

THE GENEVA TECHNICAL HUB 2.0

PIONEERING HUMANITARIAN INTEGRATED RESPONSES



A CENTRAL HUB FOR TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS IN HUMANITARIAN AID

As crises intensify, environmental challenges increase and resources tighten, integrated, sustainable responses are essential. The [Geneva Technical Hub 2.0](#) stands at the forefront of these efforts, providing cross-sectoral technical support and promoting collaboration to tackle the toughest humanitarian challenges. With a focus on sustainable, localized solutions, GTH 2.0 enhances the impact and resilience of humanitarian interventions worldwide.

The **Geneva Technical Hub** (GTH) is a multi-partner initiative designed to support vulnerable populations and their host communities by delivering high-quality technical support through the provision of specialized expert to various humanitarian actors, starting in May 2026. GTH 2.0 builds on the success of its pilot phase (in 2021-2025, funded by SDC), now enhanced by strategic partnerships and fresh funding from key global partners.

Problem statement

The need for GTH 2.0:

Increasing Crisis Complexity: Aggravated environmental conditions and other stress on the environment, rising displacement, multi-layered crises, and limited funding demand more efficient, integrated solutions that maximize resources and create lasting impact.

Need for Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Humanitarian actors face common technical challenges that require coordinated expertise beyond current tools and isolated initiatives.

Barriers to Scalability: Many innovations remain at pilot stages within individual organizations; with potential for expansion to support more complex issues through expert technical capacity; wider and localized dissemination and multi-stakeholder access are essential.

Need for Pooling Expertise: A coordinated expert network approach is needed to streamline and accelerate access to expertise across the humanitarian community.

Key objectives

GTH 2.0 aims to:

Promote Sustainable & Resilient Solutions: Climate-adaptive, resource-efficient approaches for lasting impact

Foster Integrated, Cross-Sectoral Approaches: Bringing together expertise in the following approaches to ensure integration across sectors to tackle interconnected challenges: **Settlement Profiling and Planning; Hydrogeology** (groundwater engineering); **Water Systems; Flood Risk Management; Renewable Energy;** and **Climate Resilience**

Empower Local Engagement: Elevate local actors' roles to build solutions that are truly context-specific and sustainable.

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Main services

Remote or on-site Technical Assistance for problem-solving and capacity-building: Expert support from design to implementation on projects addressing complex technical issues, ensuring quality and sustainability

Collaborative Networks Uniting expertise and efforts across sectors without duplicating existing platforms, amplifying impact and scalability

Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing Training of trainer programs (in-person and e-learning), empowering local institutions, teams and partners by jointly developing and disseminating tools and sharing knowledge widely for self-sufficiency.

Who can apply

Field, country teams and regional bureaus from **at least two** of the GTH supported **agencies** can apply: Global WASH Cluster, ICRC, IFRC, IOM, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, in partnership (mandatory requirement) with **local partners** NGOs, authorities etc., along with other relevant stakeholders.

Unique value

What Sets GTH 2.0 Apart

Cross-Sector and Multi Partner Collaboration: A neutral platform that unites actors across mandates and sectors for maximum impact.

Technical-Focused Coordination: Builds upon existing coordination mechanisms, developing and sharing technical solutions across platforms.

Tailored Expert Deployments: Deployments focus on specific technical challenges, addressing urgent needs with solutions precisely tailored to the unique demands of each context.

Partners



Contact

For more information:

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