

EVENT INVITATION

Do no harm and conflict sensitivity: two sides of the same coin?

Wednesday 23 May 2018,
18:00 – 21:00

L42, Rue de la Loi 42, 1000
Brussels (Métro Arts-loi)

The majority of humanitarian needs are now due to conflicts. Humanitarian actors have a longstanding commitment to 'do no harm'. They seek to avoid aggravating the vulnerability of crisis affected people. Building on the Agenda for Humanity there is an emerging international and European focus on the prevention of conflict and a strengthening call for more peacebuilding. This is a response to the realities of protracted and complex crises in the field. Institutionally this prevention agenda is translated into the humanitarian, development and peace 'triple nexus'.

Humanitarian NGOs are used to discussing the humanitarian-development linkages. If effectively linking humanitarian and development has been hard, is the link to peace a step too far? Is Do No Harm sufficiently put in practice? Should the Do No Harm agenda be amplified to link with the issue of conflict sensitivity? What impact could this have on principled humanitarian aid? In this event, views will be shared from humanitarian and peacebuilding NGOs. It aims to bring together different actors to contribute to the debate on conflict sensitivity in humanitarian assistance.

Panel discussion 18-20h

- Paul Murphy, Executive Director, **Saferworld**
- Michael Kühn, Senior Policy Advisor, **Welthungerhilfe**
- Martina Zapf, Head of Programme Support, **Interpeace**
- Peter van Sluijs, Senior Strategist, **CORDAID**

Chaired by Birte Hald, Brussels representative, **Danish Refugee Council**

The reception to follow is an opportunity for VOICE members and EU humanitarian stakeholders to meet and network.

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VOICE looks forward to seeing many of you there.

