CHS Alignment Statement

*(Name of the new member Organisation)*

(YEAR)

# Background

By joining the CHS Alliance, your organisation is taking a commitment to improve the quality and accountability of its programmes[[1]](#footnote-1). In order to fulfil this commitment, the CHS Alliance encourages you to select one of the options of the Verification Scheme[[2]](#footnote-2) and measure your performance against the standard. However, we recognize that this may take some time and that some organisations already have similar initiatives in place and will want to avoid duplication of efforts.

In this case, the CHS Alliance requests, as part of your application process, a “CHS Alignment Statement” to demonstrate your commitment to Quality and Accountability and your commitment vis-à-vis the requirements of the CHS Alliance. In return, this allows the CHS Alliance to be better informed about the initiatives taking place, and how we can better support your efforts for improving the quality and accountability of your activities.

Once submitted, the statements will be reviewed and filed by the CHS Alliance. The material will inform the collective learning of the CHS Alliance on the strengths and challenges faced by our membership, which will be used when designing our capacity strengthening initiatives.

The version you will be filling in during the application process will be valid during the year you join the CHS Alliance and the following one. Afterwards, and if you are still not conducting a verification against the CHS, you will be requested to update it on an annual basis.

# CHS Alignment Statement

Please fill in the table below by giving a brief summary of your activities and plans for each of the commitments. The length of the document should remain between two and three pages.

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| Commitment One – Humanitarian response is appropriate and relevant |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Two – Humanitarian response is effective and timely |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Three – Humanitarian response strengthens local capacities and avoids negative effects |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Four – Humanitarian response is based on communication, participation and feedback |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Five – Complaints are welcome and addressed |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Six – Humanitarian response is coordinated and complementary |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Seven – Humanitarian actors continuously learn and improve |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Eight – Staff are supported to do their job effectively, and are treated fairly and equitably |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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| Commitment Nine – Resources are managed and used responsibly for their intended purpose |
| What are your main activities and tools in line with this commitment? |
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| What plans do you have for the upcoming year? |
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# Please give a brief explanation of how you plan to disseminate the CHS within your organisation and partners, and whether you will have dedicated resources to do this?

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# Conclusion/ General comment

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# Date

# CEO signature

1. According the statutes of the CHS Alliance, members have “(e) … a documented organisational commitment to quality and accountability in its activities and management practices towards people and communities vulnerable to risk and affected by disaster, conflict and poverty” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Self-Assessment, Peer Review, Independent Verification or Certification [↑](#footnote-ref-2)