

**NGO joint statement on the impact of counterterrorism measures and sanctions on humanitarian action**

Ahead of the upcoming European Humanitarian Forum (EHF) from the 21 to the 23 of March, and following with concern the evolving crisis in Ukraine, the 49 NGOs and 7 networks of NGOs welcome an agenda that includes sessions highlighting the challenges regarding the impact of restrictive measures on humanitarian action. Today, counterterrorism measures, sanctions and the subsequent restrictions, due diligence, and compliance obligations constitute one of the major challenges for humanitarian organisations and principled humanitarian action. We hope discussions at the EHF will lead to clear commitments for the EU and its Member States which will

capacity to reach people in need.

Yemen, Afghanistan, Mali are the most recent examples recalling the absolute necessity to ensure in areas under the control of non-state armed groups. Similarly, it is of utmost importance that sanctions targeting Russia do not affect the current or future capacities of humanitarian organisations to provide aid in Ukraine, including in territories that are not under the control of the Ukrainian government, and on the shared borders.

and flexibility during crisis as well as in pre- and post- crisis environments, for humanitarian, development, and protection work, in order to adequately provide services to people in need.

Although we appreciate the work done on providing humanitarian exemptions in some contexts, services should be ensured to people in need everywhere. Aid organisations are very much concerned with the introduction of new guidelines from the government of France requiring

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1. ACT Alliance
2. ACT Alliance EU
3. ACTED
4. Action Against Hunger
5. ADRA Germany
6. Amel
7. Arbeiter Samariter Bund
8. arche noVa
9. CAFOD
10. CARE International
11. Caritas Germany
12. CartONG
13. Christian Aid
14. Christian Aid Ireland
15. CLEAR Global
16. Danish Refugee Council
17. Fida International
18. FRD Pakistan
19. Groupe d'Action de Paix et de Formation pour la Transformation
20. GOAL
21. Hamap Humanitaire
22. Humanity & Inclusion Handicap International
23. Insecurity Insight
24. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
25. International Medical corps
26. International Rescue Committee
27. Intersos
28. Islamic Relief Worldwide
29. Secours Islamique France
30. Jesuit Refugee Service
31. Johanniter International Assistance
32. Kindernothilfe
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34. LM International (Läkarmissionen)
35. MEDAIR
36. Médecins du Monde International Network
37. Mercy Corps
38. Norwegian Church Aid
39. Oxfam International
40. Première Urgence Internationale
41. Solidarités International
42. Terre des Hommes
43. Trocaire

44. War Child Holland
45. Welthungerhilfe
46. World Federation for Medical Education
47. World Medical Association
48. World Patients Alliance
49. World Vision International
  
50. Botswana Council of Non-Governmental Organisations
51. Co  
    Senegal)
52. Coordination SUD
53. Finnish Development NGOs (FINGO)
54. International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
55. La coordinadora de ONG para el Desarrollo
56. Réseau des Plateformes d'ONG d'Afrique de l'Ouest

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