

CONCEPT NOTE

Global Humanitarian Overview 2021

1 December 2020, 9:00 – 10:30 (CET/GMT+1)

Virtual Global Launch Event

GHO 2021 – The Changing Humanitarian Landscape

Background

On 1 December 2020, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) will host the virtual global launch event of the 2021 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO). Virtual sequential launches will be held in Berlin, Brussels, London, and Washington, D.C.

Overview

The main objectives of the launch and associated meetings and public/media outreach are to:

- Promote the GHO as the most evidence-based, current analysis of global humanitarian requirements, trends and drivers.
- Acknowledge the generosity of all donors, showing value and the impact of an effective and coordinated humanitarian system.
- Call for generous funding towards 2021 Humanitarian Response Plans and other coordinated inter-agency appeals.
- Amplify the voices of affected people, particularly women, to give statistics and numbers a human face, and engage the voices of NGOs, experts and champions to reach different audiences.

A Save-the-Date invitation has been sent to Member States and partners. Given the virtual format, wide participation, including in several time zones, is expected.

Event Format

The event will run from 9:00 to 10:30 CET/GMT+1 and will be divided into two segments.

The first segment begins with welcome remarks from the moderator (see below), followed by a recorded message by the UN Secretary-General. ERC/USG Lowcock will then present the latest trends, analyses, challenges and opportunities in humanitarian action, as well as an overview of the coordinated plans for humanitarian response in 2021. A slideshow presentation will accompany the keynote remarks.

The second segment follows with a panel discussion. The composition of the five-person panel is:

- Donor representative: Mr. Peter Eriksson, Swedish Minister of International Development Cooperation
- Affected country representative: Ms. Aïchatou Boulama Kané, Minister of Planning, Government of Niger

- IASC representative: Dr. Michael Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- National NGO/civil society representative: Ms. Fatima Shehu Iman, Executive Director, Rehabilitation Empowerment and Better Health Initiative (REBHI), Nigeria
- International NGO representative: Ms. Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International

The theme of the panel will be 'the changing humanitarian landscape due to the events of 2020, and how humanitarian response will look different in 2021 and beyond'. Panelists will discuss specific lessons learned in 2020 and how they impact thinking, strategy, and operational changes in the humanitarian space. Special emphasis will be given to the magnitude of needs, the critical role of local organizations, and ensuring attention to the needs of women and girls.

Following the panelists' interventions, the moderator will take statements from participants who have pre-registered to give them.

The global GHO event will be moderated by Ms. [Nima Elbagir](#), CNN Senior International Correspondent.

Mr. Lowcock will deliver closing remarks on the GHO, opportunities for 2021, and a call to action.

Additional Information

Please use #InvestinHumanity in social media messaging and engage in the conversation online.

For more information please visit <https://www.unocha.org/global-humanitarian-overview-2021> to find the GHO documents, updates, registration information, and a link to the live-stream of the event.

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DRAFT Programme

9:00 – 9:05	Opening and introductions by moderator
9:05 – 9:08	Recorded message from UN Secretary-General
9:08 – 9:16	ERC/USG presentation of the Global Humanitarian Overview 2020 and key data
9:16 – 9:18	Introduction of panel members
9:18 – 9:55	Moderated panel discussion
9:55 – 10:20	Interventions from the floor
10:20 – 10:26	Panel wrap-up remarks
10:26 – 10:30	Closing remarks by USG/ERC and moderator