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- presentation by Geneva Call

Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 19-20 June 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Geneva Call¹².

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Access Negotiations with Armed Groups and De Facto Authorities through Humanitarian Engagement

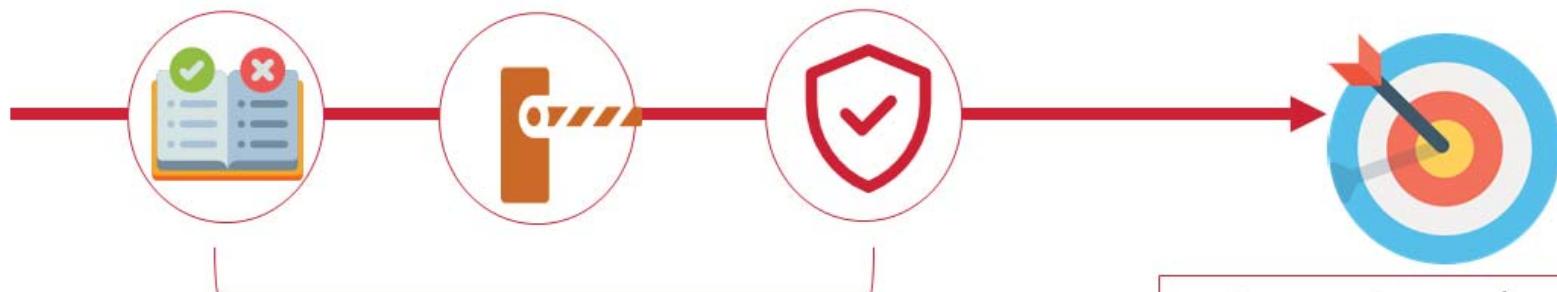
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What is humanitarian engagement?

Process of sustained and constructive dialogue



Engagement for operational objectives:

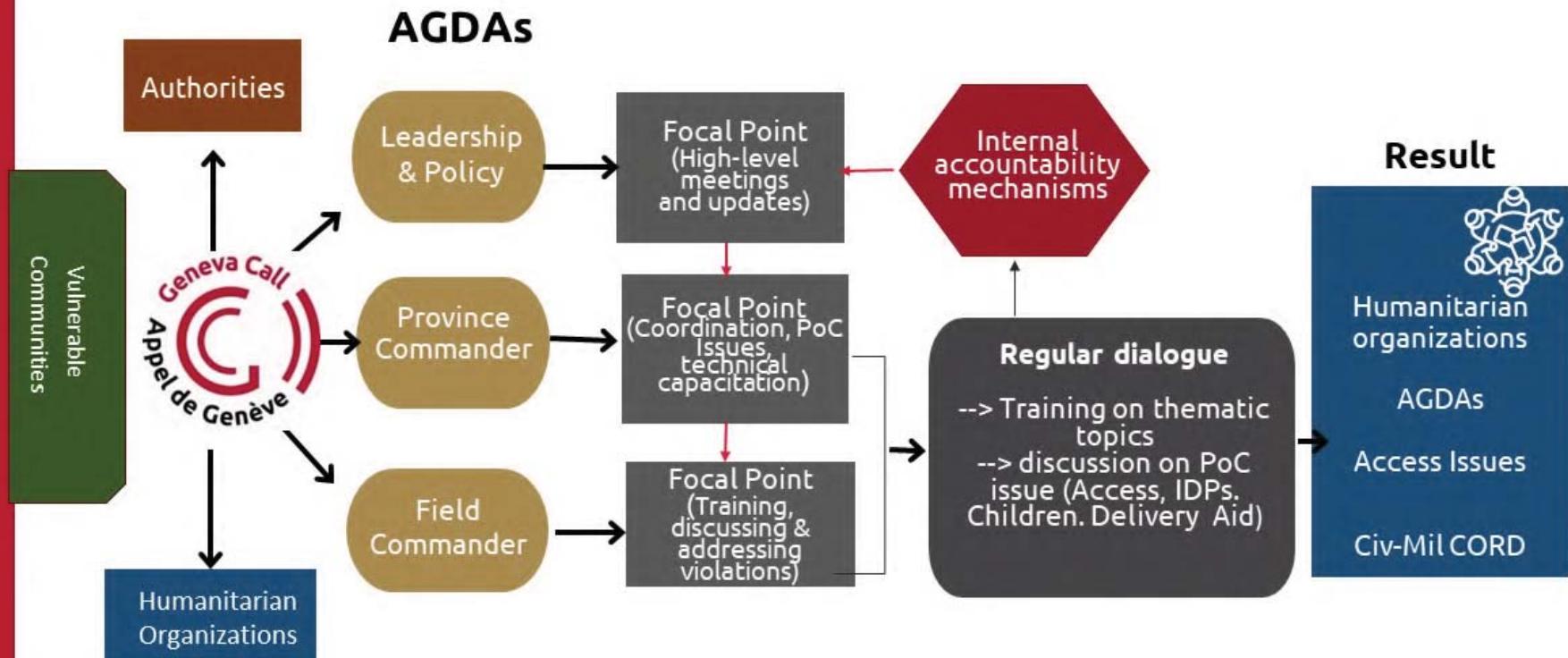
- Ground rules
- Access
- Security



Cooperation for a specific result

- Prevention and protection through behavior change, including with commitment tools
- Sustainable approach

AGDA access negotiation framework



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How?

- Engagement with all key AGDAs, including women led wings
- Engagement with state authorities
- Interactive dialogue forums AGDAs and CSOs
- Broader non IHL focused thematic: rule of law, housing, rights and property, environment, IDPs
- Access Negotiation examples (assessments, return)

Recommendations for EU

- Enabling engagement with all AGDAs
- Importance of funding in transitional contexts

Humanitarian engagement and access: Afghanistan



How?

- Regular and low profile with key stakeholders
- Central and provincial level
- Building trust with authorities and communities
- Based on an understanding of local power structures and needs
- Show benefits for everyone of humanitarian work
- Clear communication
- Respect of local customs



Recommendations for EU

- Public support for unimpeded humanitarian access in Afghanistan
- Direct interaction with Afghan authorities to advocate for access
- Support of programs on humanitarian engagement and interventions focusing on building relationships between local communities and AGDAs

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