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In the four years since the inception of the Risk Sharing work under the auspices of the Grand Bargain, the humanitarian community has made significant progress assessing challenges associated with current risk management approaches, identifying good risk sharing practice, and grounding all these efforts in operational realities.

Drawing on the learning and evidence gathered in previous years, we began convening monthly meetings of the Risk Sharing Platform in January 2023. The platform brought together representatives and risk experts from donor governments, United Nations agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, INGOs and local and national actors. That cooperative well of expertise informed the [Risk Sharing Framework](#). The new resource represents a milestone in our shared commitment to address how we manage and cope with uncertainty in humanitarian settings.

The Framework is guided by a set of core principles oriented around equitable dialogues across partners, collaborative evaluations of risks, and agreements on risk sharing solutions. It sets a common frame for understanding risk sharing, defining it as ***a reasonable sharing of the burden of preventive measures and reasonable sharing of the responsibility for risks should they materialize.***

We have reached a unique inflection point, where we must take deliberate steps to promote a collaborative approach to risk management that is guided by the primary goal of enabling principled, efficient, and timely humanitarian interventions that meet the needs of affected people wherever they are. The Risk Sharing Framework creates an opportunity for all humanitarian organizations to better serve affected people by improving how organizations manage risk across delivery chains (from and including “back donors” until and including local, in-country implementing organizations).

We encourage organizations to think through how they might apply the Framework. This might range from pilots with partners to internal discussions and policy reviews. Make progress with quick wins while also using the Framework to unpack and address more challenging obstacles. In the coming years and future Annual Meetings, we will bring our own experience back to this body and commit to sharing what we learn in applying this Framework. We call on Signatories to join us in applying the Risk Sharing Framework and reporting on and learning from efforts in the next several years.