Humanitarian Talk @ EHF 2025

Advancing Equitable Partnerships through Due Diligence Passporting

Monday 19 May, 16:45–18:00 Square Brussels Convention Centre

Local and national organisations are frequently required by international partners to undergo typically duplicative due diligence processes as a pre-requisite to partnership and humanitarian financing. Such processes drain time and resources, reinforce power imbalances, and undermine locally led humanitarian action in times of crisis

In this context, Due Diligence Passporting (DDP) offers a practical mechanism for reducing compliance burdens on local actors, sharing risks, and advancing equitable partnerships across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. By focusing on mutual recognition and collaborative approaches to managing partnerships, resources and risks, DDP addresses structural barriers to localisation. It does so without compromising the commitment to responsible stewardship or accountability to affected and at-risk communities.

The Panel Discussion

This interactive panel discussion featuring local and national actors, INGOs, and a donor representative, will:

- Share learning from <u>C4C</u> and <u>LOCAL</u> due diligence passporting initiatives
- Discuss incentives and barriers influencing the uptake of passporting among international organisations
- Explore what meaningful success in passporting would look like

This is an opportunity to contribute to a timely, solutions-focused conversation on system reform in support of more equitable partnerships.

Panelists

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