

Rapid Needs Analysis (RNA) Training

ACCESS AND HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES



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1 Humanitarian Access



What do we mean? Humanitarian access relates to humanitarian actors's ability to reach people affected by crisis, as well as an affected population's ability to access humanitarian assistance and services.



1 Humanitarian Access



Access Constraints and Reporting: The Myanmar Access Monitoring and Reporting Framework (AMRF) consists of six types of access constraints.

1. Interference in the Implementation of Humanitarian Activities
2. Military Operation and Ongoing Hostilities
3. Movement Restriction
4. Physical Environment and Lack of Infrastructure
5. Violence/Threats Against Humanitarian Personnel/Assets/Facilities
6. Landmines/UXO

1 Humanitarian Access

Examples of Access Constraints:

- Authorities partially reject your movement and only allow access to Village A but not Village B
- Authorities stops you at a checkpoint and asks for a bribe
- Your staff are detained by the authorities/conflicting party
- A road is closed due to a landslide or due to an IED
- Due to fighting in Village A you have to postpone your mission

2 Humanitarian Principles



Humanity

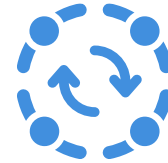
Human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found.

The purpose of humanitarian action is to protect life and health and ensure respect for human beings.



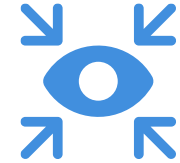
Neutrality

Humanitarian actors must not take sides in hostilities or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.



Impartiality

Humanitarian action must be carried out on the basis of need alone, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress and making no distinctions on the basis of nationality, race, gender, religious belief, class or political opinions.



Independence

Humanitarian action must be autonomous from the political, economic, military or other objectives that any actor may hold with regard to areas where humanitarian action is being implemented.

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Relation of Humanitarian Access and Principles

How does humanitarian access relate to the humanitarian principles?

Compliance with humanitarian principles affects credibility, and therefore our ability to negotiate with relevant actors to establish safe access to affected people and our ability to raise funds as well.

Humanitarian principles are a tool to gain access when engaging with stakeholders.

- Negotiation
- Gain local acceptance
- Create trust with stakeholders
- Diffuse tensions
- Create unified voice
- Joint operating standard (JOS)

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Relation of Humanitarian Access and Principles



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