

# 30TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

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## The Criticality of Humanitarian Access to Assistance and Protection Work

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# Principled humanitarian access





# Why do we need humanitarian principles

- COMPASS
- LIFE-SAVING
- PROXIMITY
- TRUST

# Humanitarian access under constraint

- 200 million people in humanitarian need
- 70 per cent in countries with very high or extreme humanitarian access constraints
- In 2021, 143 security incidents against humanitarian staff

# Addressing access challenges

- TRUST BUILDING ACTIONS
- STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING
- COORDINATION
- REPURPOSING



# Way forward

1. Ensure access to affected people
2. Safeguard humanitarian space
3. Strengthen trust and accountability



# THANK YOU

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