



IMPROVING AID FOR THE VULNERABLE

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.

DARA has recognised expertise in the field of humanitarian aid as well as climate change and disaster risk reduction management. We have conducted evaluations of humanitarian operations in over 40 countries across five continents for a variety of government, United Nations and European Union agencies, as well as other major international humanitarian organisations, such as the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement.

WHAT WE DO

Working with partners, DARA actively promotes humanitarian principles and best practice, provides quality analysis and evaluation of humanitarian interventions, and monitors the human impact of climate change around the world. By evaluating impact and providing policy guidance and solutions, DARA works to improve aid effectiveness.

DARA WORKS
TO IMPROVE AID
EFFECTIVENESS
FOR VULNERABLE
POPULATIONS



UTILISATION-FOCUSED EVALUATIONS FOR KEY HUMANITARIAN ACTORS

EVALUATION AND **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

DARA is committed to improving humanitarian response through innovative and results-oriented evaluations, providing tailor-made services to a wide range of key humanitarian actors.

DARA is one of few organisations to have direct experience in providing effective:

- **Real-Time Evaluations** which can assist decision-making while a humanitarian crisis is still unfolding.
- **Strategic technical assistance** for aid policies and programmes.
- **System-wide evaluations** that identify the policies and measures that humanitarian actors need to address to ensure enhanced performance and impact of humanitarian aid.

IMPROVING HUMANITARIAN DONORSHIP **THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE INDEX**

The Humanitarian Response Index (HRI) is the world's foremost independent tool for measuring the individual performance of government donors against *Good Humanitarian Donorship Principles*.

The HRI provides an independent assessment of donor performance, which can assist governments in ensuring that their humanitarian funding has the greatest possible impact for people in critical need of aid.

THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE INDEX: AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF DONOR PERFORMANCE

"The lofty ideals contained in political declarations are not enough- concerted actions must follow- and these efforts must be monitored vigilantly. That is why the Humanitarian Response Index is so important."

DESMOND TUTU

"The Humanitarian Response Index serves as a crucial tool to help ensure no disaster is ignored, and that every dollar spent helps those most in need."

KOFI ANNAN

THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE **THE CLIMATE VULNERABILITY INITIATIVE & THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

DARA is committed to raising awareness through focused projects on the impact that climate change and disasters have on vulnerable populations, pointing to preventive and adaptive measures to address this challenge.

- **The Climate Vulnerability Initiative (CVI)**

DARA emphasises the varying impact of climate change on human society and points to the most effective measures to reduce that impact in a major new global report. It is co-published by DARA and the Climate Vulnerable Forum, a partnership of seriously affected nations initiated in 2009 by the Government of the Maldives. The CVI also supports strong climate leadership among most vulnerable countries.

- **The Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative**

This initiative looks at the factors and conditions that contribute to the generation of risk. Based on extensive local consultation and analysis, it provides clear guidance for effective risk reduction in vulnerable and hazard-prone areas across the world.

PREVENTIVE AND ADAPTIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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DARA is a member of key humanitarian networks such as the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and the Global Campaign for Climate Action (GCCA).

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Balakot, Pakistan 2005. A father holds his injured child as he surveys the damage to the devastated city of Balakot.

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