Revising the Sphere Handbook
The most far-reaching and inclusive process in Sphere’s 20-year history

CONSULTATIONS SNAPSHOT
The 2018 edition is grounded in the expertise of a diverse community of humanitarian practitioners from across the globe.

- **IN-PERSON CONSULTATIONS**
  - 60 events
  - 40 countries
  - 450 organisations
  - 1,400 participants

- **ONLINE CONSULTATIONS**
  - 4,500 comments
  - 188 organisations
  - 65 countries

- **PEER REVIEW GROUPS**
  - 500 experts

CONSULTATION EVENTS
Face-to-face meetings were the chance for humanitarian practitioners to discuss specific themes that cut across the Handbook, a specific chapter, or a combination of these. They captured operational experience and brought field perspectives to the global review.

- **CENTRAL/NORTH AMERICA**: El Salvador, Honduras, USA, Nicaragua
- **EUROPE**: France, Greece, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK
- **ASIA**: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal, Korea, Pakistan, Turkey
- **SOUTH AMERICA**: Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile
- **AFRICA**: Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Uganda
- **SOUTH EAST ASIA/PACIFIC**: Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand

BUILDING ON THE SPHERE NETWORK:
Nearly 50% of in-person consultations were hosted by Sphere focal points within their own communities.
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO IN-PERSON CONSULTATIONS?

More than a third of all contributors represented national organisations and local institutions.

- 27% National NGOs/IFRC
- 8% Local authorities
- 45% INGOs
- 7% UN agencies/ICRC
- 13% Other (Academia, Donors, Independents, Media, private sector etc)

ONLINE CONSULTATIONS

Draft revisions were posted twice for global feedback (April-June and October-November 2017) with targeted survey questions to clarify technical issues and gather evidence to support recommended changes.

- 4,500+ ONLINE COMMENTS
- 188 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS
- 65 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

DOWNLOADS

- 12,092 TOTAL DOWNLOADS OF DRAFT HANDBOOK

WHAT TOPICS WERE COVERED?

- Evolving emergency contexts: Urban, camp-based settings, protracted and complex crisis
- How assistance is provided: Cash-based assistance, service delivery, in-kind assistance, technical assistance, and getting the right balance between them
- Accountability: Integration of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS)
- Localisation: of standards and community engagement