



Side event

Shedding Light on the Unique Role of Damascus Based INGOs

Organised by the Damascus INGO Forum

Wednesday, 4 May 2022, 15.00 – 16.30 CET

With two-thirds of people in need living in areas under Government of Syria control, INGOs operating with a registration in Damascus play a critical role in both addressing emergency needs and providing principled early recovery programmes, seeking to provide those who have experienced over a decade of conflict to reconnect with essential services and live in dignity. While not uniform, the operational experience of INGOs shows that aid assistance can be delivered in a principled manner, and in line with the expressed wishes of communities. The humanitarian space in Damascus is politicised on all sides and agencies operate in a heavily bureaucratic environment, yet INGOs are still delivering effectively for the people of Syria. Following on from the conclusions of the Sixth Senior Officials Meeting, this event provides an opportunity to hear about the work INGOs are already doing, the challenges faced, and the approaches to risk; to ensure all elements of the humanitarian response can work together to deliver for the population of Syria.

Speakers:

Moutaz Adham (Oxfam in Syria Country Director)
Dariusz Zietek (Action Against Hunger Country Director)
Anita Malley (Tearfund Country Director)

Registration link, open until COB 3 May: <https://forms.office.com/r/YamSmUaBsB>