



## Local Advocacy Movement

# on Accountability

9th -10th December, 2023  
Bangkok, Thailand

This Quality & Accountability Learning Forum is a gathering and an opportunity for local, national, and international organisations to come together in a dynamic and interactive space where they can listen, learn, and share their unique experiences and challenges within the humanitarian and development sector. This platform offers a structured, moderated environment where participants can engage in thoughtful discussions aimed at advancing the quality and accountability of their work, all while considering the diverse contexts they operate in.

## What will you take back?

### Understanding Power, Equitable Partnerships & Accountability

- Examination of the power structures within various layers of humanitarian and development work and gain insights into how power dynamics impact the efficiency and effectiveness of project implementation
- Collective identification of strategies to address power inequities leading to more transformational equitable partnerships and inclusive practices.

### Localising Accountability?

- Experience Sharing about how to implement accountability practices that are not one-size-fits-all but tailored to the unique needs and sensitivities of local communities
- Examine challenges at local level in application of accountability standards and tools.
- Discuss if compliance requirements are a burden or value addition.
- Identify ways to galvanize a local advocacy movement centered on quality and accountability, aiming for more effective and inclusive humanitarian efforts.

## Who is this for?

- **Local and national organisations** – who are interested to share their experiences, successes and setbacks on topics, including enhancing community engagement, promoting community-led initiatives that encourage genuine local ownership and leadership, and analyzing the complex dynamics of donor compliance and its impact on accountability to affected people.
- **International organisations including donor organisations** – who want to benefit from learning about local experiences and gain a deeper understanding of the unique accountability

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ity challenges presented by local contexts.

- Organisations willing to contribute by sharing their own challenges in ensuring quality and accountability while maintaining equitable partnerships and to reflect on internal changes they may have to make within organisations.

## Our Offer for the forum:

## Note

**Arrival:** 8th December, 2023

**Forum:** 9th to 10th December, 2023

**Where:** Bangkok, Thailand

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to those who meet the eligibility criteria. **APPLY NOW:** Click **HERE** to apply before November 5th, 2023

\*CWSA will only cover 3 days accommodation in Bangkok, Breakfast, Lunch, Refreshments during the forum, resource materials and Facilitators' costs.

## Who are we?

Community World Service Asia (CWSA) is a humanitarian and development organisation and a member of Sphere and the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance. We are also the Regional Focal Point for the Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network's (ADRRN) Quality & Accountability Hub, Sphere Country Focal Point in Pakistan and the Regional Partner in Asia for Sphere. CWSA is highly committed towards Accountability to Affected People and People Centered Aid. We have offered different webinars and learning series over the last years to raise more awareness on overall accountability as well as its key aspects such as establishing efficient and transparent complaints/feedback systems and protection from and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

## Forum Facilitator



Smruti Patel is the founder and Co-Director of Global Mentoring Initiative. She has been working in the humanitarian and development sector for the last 25 years. She was a member of the Tsunami Evaluation team for Multi-Agency Thematic Evaluation: Impact of the international response on local and national capacities, and since then has been an active advocate for locally led response and accountability to affected population, including at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016. She was the Head of Membership Services and Certification at HAP International (now CHS Alliance) and currently accompanies organisation on accountability and PSEA.

She is involved in co-creating spaces to accompany international organisations and donors in the change processes for better partnering and collaborations, focusing on equitable partnerships through reflection on power, attitudes and behaviours; keeping equity, inclusion, anti-racism and decolonisation at the centre of the discussions. She is a member of the International Convening Committee of Alliance for Empowering Partnership(A4EP). Smruti also provides mentoring support to local leaders to effectively take up their role at high-level international policy forums.