

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) Report 2011 – the launch

The launch

This year's GHA Report was launched on Wednesday 20th July at 8.15 a.m., at the humanitarian segment of the ECOSOC substantive session at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The panel

Jan Kellett – GHA Programme Leader
Lydia Poole – GHA Policy Advisor
Jakob Hallgren – Foreign Ministry, Sweden
Chair: Steve O'Malley – CERF Secretariat

The presentation

Jan Kellett's presentation of GHA Report 2011 was divided into three key sections:

Facts and figures

The latest figures were provided for:

- International humanitarian response, the highest year on record
- Humanitarian aid from governments
- Private contributions
- Top ten recipients and top ten donors, which generally remain the same groupings.

Humanitarian trends

Latest figures show that:

- Humanitarian aid is rising
- More donors are participating, notably non-DAC donors
- But, demand is rising
- Levels of unmet need are increasing
- Cost of humanitarian aid is rising (i.e. food and energy).

Looking ahead:

- Which types of emergencies will be funded?
- How will donors prioritise (declining?) aid budgets?
- Who will be most affected by choices?

Key messages

- Humanitarian aid is being stretched to respond to different types of emergencies in different

contexts, and

- Beyond immediate life-saving towards development and other activity
- Humanitarian financing needs to be viewed alongside other resources, in order to ensure better planning and coordination
- Increased transparency is essential for this.

The presentation was well received by an audience of approximately 60 delegates. A variety of questions were posed by delegates, followed by debate. To view the full report, visit: <http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/report/gha-report-2011> To request a copy of the presentation, email: gha@devinit.org

GHA Reports

The annual GHA Report is an essential resource for anyone seeking to understand the broad picture of global humanitarian assistance as well as its detail, from experts working in the humanitarian sector, to policy and media professionals, and beyond to beneficiaries and taxpayers.

GHA – who we are

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) (<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>) is a data access and transparency programme of Development Initiatives, based in the UK, which analyses aid flows to people living in humanitarian crises, and researches and publishes annual GHA Reports. Development Initiatives (<http://www.devinit.org/>) is an independent organisation that sees improving aid effectiveness as part of its commitment to the elimination of dollar a day poverty by 2025.

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