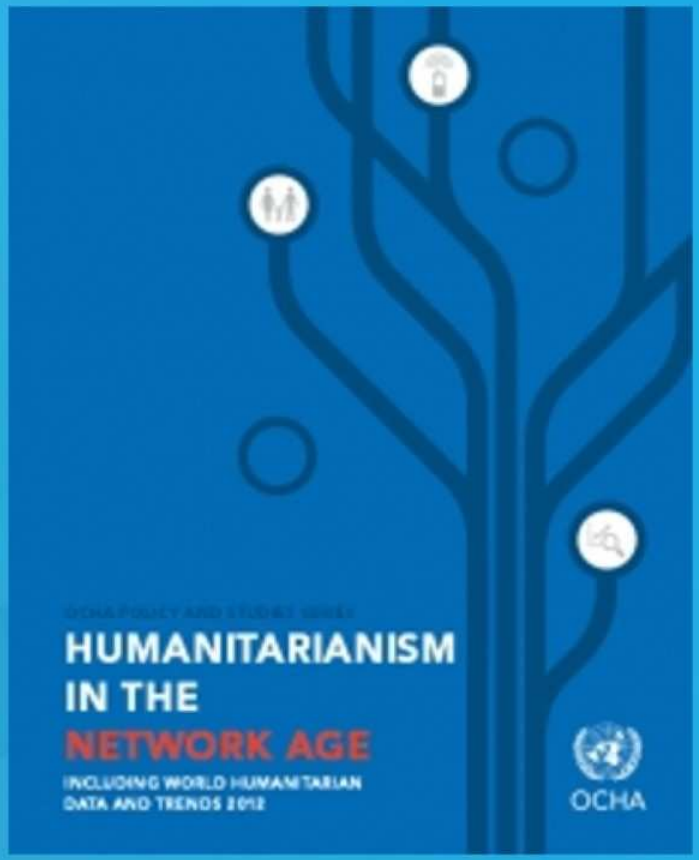
Open Humanitarian Initiative

Bringing humanitarian response
to the network age

Why?

- Having access to the right information during humanitarian response can mean the difference between life and death.
- Information and communication access is a basic need.
- We must not only share information with each other, but more importantly with the affected communities.



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The Problems

Political

- Willingness to share
- Need for attribution

Technical

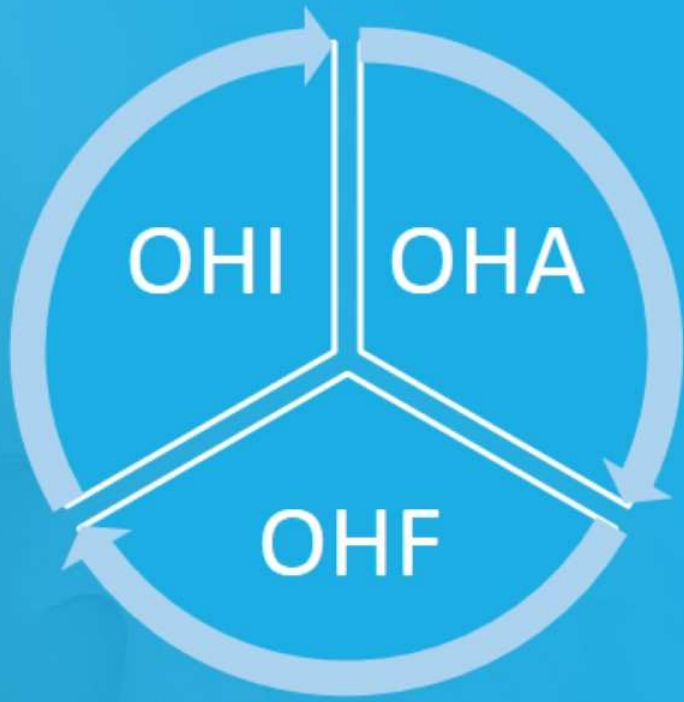
- Lack of data standards
- Information stuck in silos
- Investment in existing systems

Capacity

- Lack of trained information managers
- Inability to provide value quickly to shared data

How?

- Define common goals to aim for
- Bring together all the actors required
- Drive funding towards this important aspect



The Main Pieces of the Puzzle

Open Humanitarian Initiative (OHI)

- Five year initiative focused on bringing the concepts of open data and increased transparency into the humanitarian space
- Enabling affected communities to be part of the information loop
- Build a platform for information to flow between existing systems

Open Humanitarian Alliance (OHA)

- Bringing together all of the actors needed to make an impact
- Humanitarian Response Organizations, Academia, Private Sector, and Governments
- Provides strategic direction for the initiative

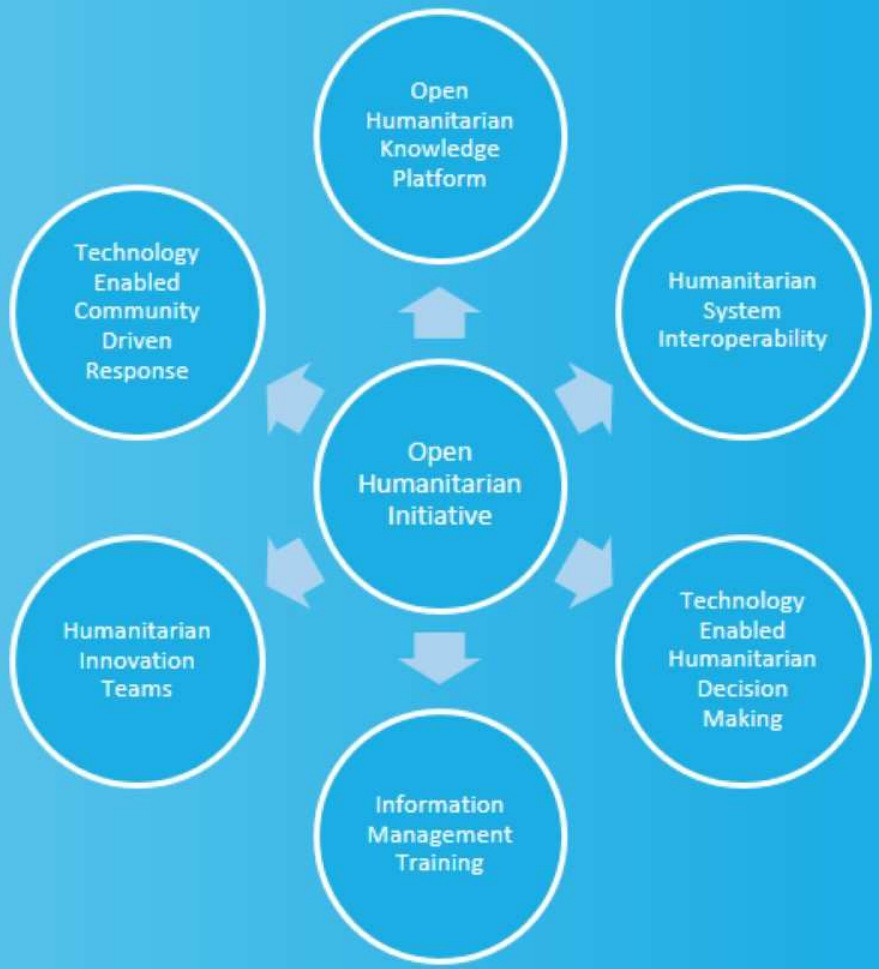
Open Humanitarian Fund (OHF)

- A multi-donor fund modeled after the HIF that projects working towards the vision of the OHI

Key principles

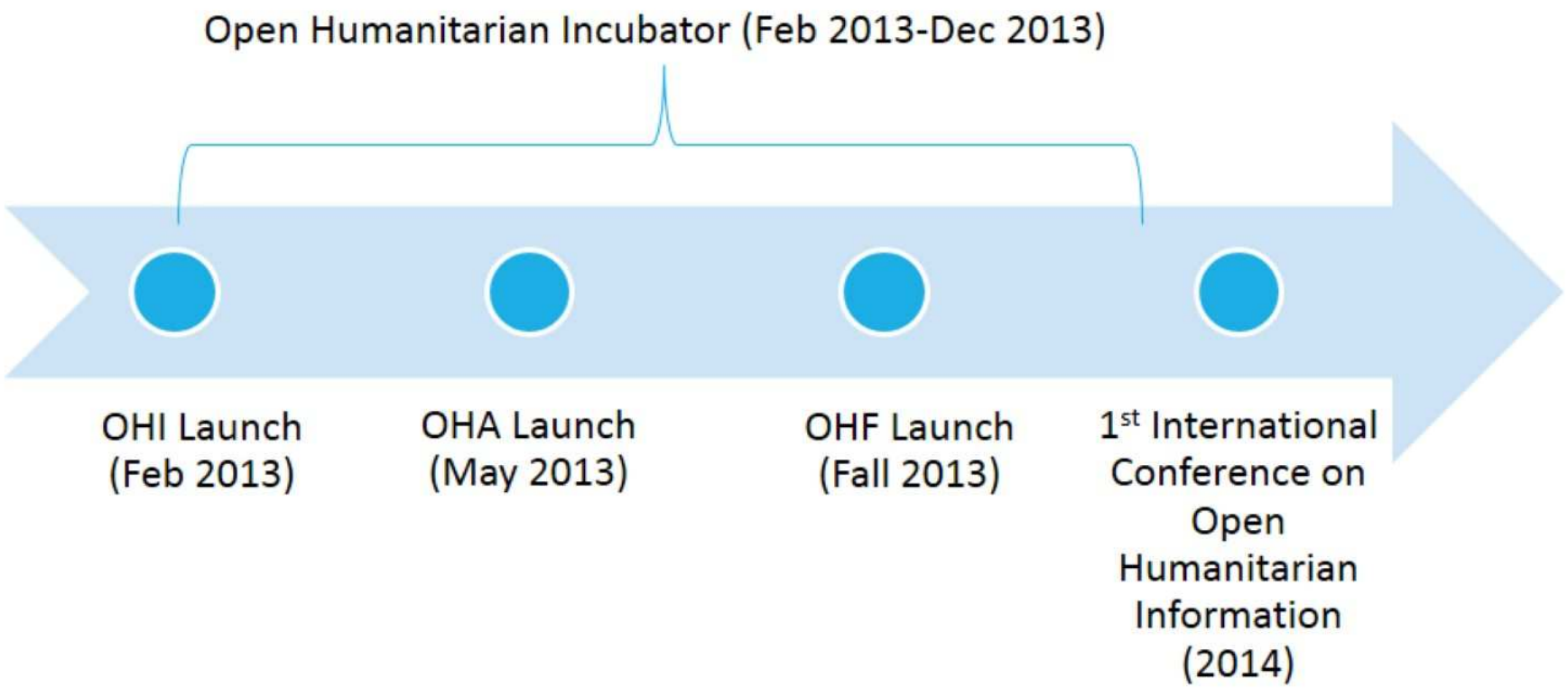
- Participant drive effort
- Help existing efforts scale rather than reinventing the wheel
- Not everyone has to participate in every effort, but rather choses areas of focus
- Broad public-private partnership
- Aim for impact!

What?


Open Humanitarian Knowledge Platform
Humanitarian System Interoperability
Technology Enabled Humanitarian Decision Making
Information Management Training
Humanitarian Innovation Teams
Technology Enabled Community Driven Response
Open Humanitarian Initiative

We will create task forces

Timeline


Open Humanitarian Incubator (Feb 2013-Dec 2013)
OHI Launch (Feb 2013)
OHA Launch (May 2013)
OHF Launch (Fall 2013)
1st International Conference on Open Humanitarian Information (2014)

QUESTIONS?