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all NPOs and their stakeholders agreed a single best practice standard for financial reporting....







The future of non-profit financial reporting:
Syria stakeholders

18 July 2022

Khalaf Khalaf Syria Country Champion









Meeting overview

 Welcome and introductions (10) About IFR4NPO Project (30) • Small groups (15) and feedback (15) How can Syria stakeholders participate? (15)





Presenters



Khalaf Khalaf
Finance Export /
Solidarites
International



Project Director
IFR4NPO /
Humentum





Please introduce yourself in the chat

Name, Role & Organisation









NPO Sector Syria - context

- Roughly, 45 INGOs, >100 LNGOs
- Improve access to food and water for more than 9M affected people
- Syria divided into three administrative authorities in different areas:
 - 1- Government of Syria (GoS);
 - 2- Autonomous Administration in northeast Syria (AANES);
 - 3- Organized Armed Group (OAG) in Northwest Syria (NWS).
- Most authorities do not enforce their laws and regulations;
- In the absence of unified financial system for NPOs, primary focus on donor reporting







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About IFR4NPO



Problem statement



Lack of access to non-profit reporting standards contributes to inequity in NPO income and

financial heath

Effects

Problems

High cost of due diligence, potential grantees not eligible

Funders Audited accounts not useful or

consistent

Low reserves, multiple and duplicate reporting and audits

NPOs Project funding rather than unrestricted Inconsistency. Double funding fraud difficult to identify

Auditors No appropriate framework to reference

Low trust for domestic philanthropy & tax exemption

Regulators / Society Lack of information & transparency

No international accounting Contributing Root cause standard for NPOs

IFR4NPO Theory of Change



Wide adoption of an internationally applicable accounting standard for NPOs will create an environment where NPOs have more equitable access to income and financial health.

Activities

Outputs

Outcomes

Impact

- Diverse advisory, reference and focus groups input to Guidance development process
- Outreach activities events, Country Champions, website and media

International Non-Profit Accounting Guidance (INPAG) & training by 2025

- Endorsement by IASB and major donors
- National adoption taskforces

- NPOs prepare INPAG compliant reports
- Audits provide better assurance and reduce risk of fraud
- Harmonised financial reports more useful and credible
- Donors reduce project level financial reporting and audits

- More equitable environment for funding and regulation
- NPOs able to justify core costs and build reserves for resilience
- NPOs more accountable and trusted

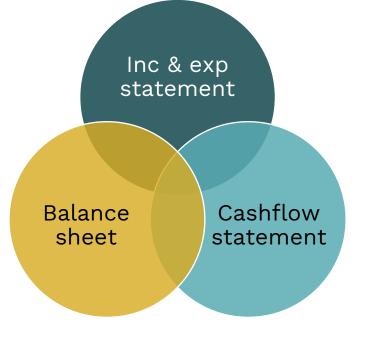


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A route to donor reporting harmonization?



General purpose financial statements (GPFS)





- Optional
- Supplementary

Donor / Project statement(s) in standard format

Donors can choose to:

- 1) Rely on statement in GPFS
- 2) Align their own format to INPAG
- 3) Keep requiring their own formats





Project Objectives

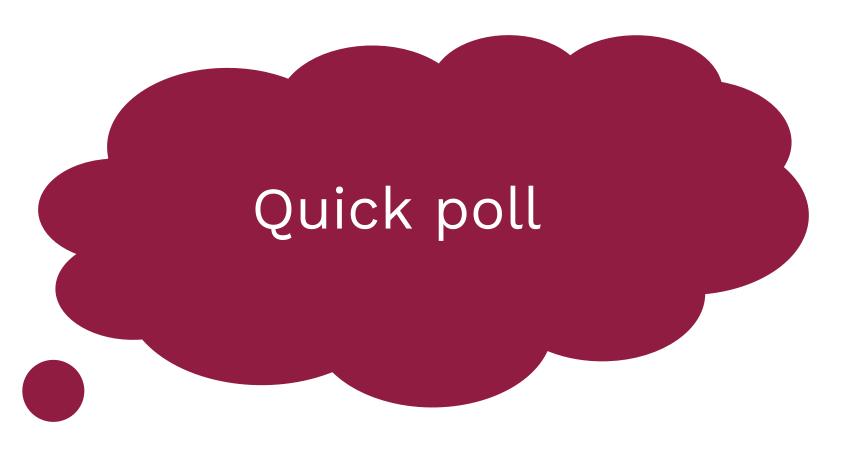
The IFR4NPO project has three stated objectives:

- 1. To improve the quality, transparency and credibility of NPO financial reports.
- 2. To support the provision of NPO financial information that is useful for decision making and accountability balancing the needs of
- 3. To address specific NPO issues, which will promote increased comparability of NPO financial reports.















Key questions

Who is delivering the project?

How is the Guidance being developed?

Which size of NPOs is it intended for?







Who is delivering the project?

Non Profit Organisations

Funders



 A global nonprofit building and supporting operating models that create equity, resilience, and accountability in the global development sector.

CIPFA

- Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
- Unique standard setter roles for local government and charities in UK

Standard setters

Accounting and audit community

"By the sector, for the sector"







Technical Advisory Group



- National Accounting Standard
 Setters
- IASB (International Accounting Standards Board) official observer

Experience from countries that already have NPO standards
Technical expertise from all 5 continents







Practitioner Advisory Group

- NPOs
- Auditors
- Academics
- Donors
- Regulators

Reality check – are proposals practical and user friendly?







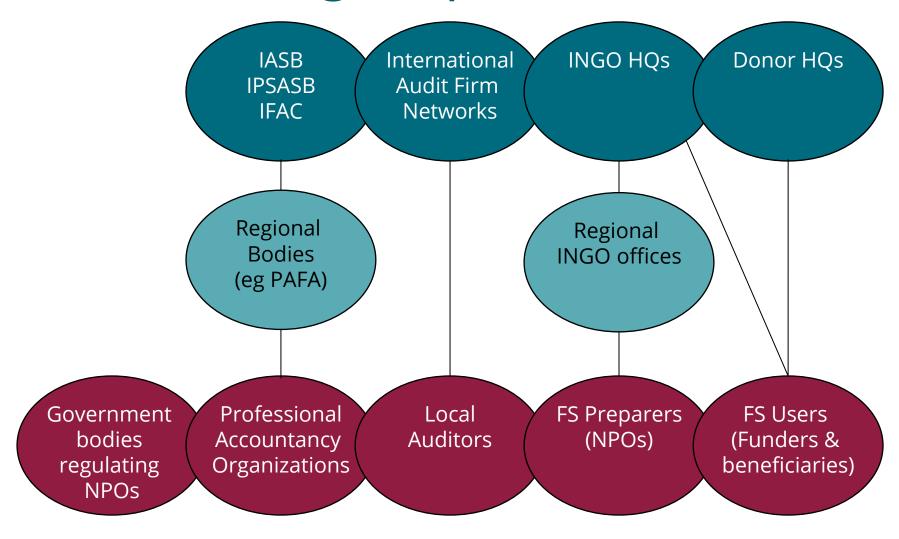
Stakeholder groups

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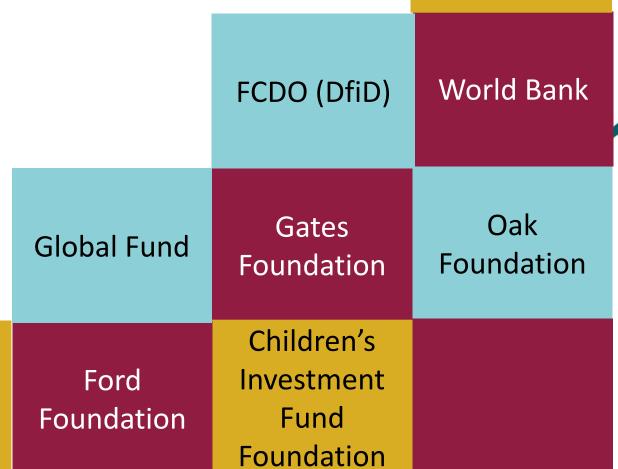
Donor Reference Group

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Foundation

USAID









Engagement 19-June-2022





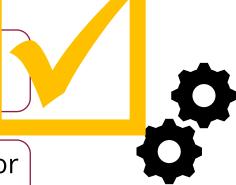




How and when?

Phase

• **Consultation Paper** – structured stakeholder input, January 2021



Technical rigour

Phase

• Exposure Drafts - draft guidance for public comment, late 2022

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Phase

• **Final Guidance** – ready for adoption, early 2025

 Training and transition following adoption - 2025 onwards Stakeholder engagement





Equivalent process to other international accounting standards



Which issues being addressed?

Landscape level

- Who are NPOs?
- Who are the users of NPO financial statements and what are their needs?
- Pervasive concepts and principles

Videos, technical papers, webinars and links to online conversations on each of these issues can be found here: accounting issues:

Specific topics

- 1. Reporting entity and control
- 2. NPOs acting on behalf of others
- 3. Non-exchange revenue
- 4. Grant expenses
- 5. Measurement of assets
- 6. Inventory held for use or distribution
- 7. Financial statement presentation
- 8. Classification of expenses
- 9. Fundraising costs
- 10. Foreign exchange transactions
- 11. Narrative reporting



What could the Guidance look like?

IFRS for SMEs Standard (24 sections)



Replacement/ new sections

Non-exchange revenue

Grant expenses

Reporting entity

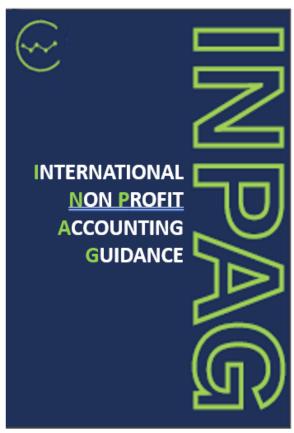
Fundraising Costs

Narrative reporting

IFRS, IPSAS & National standards

Sections not relevant to NPOs eg distributions



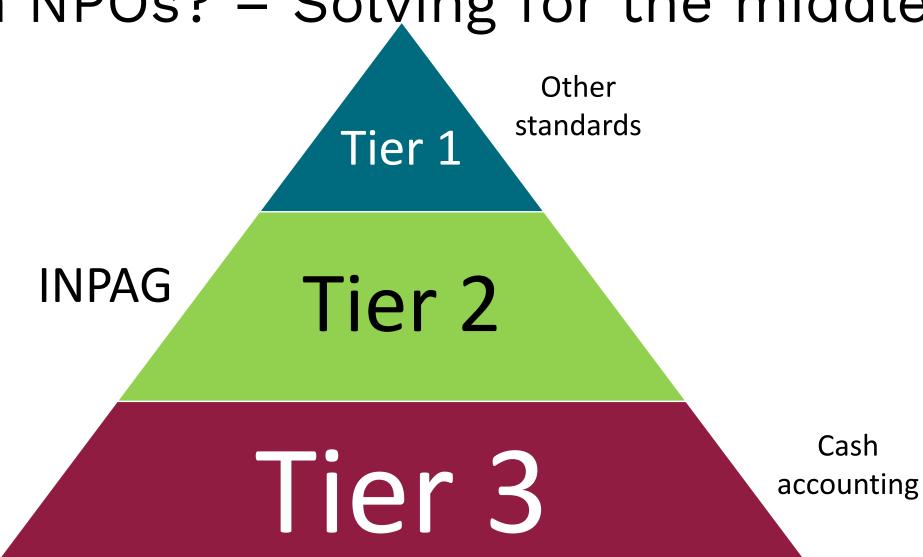








Which NPOs? – Solving for the middle





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Small groups – 12 mins

Reactions / Comments / Questions
 Benefits & Challenges



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Feedback from groups







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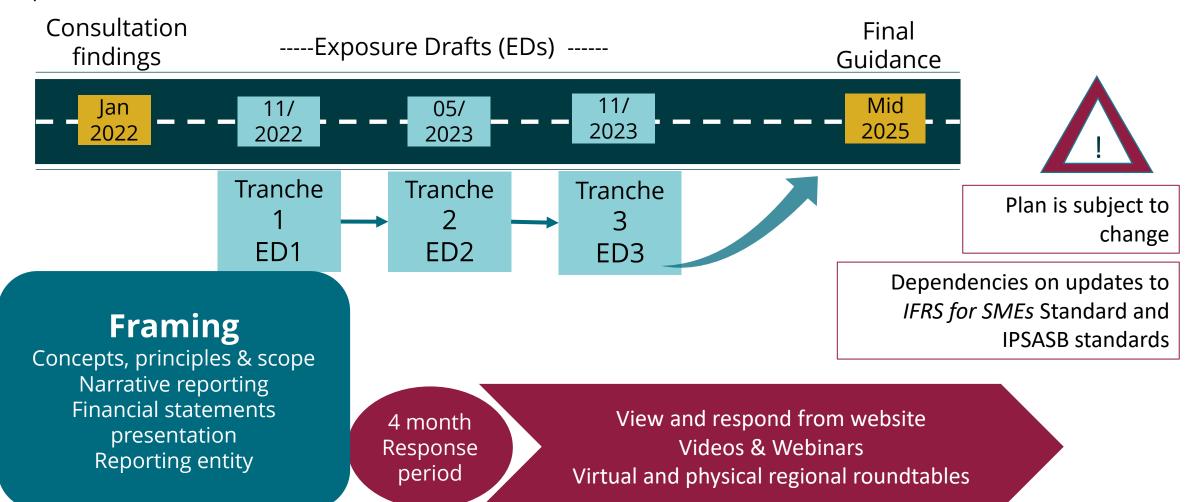


Strategy for Syria How can you participate?



Roadmap for Exposure Drafts

The Development phase will be carried out in three tranches of work, each culminating in an Exposure Draft.



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Syria strategy?



Learn about proposals





Who?

- Individuals
- Organisations
- 'Organisation Champions'
- National working group

- Visit website
- Subscribe for newsletters
- Attend webinars / watch videos / read documents

- Regional consultation events
- Focus Group
 Discussions
- Submit written responses to consultations

Goal?

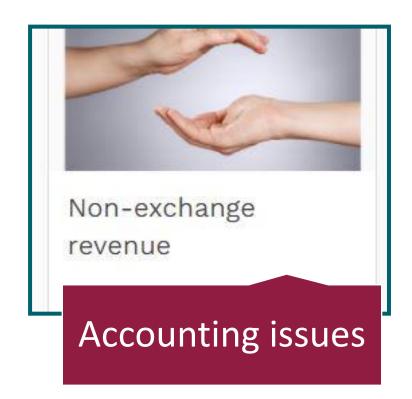
 Influence INPAG to be relevant to context





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Take this opportunity! Use your voice to shape the future of non-profit financial reporting





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Questions / comments?





Thank you!

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