

# **ABOUT ALLIANCE2015**

Alliance2015 is a strategic partnership of seven European non-governmental organisations engaged in humanitarian and development activities. We are ACTED, Cesvi, Concern Worldwide, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Hivos, People in Need and Welthungerhilfe. The Spanish organization Ayuda en Acción has also joined Alliance2015 as associate member in September 2018. Our global work is based on European values of human rights, solidarity and tolerance.

Founded in 2000 to strengthen our members' contribution to the Millennium Development Goals, we work towards the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. We seek to increase our impact on poverty reduction and

aid effectiveness, to contribute to communities' resilience and effective emergency preparedness and response, and to influence development and humanitarian policies in Europe towards this.

Our membership is active in **89 countries**, programming €981 million in 2017 alone. We work together to deliver better results, value for money, and increased transparency and accountability. At present we count **39 joint programming initiatives** covering 20 countries. This collaboration gives us access to better infrastructure, knowledge sharing, and a greater reach than each would have individually.

Since early 2017, the work of Alliance2015 is supported by an office in Brussels.



Alliance 2015 members are proud of their close, constructive yet flexible cooperation. Since January 2017, this collaboration is supported by a 'Hub' in Brussels led by our Director, Antonia Potter Prentice. The hub provides strategic coordination and the key channel for our joint EU relationships. It helps us ensure voices from the countries we work in are heard by European decision makers to increase the effectiveness of policymaking, programming for greater scale and deeper impact on the ground.

# DEVELOPMENT



Logistics EU Aid Volunteer Anne Vazzoler with Concern Worldwide Transport Officer Samuel Ferry in Freetown, Sierra Leone

The SDGs address intertwined challenges of poverty, hunger, climate change, inequality and conflict. Alliance 2015 members are robustly equipped to contribute to their realisation, with particular expertise in the areas of **food and nutrition security** and **community resilience**. To that goal, our members join forces by sharing knowledge and resources, developing **ambitious joint programmes**.

For example, Alliance2015 is engaged in significant community resilience building programmes funded by the EU, the Italian Government and DFID.

We are also seeking to address the root causes of poverty in joint programmes funded by the Dutch Government in Lebanon and Pakistan: in Lebanon the Alliance2015 Partnership is running a programme that aims at creating sustainable income-generating and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable populations, while in Pakistan three joint projects started in 2017, namely on equal access to employment opportunities and basic services, on building disaster resilience and on integrated support for vulnerable people affected by the complex emergency.

In all countries where two or more Alliance 2015 organisations work, our members meet on a regular basis, exchange information and lessons learnt from their work and when possible, design and implement joint programmes.

Alliance 2015 members help to deliver the **EU Aid Volunteers initiative**, on both capacity strengthening and EU volunteer deployment. A total of 44 EU Aid Volunteers have been deployed across two deployment grants to date. Countries certified to host Volunteers include Georgia, Angola, Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Senegal, Malawi, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Haiti and Turkey.

# **EMERGENCY**

Responding quickly and effectively to emergencies is a major strength of Alliance2015 members, who have significant expertise in humanitarian response and disaster risk reduction, ranging from nutrition and food security to health, water and sanitation and social needs such as protection or education.

When a disaster strikes, rapid coordination starts between our members' respective head offices and on the ground to maximise the speed and efficiency of our response. In a fast-growing number of countries, teams share critical information and develop joint emergency preparedness and response plans. These helped our teams to prepare and deliver an effective response to the Mosul

crisis in Iraq, but also to coordinate their response to floods in Nepal and in Sri Lanka. Alliance2015 members are engaged in **joint responses in some of the most complex and challenging humanitarian crises** such as Bangladesh, Syria, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Iraq, but also provide each other with much needed peer-support in the least publicised humanitarian crises (e.g. the Kasai region in DRC, Yemen, Chad or Central African Republic) where aid does not match the scale of the needs.

The Alliance takes the issue of safeguarding to be of prime importance and is developing pooled resources to strengthen its policy and practice to prevent and effectively respond to all types of abuse.



Rohingya men rebuilding their tents before the monsoon arrives, Jamtoli, Ukhiya. Photo: Abir Abdullah/Concern Worldwide

# **ADVOCACY**

We aim to support a lasting change to the lives of people living in poverty across the world. To increase the impact of our operational work, we design and support targeted advocacy initiatives to mobilise political and financial support for sustainable development and emergency preparedness and response. We build effective, evidence-based cooperation with partners in the countries where we work, and with coalitions in Brussels. Through thematic roundtables on our areas of expertise, and through our

Brussels hub, we channel voices, views and evidence from those we work with into structured dialogue with the EU and other key decision makers on the gaps in policy and practice in development and humanitarian work, and how best to address them.

We also provide our country teams with advice and support so the learning and impact of their programmes is better used to influence development or humanitarian policies and as importantly, practices.



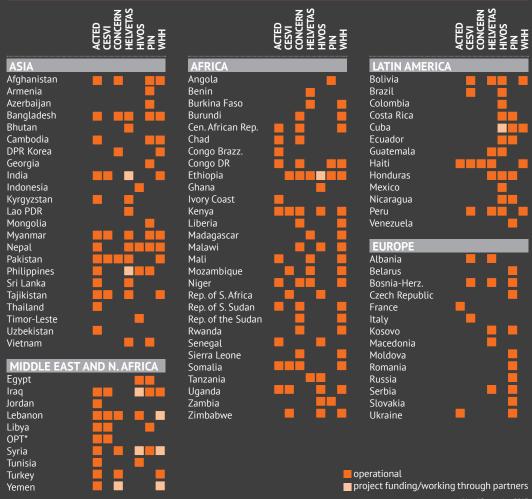
The cover of the 2018 GHI Report, "Forced migration and hunger". Cover photo © Glinski/Welthungerhilfe 2018 (2018).

An ongoing initiative in our efforts to raise awareness of food and nutrition security is the annual **Global Hunger Index (GHI)\***, a tool designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger globally, regionally, and by country.

In 2018, Alliance2015 members conducted joint researches into the role of the private sector in food and nutrition security and the implementation of the EU Action Plan on nutrition, including a contextual analysis of Ethiopia, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan and Zambia.

\*The GHI is authored by our members Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.

## **ALLIANCE2015 MEMBERS WORK IN 89 COUNTRIES\***



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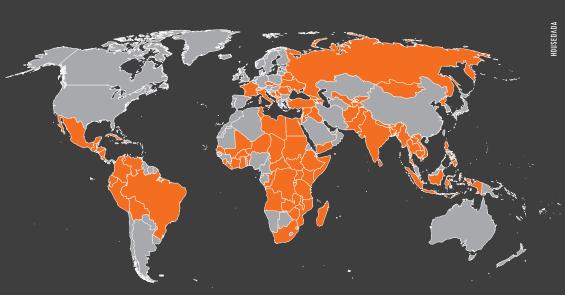
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## **ALLIANCE2015 IN NUMBERS**



Working in **89** countries

€981 million spent in 2017

56 million people supported in 2017

## **TRANSPARENCY**

Alliance 2015 is an NGO formally registered in the Netherlands, with an operations centre registered in Brussels. We are fully funded by our members, and governed by an Executive Board comprised of their CEOs. For more information on our governance and transparency, visit www.alliance 2015.org.