a very practical, tool offered in this site is the COMPAS Qualité, a very useful manual for developing concrete work in the humanitarian field as well as for realising a complete evaluation of the work done which contemplates a wide range of aspects to take into account for any evaluation of humanitarian action.

Global Humanitarian Assistance

<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org>

The Global Humanitarian Assistance project was launched in 1999 by Development Initiatives with the aim to make a follow up the funding in the humanitarian sector, so different type of information such as statistics and analysis could be facilitated to humanitarian agencies in order to make more effective their resources. In this website, different reports, since the first one in the year 2000 can be found and downloaded. General information on where, by whom and on what money is spent in the humanitarian sector.

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