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## ICVA Localization Project

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### **Project abstract:**

Why is there a lack of representation of National Non-Governmental Organizations (NNGOs) in some Home Country Teams (HCTs), despite the amount of information available to senior humanitarian staff? What is the justification for this lack of representation? – is it personal choice, situational factors, a combination, etc.? Once participation between HCTs and NNGOs does take place, what are the factors that increase or decrease the quality of local participation? How is quality defined by stakeholders and how can it be measured? The evaluation aims to investigate pathways for discovering the place and level of engagement of local and NNGOs within international humanitarian coordination structures at country level, particularly related to HCTs and/or government-led coordination structures. Previous research conducted by ICVA and OCHA have focused on both quantitative and qualitative aspects, however there is a lack of specific research—particularly regarding the qualitative side.

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## Dissertation title and abstract

ICVA National NGO and NGO Fora Participation in Humanitarian Coordination Structures

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## Data collection

The research will utilize primary data in the forms of interviews conducted over skype, as well as secondary data in the form of literature surveys and datasets provided by OCHA. All secondary sources will be used according to copyright restrictions. No pay to use data has been needed so far.

## Informed consent and anonymisation of primary research data

We will be obtaining informed consent from potential participants upon first contact using an information and consent form provided by LSE.

We will anonymize all participants by removing their names or personal information that may reveal their identity from interview and survey data. When writing the report, we will be able to keep participants' contributions anonymous by only speaking to wider trends as opposed to focusing on contexts or examples that would allow the identity of participants to be determined.

## Research ethics

- Yes

## Storage and back-up

The interview data provided by participants consist of interview notes and audio tapes of the skype interviews. We will implement a number of methods to ensure its security. For one, all data will be stored on the LSE secure server. Data will be uploaded to the secure software as soon as possible following the interview. Following, the original files will be destroyed. Secondly, we intend to use the most secure methods to collect the data. The audio tapes will be recorded using a computer-based recording software with real-time encryption capabilities. All of our software will be up to date and use appropriate encryption methods. Finally, there will be no recordings of verbal consent, seeing as this will be obtained in writing prior to the beginning of the interview. The management of access and security should not be a major issue when using the server. The size of the data will likely exceed 2GB, but will not exceed the 1TB allocated for the One Drive.

