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About us

GISF is committed to achieving sustainable access to populations in need and keeping aid workers safe. We drive positive change in humanitarian security risk management through original research, collaboration and events. As an NGO-led forum, our work reflects the needs of over 130 member organisations. For us, 'humanitarian' describes not-for-profit activities that seek to improve lives and reduce suffering.

Mission

We believe that through innovation, inclusivity, and collaboration, we can improve humanitarian security risk management and achieve sustainable access to populations in need.

Our aim

As an independent, NGO-led network for global security focal points, our aim is to have a positive impact on humanitarian security risk management (SRM) to keep aid workers safe and achieve sustainable access to populations in need.

We recognise our role as thought-leaders in the humanitarian SRM community, and as such, strive to make our research, events and all of our work, as inclusive, collaborative, and innovative as possible.

GISF reflects the needs of our members, SRM professionals, and the broader aid sector.

Our values

INNOVATION

COLLABORATION

INCLUSIVITY



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GISF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Our members enjoy access to a growing network of security-conscious humanitarian organisations. With over 130 members, we provide ample opportunities to get involved and engage with others. Our forums and workshops allow members to meet, network and share with their peers. Our online chat, website and virtual events create a year-round flow of information-sharing. Through our leading research, digital resources and original training and events, we work with and for our members to drive change in the humanitarian sector.

Services offered to GISF members include:

When it comes to humanitarian security risk management, we're one of the most popular mechanisms for peer-to-peer support. With our growing pool of expertise and experience, we've also become a go-to centre of excellence.

Online member's area

- We provide each of our members with up to 3 logins for the members' area of our website. From there, members can:
 - Browse exclusive resources in our expansive e-library;
 - Register for trainings and events run either by us or by our affiliated providers;
 - Advertise their own vacancies, courses and events;
 - Access member news and updates, and much more.

GISF chat

- Our online chat facility allows members to communicate directly with one another and the wider GISF community. It provides a space for members to:
 - Coordinate during rapid onset crisis
 - Share useful documents
 - Contribute feedback
 - Arrange visits and meetings
 - Provide updates on certain contexts
 - Share knowledge on specific topics through opt-in channels like digital security
 - Ask tailored questions to your needs

Events

Forums | Roundtables | Workshops | Webinars | Trainings

- Each year, we organise members forums. Usually taking place in spring and autumn available in person and online. During these forums, members and invited experts explore some of the prevailing issues in humanitarian security. They are also an excellent opportunity to network with counterparts from other organisations.
- At GISF, we organise several workshops each year – though, in recent years, we've run as many as ten. Our workshops target a range of staff, offering organisations development opportunities beyond security. For the Digital Security Workshop, we explored the relationship between security managers and IT security counterparts.

Research

- Our research amplifies good practice for humanitarian SRM. Our work challenges stagnant thinking in our membership and beyond. As well as having access to our entire catalogue, GISF members are able to contribute to our upcoming projects. This might be by:
 - Identifying new topics to explore
 - Completing a research questionnaire or benchmarking survey
 - Joining a peer review team
 - Translating existing resources



GISF MEMBERSHIP

HOW TO APPLY

How to join

1. Read through all the information provided below before applying.
2. Contact a GISF Projects and Membership Officer if you have any questions before applying. You can contact either our UK-based (gisf-info@gisf.ngo) or US-based officer (gisf-americas@gisf.ngo).
3. Complete the online application form. Remember to have contact details available for your two sponsoring organisations – who must be current GISF members.
4. We'll email you to let you know that we've received your application, and our Steering Group will review it.
5. We aim to make a decision on your application within 4 to 6 weeks – you'll receive this via email.
6. If your application is successful, we'll be in touch with all the necessary information to set you up.
7. Welcome to the GISF network! You can now enjoy all the benefits of membership.

Membership types

GISF's membership comprises a range of humanitarian organisations. By this, we mean that they are all non-profit organisations that seek to improve lives and reduce suffering. We categorise our members as either 'full' or 'associate'; while the joining criteria differ, both types have equal access to all aspects of GISF membership.

Full membership

Full membership is open to organisations that meet each of the following criteria:

- Not for-profit non-governmental organisations, which:
- Manage, and are responsible for, staff and significant relief or development programme activities in several countries;
- Are committed to the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, including humanitarian principles;
- Have a security focal point with global security risk management responsibilities who can represent them within GISF;
- Can demonstrate an inclusive approach to security risk management;
- Can obtain sponsorship (references) from two existing members of GISF.

Associate membership

Associate membership is open to organisations that meet each of the following criteria:

- Not-for-profit organisations, which;
- Have similar interests to full members regarding staff safety and security in multiple countries;
- Are committed to the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, including humanitarian principles;
- Have a security focal point with global security risk management responsibilities who can represent them within GISF;
- Can demonstrate an inclusive approach to security risk management;
- Can obtain sponsorship (references) from two existing members of GISF.



All organisations accepted for full or associate membership will:

- Agree to comply with the GISF information-sharing policy;
- Promote good practice for security risk management within their organisation and across the broader relief and development sector.
- Actively engage and collaborate with GISF Secretariat and other members;

Membership fees

To ensure the forum's sustainability, we ask our members to pay an annual subscription fee. Our fee structure has 5 tiers based on organisations' average annual incomes.



Organisations with 4 or more 'sister organisations' as members of GISF are eligible for a 15% discount on their membership fee.

Any organisation joining after the first bi-annual forum will be charged 50% of the total fee.

At GISF, inclusivity is one of our core values. If you feel your organisation will be unable to pay the required fee, please email us to discuss options.