



Integra Foundation is a member of the international Integral Alliance

The Integra Foundation has been a member of the international Integral Alliance since 2006. The Alliance has 23 members and has offices in 13 countries. Together, they work in 85 countries worldwide and collaborate with over 540 partners.

Integral is a global alliance of Christian humanitarian and development organizations that work together to address global poverty more effectively. We believe that it is possible to help a greater number of people in need when organizations share their capacities and actively demonstrate their Christian faith through collaboration. We also believe that through collective work, expressing humility as organizations, and serving others, we can present God to the world in need. We believe that He has a deep interest in people living in poverty, illness, hunger, conflicts, alienation, and oppression.

As an alliance, we prioritize people. We are convinced that God calls us to express His love to the world through practical actions. We are called to serve to the best of our abilities those who are the last, forgotten, most vulnerable, and unhappy. Therefore, we consciously uphold shared responsibility for the quality of our work. This document represents the commitments of the Integral Alliance that lead to quality standards.

The Integral Alliance conscientiously works to maintain high-quality work in accordance with internationally recognized standards that respect international law and humanitarian principles. Members of the Integral Alliance and our partners commit to working in a manner that supports standards and practices in the global aid and development community as defined by the United Nations and sector coordination bodies, as well as the quality standards applicable in their specific community in their home country. This also includes adhering to Integral Quality Standards and consistently working to comply with the key standards on which this document is based. These are as follows:

1. Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross, Red Crescent, and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief (RCCC)
2. Core Humanitarian Standards, which replace HAP Standards, the People in Aid Code of Good Practice, and relevant sections of the Sphere Handbook. It will also be included in the Quality Compass reference framework.
3. The Sphere Project - Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response to Natural Disasters.

Enforcement of regulations

Compliance will be monitored through project monitoring, independent project evaluations, and assessments of the responses by the Integral Alliance. If a project does not comply with these standards, the alliance member will be supported in identifying potential improvements in their own work and the work of their partners, as well as in setting goals for further



adherence to the standards. An action plan will also be developed to improve procedures and strengthen compliance with regulations.

Quality assurance within the work of the Integral Alliance is part of the Integral Evaluation Framework, which is available on the websites of Integral Disaster Response and the Quality Assurance Task Force. It consists of employees from the ranks of Integral Alliance members and ensures that the programming of members and partners progressively evolves towards higher quality.

Integral collaboration

The aim of the Integral Alliance is for all members to become more effective in their work and see greater impact as a result of collaboration. This means ensuring that Integral Alliance members play a significant role in disaster response using the resources available to them. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role in facilitating communication between individual members. Its task is also to increase support and prevent duplication.

Integral is committed to working with other networks and alliances, particularly with Micah Network and the World Evangelical Alliance, to ensure excellent performance within the broader scope of our operations.

Partners

The Integral Alliance seeks to be accountable to its partners and allows them to have a transparent view of their commitments in an appropriate manner. These entities include participants in humanitarian projects, Integral members, local partners, individual supporters, institutional donors, employees, volunteers, consultants, the governance and executive board of Integral, and the wider humanitarian community.

Integral's effort is not to impose quality standards on member organizations' partners. The aim is to share or provide support to Integral members and partners who have committed to adhering to best practices. This improves the quality of the alliance and mutual partnerships.

Commitments arising from quality standards

The purpose of these commitments is to enhance the quality, efficiency, and impact of projects in which members are involved by establishing supportive structures for coordinating humanitarian assistance. Standards serve as tools for capacity expansion, staff development and training, project creators' awareness, regular self-assessment, and contribution to project monitoring and evaluation.



The Integral commitments were created by the members themselves, according to internationally recognized quality standards, codes, guides, and principles. They represent a qualitative minimum that members are obliged to adhere to and are applied in assessments and reports. Additionally, the alliance urges members to adhere to their own personalized quality standards and values. The standards are interconnected, and their aim is to accompany the entire Integral program. They are further complemented by the experiences of members and their partners, such as project cycle management, people management, financial management, fraud prevention, and more.

Commitments resulting from membership in the Integral Alliance and quality standards:

1. Impartiality, Neutrality, and Independence

We commit to impartiality, ensuring that assistance is provided to the most vulnerable individuals based on their individual needs, regardless of nationality, race, gender, religion, social status, or political opinion.

We commit to neutrality, refraining from taking sides in any hostile positions or engaging in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.

We commit to independence and maintaining an autonomous stance despite the political, economic, military, or other goals that individual actors may have in implementing humanitarian aid.

2. Accountability

We commit to accountability for members, partners, supporters, and donors through principles of participation, transparent information sharing, listening to feedback and complaints, responding to them, monitoring and evaluation, continuous learning from the results of our work, and effective fund management.

3. Resilience and Viability Building

We commit to working on disaster risk reduction and program sustainability to contribute to increased resilience against stress and shock caused by disasters and climate change.

4. Technical Quality

We commit to supporting projects that adhere to relevant technical standards and best practices, reflecting the priorities of the communities we seek to assist.

5. Values

We are committed to upholding our core values, including trust, dignity, and integrity. We will not tolerate any form of exploitation, abuse, fraud, bribery, or any other behavior that is inconsistent with these values.



Projects involving members and partners of the alliance must not contribute to increased vulnerability of children or women, and must not increase vulnerability to violence or physical harm.

6. Environment

We are committed to minimizing the negative impact on the environment.

We will:

- assess the risk of environmental degradation;
- collaborate with local communities to ensure that we support the natural environment and do not harm it;
- test the use of new methods and materials when necessary.

7. Sustainability and Local Ownership

We are committed to collaborating with local organizations and communities and ensuring strong and genuine local ownership of activities that lead to long-term positive change.

We will:

- consult, collaborate, and coordinate with local actors and communities;
- invite the community to collaborate, welcome their initiatives for cooperation, and seek their feedback on project planning, implementation, and monitoring;
- work in a way that empowers communities to drive long-term positive change even after our assistance ends.

You can find more about the Integral Alliance here: integralalliance.org