

Supporting the CHS and independent quality assurance. October 2020: the big picture to date.

Yes, to different extents*

Recognition of CHS verification

Shortened Partner Capacity Assessment

Funds available for CHS audits

		CHS self assessment	CHS benchmarking	CHS Independent Verification	CHS Certification		
DEC	Request of independent CHS Verification			+	+	Yes	No
DENMARK	Request of independent CHS Verification			+	+	Yes	Yes (+ Subsidy Fund)
DRA	Request of self-assessment against the CHS	+	+	+	+	Yes	No
ECHO	Framework Partnership Assessment auditors may use HQAI audit information			+	+	No	No
GERMANY	Acceptance of any of the CHS Verification options	+	+	+	+	Yes	(HQAI Subsidy Fund)
UK	Encouragement of certification for Rapid Response funding				+	Yes	No

Strategic or financial support for CHS Alliance and/or HQAI

AUSTRALIA	THE NETHERLANDS
DEC	SWEDEN
DENMARK	SWITZERLAND
GERMANY	UK
LUXEMBOURG	

Grand Bargain

- LOCALISATION
- HARMONISATION
- PARTICIPATION

We declare ...

Public commitment

The **Safeguarding Strategy** supports HQAI as the body delivering verification against the CHS "and helps to raise and maintain standards, improve transparency and improve capacity for local NGOs." *UK, 2020*

"**22 bilateral donors** commit to demonstrate adherence to (...) the CHS and (...) strengthen measures for verification to that adherence." *UK Safeguarding Summit, 2018*

"We highly value the **commitment** of organisations subscribing to the CHS and the **determination** to be held accountable to that" *ECHO, 2016*

"Accountability and quality of aid are priority considerations. The endorsement and promotion of the CHS will be **supported across the EU.**" *EU consensus, 2016*

"Commitments were made to put people at the centre of design, implementation and decision-making, such as the adoption of the CHS by more than **90 stakeholders.**" *World Humanitarian Summit, 2016*

* Denmark (DANIDA) and the Disasters and Emergency Committee (DEC) require CHS audits as part of their due diligence (DD) processes. The Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) requests self-assessment at a minimum, while Germany and the UK provide, to different extents, shortened DD assessments for organisations that have undergone CHS verification.