

EISF's aim

Our aim is to have a positive impact on NGO humanitarian security risk management to achieve sustainable access to populations in need.

EISF is an independent network of security focal points who represent Europe-based humanitarian NGOs operating internationally.

EISF is committed to improving the safety and security of operations and staff, strengthening humanitarian security risk management to allow greater access to, and impact for, crisis-affected populations.

As an NGO-led forum, the EISF hub reflects the needs of our members and the broader humanitarian security risk management network.

EISF's objectives

Information shared and networks strengthened to improve humanitarian security risk management

Stakeholders recognise the importance of good practice for security risk management in the humanitarian space

Humanitarian security risk management skills and knowledge improved

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EISF is a member-led network of NGO security focal points, committed to improving the security of humanitarian staff and operations for sustainable access

Who we are

EISF began in 2006 as an initiative of global security focal points from several European NGOs, creating an informal alliance for information-sharing. The independent EISF network was formalised with the appointment of a part-time Coordinator in early 2008, based in Save the Children UK. EISF currently has over 80 members and the Secretariat has since grown to five staff members. EISF is currently hosted by Christian Aid in London.

The strategic direction of EISF is overseen on behalf of the members by a Steering Group, currently including Global Security Focal Points from Care International, Christian Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Goal, Medair, Médecins du Monde France, MSF Belgium, Oxfam GB, and Tearfund.

Membership of EISF is open to Europe-based not-for-profit NGOs which:

- Manage, and are responsible for, staff and significant humanitarian programme activities in several countries;
- Have a global security focal point who can represent them within EISF

Don't think your organisation fits the criteria for membership?

Please get in contact! EISF engages with other organisations in many different ways; our members appreciate the opinions and input of think tanks, human rights organisations, development-focused NGOs, business and government.

What we do

The EISF Secretariat works in collaboration with members, other NGOs, the UN, government agencies, the private sector and academia to produce original research, practical guides and networking events.

All EISF events and publications are grounded in the practicalities faced by members when implementing programmes across the globe. Recent EISF publications include:

- *Security Risk Management and Religion: Faith and Secularism in Humanitarian Assistance*
- *The Future of Humanitarian Security in Fragile Contexts*
- *The Cost of Security Risk Management for NGOs*
- *Family First: Liaison and Support During a Crisis*
- *Managing the Message: Communication and Media Management in a Security Crisis*
- *Security to Go: A Risk Management Toolkit for Humanitarian Aid Agencies*

Publications are available in English, French and Spanish.

► Please visit the EISF website to view the complete list of publications: www.eisf.eu

*If you have a question on humanitarian security risk management or need support, ask EISF. If we don't know the answer, we will know somebody who does!
Contact eisf-admin@eisf.eu*

EISF Resource Hub

The EISF Secretariat and the EISF website provide an NGO-focused resource for continuous improvement in good practice for humanitarian security risk management.

There are many stakeholders that impact on humanitarian security risk management and our ability to have safe and sustainable access to populations in need. EISF provides a hub for sharing information and disseminating good practice throughout the sector and across many different stakeholders.

World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

- Commit to develop a broader, more effective collective voice through networking, coordination, collaboration and consensus-building to strengthen the ability of organisations to integrate security risk management that promotes the physical and psychological wellbeing of all staff, enabling safe, timely, effective and unimpeded humanitarian assistance
- Commit to support the sector in the continued development of good practice for context appropriate and adaptable security risk management through research, coordination, development of resources and capacity-building of all staff, associated personnel and partners, to enable safe and effective humanitarian action and influence donors to ensure necessary funds are available