

SPHERE: 20 years of standards for humanitarian response and their application in real-life emergencies

What are humanitarian standards?

People affected by disaster or conflict have the right to receive protection and assistance and to ensure the basic conditions for life with dignity. Humanitarian standards are statements which describe the sets of actions needed so that crisis-affected people can enjoy this right.

Humanitarian standards are developed by practitioners with specific areas of expertise - based on evidence, experience, and learning. They are used to plan, implement, and evaluate humanitarian response. The Sphere movement was started in 1997 by a group of humanitarian professionals aiming to improve the quality of humanitarian work: <https://spherestandards.org/about/>

Tuesday, 17th November 2020 from 15h00 to 18h00

Seminar 1: SPHERE: 20 years of humanitarian standards

- Welcome & Introduction
- What is Humanitarianism?
- History of SPHERE
- Humanitarian Charter, Protection and Core Standards
- Case Study: Using SPHERE in Practice
- Q & A



Tuesday, 24th November 2020 from 15h00 to 18h00

Seminar 2: The application of humanitarian standards in real life

- Quiz – What do you remember about SPHERE?
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
- WASH in Practice – a short-video from Uganda
- Case Study: Implementing sanitation in Bangladesh
- Case Study: From humanitarian to development in Tajikistan
- Q & A

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