

# WORK PROGRAMME 2025

Extract of VOICE Strategic Goals, Focus Areas,  
Objectives, and Key Outputs

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# VOICE's 2025 Priorities

This presentation outlines an extract of VOICE's areas of focus, objectives, and key outputs for 2025.

## Areas of Focus

Setting the yearly focus

## Key Outputs

Examples of what VOICE expects to achieve

## Objectives

Long-term objectives

## Member Focus

Providing a clear overview of VOICE's strategic direction



# Strategic Goal 1: Principled Humanitarian Response

Ensure Humanitarian Action remains principled and not politicised by integrating this focus into all advocacy work and policy documents.

## Focus Area: Needs-Based Humanitarian Response

### Objectives

1. Highlight neglected crises
2. Ensure principled humanitarian response
3. Renew humanitarian funding landscape

### Selected Key Outputs

1. Production of a video on the neglected crisis on Burkina Faso and Mali
2. Policy resolution
3. Mobilisation of key decisions-makers in the EU and its Member States

## Focus Area: Adherence to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

### Objective

1. Increase awareness of International Humanitarian Law

### Key Output

1. Promotion of International Humanitarian Law



## Focus Area: EU Policies Contributing to Humanitarian Action

### Objectives

1. Promote EU and Member States' policies that safeguard Humanitarian Action from sanctions and counter-terrorism legislations
2. Share civil society positions on Humanitarian Action within European Parliament

### Selected Key Outputs

1. Increase the EU and Member States' awareness of the impacts of sanctions and counterterrorism legalisation on Humanitarian Action
2. Contribution to reports in European Parliament

# Strategic Goal 2: EU and Member States Humanitarian Funding



Increase Humanitarian Action funding, including advocating for a larger budget in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and ensuring emergency funds are allocated appropriately.



## Focus Area: Adequate EU Funding for Humanitarian Action

### Objectives

1. Increase EU Humanitarian Action budget line for 2026
2. Mobilisation of the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) only for HUMA
3. Increase of Humanitarian Action in next MFF

### Selected Key Outputs

1. VOICE recommendations on the annual budget
2. Overview of how the EAR is used annually
3. Recommendations for the next MFF regarding Humanitarian Action



## Focus Area: Resources to Enhance Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus and Build Climate Resilience

### Objectives

1. Influence EU institutions on humanitarian-climate related topics
2. Influence policies linked to the HDP Nexus and Resilience

### Selected Key Outputs

1. Position paper on Anticipatory Action & Extension of the Workplan for the Resilience-Nexus Working Group
2. Development of advocacy messages on fragility



## Focus Area: Improved Policy Coherence

### Objectives

1. Platform for members to share on national or EU humanitarian policies
2. Create a stronger connection between EU and MS's humanitarian policies

### Selected Key Outputs

1. VOICE members' perspective are included in DG ECHO's initiative on Supply Chain
2. VOICE/Global focus round table with EU and National key stakeholders

# Strategic Goal 3: The Role of Humanitarian NGOs



Maintain a strong partnership with the EU and its Member States through active engagement in the Humanitarian Partnership (HP) Watch Group, including its Task Force.

## Focus Area: Strong Partnerships with the EU and its Member States

### Objectives

1. Strengthen the EU Humanitarian Partnership and the HP Watch Group as a key dialogue platform
2. Advocate for the added-value through proven efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian NGOs in EU and national humanitarian policies
3. Maintain regular dialogue with Commissioner, DG ECHO, the European Parliament & the Council

### Selected Key Outputs

1. HP Watch Group as advisor and bridge-builder to DG ECHO
2. Influence on EHF 2025 agenda and visibility
3. Ongoing exchanges with Commissioner and DG ECHO

## Focus Area: Stakeholders' Engagement in Local Leadership

### Objectives

1. Support local response, leadership, and capacity
2. Promote partnerships under DG ECHO guidance

### Selected Key Outputs

1. Explore opportunities to better connect local & national actors with EU interlocutors
2. Joint approach on Risk Sharing with DG ECHO and NGOs

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