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WORKING TOGETHER FOR IMPACT

Based on direct field experience and solid policy expertise, **DARA offers evaluation, technical assistance and policy analysis in humanitarian aid, disaster risk reduction and climate change.**

We work with UN agencies, governments, NGOs and foundations **to improve the impact of their work** in the highly challenging global aid environment.

A LEADING
GLOBAL
ORGANISATION
WORKING TO
IMPROVE AID
EFFECTIVENESS

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2003, DARA is an independent organisation committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of aid for vulnerable populations suffering from conflict, disasters and climate change.

OUR BACKGROUND

DARA has carried out evaluations for over **30 different humanitarian agencies and organisations**, and in more than 50 countries. We work with our clients to ensure findings have a utilisation focus by providing realistic recommendations to foster learning and positive changes.

We have a proven track record in conducting **independent, cutting-edge, innovative evaluations, research and analysis, as well as high-quality influential reports and publications** that add value and knowledge to the humanitarian sector. Our flagship reports include ***The Humanitarian Response Index, The Risk Reduction Index*** and ***The Climate Vulnerability Monitor***.



EXPERT POLICY ANALYSIS, EVALUATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



DARA attends a cluster coordination meeting.
Port-au-Prince, Haiti. January 2010.
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OUR SERVICES

We offer expert policy analysis, evaluations and technical assistance in areas such as humanitarian aid, emergency relief and recovery operations, disaster risk reduction and the human impact of climate change, conflict and risk management, as well as in cross-cutting issues such as gender.

EVALUATIONS

We specialise in real-time, system-wide, impact, policy, programme and project evaluations.

Major evaluations include the United Nations Inter-Agency Real-Time Evaluation of the Humanitarian Response to the 2010 Pakistan floods, and our work in the Indian Ocean Tsunami Evaluation Coalition (TEC) in 2006.



POLICY ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY REVIEW

We can assist your organisation design and implement comprehensive, forward-looking policy frameworks, strategies and programmes to be better prepared in a changing environment.

An example is the *Humanitarian Emergency Response Review* (2011) commissioned by the UK Government and directed by DARA's Director General. DARA also reviewed the International Committee of the Red Cross' policy on internally displaced people (2009).

TRAINING AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

We can share our inside knowledge and experience of humanitarian issues through trainings, workshops, and events.

DARA participated in the training for the United Nations Humanitarian and Resident Coordinators *Working with Partners in Humanitarian Contexts* (Geneva, 2010).

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

DARA's team is composed of highly skilled data analysis experts with capacity for managing large volumes of data. We conduct surveys, develop indicators, econometric and mathematical models, and provide the corresponding analysis.

WORKING WITH A WIDE RANGE OF KEY ACTORS

OUR CLIENTS

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)
- Danish International Development Agency (Danida)
- European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO)
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)
- Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AusAID)

UNITED NATIONS

- Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Spanish Red Cross Society

INTERNATIONAL NGOS

- Danish Church Aid (DCA)
- IBIS
- Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)

THINK TANKS AND SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

- Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)
- Centro de Estudios de Cooperación al Desarrollo (CECOD)
- Club of Madrid
- Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)
- Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE)
- Global Public Policy Institute (GPPI)
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI)



Ross Mountain and Lord Ashdown conducting the UK's Humanitarian Emergency Response Review. Pakistan, 2010. Copyright Rachel Kessler.

OUR TEAM

DARA is an international organisation with a team of 20 qualified, multinational staff who are able to work in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish and Italian.

ROSS MOUNTAIN Director General

Ross Mountain served the United Nations for over 36 years in various senior capacities and has been a major driver of reforms in the humanitarian system. He has led some of the world's largest emergency operations and managed and coordinated humanitarian, development, peacekeeping and peace building programmes.

PHILIP TAMMINGA Accountability, performance and humanitarian donorship

RICCARDO POLASTRO Evaluations and technical assistance

NICOLAI STEEN Disaster risk reduction and impact evaluations

MATTHEW MCKINNON Climate change

OUR NETWORK

DARA draws on a core network of 50 experts who work collaboratively across borders, drawing upon their extensive field and policy experience in our main practice areas.

OUR ADVISORY BOARDS & PANELS

DARA benefits from Advisory Boards and Panels consisting of world leaders and experts in humanitarian aid and climate change. They bring their experience, skills, and expertise to DARA's flagship projects, providing DARA with cutting-edge analysis and insights.

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