

# Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks

Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN)  
Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW)  
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17 - 26 March 2025

Remote & Face-To-Face Sessions



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## Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW)

On 08 May 2024, the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) became a member of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Networks and Partnerships Group under the Leading Edge Programme. As part of this Programme, individuals and organisations can organise sessions at the UNOCHA's annual conference Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) under the ambit of ADN. HNPW is one of the foremost gatherings of the humanitarian sector. The upcoming HNPW will occur from 17 to 28 March 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

We are pleased to announce five sessions will be organised using the ADN platform for this upcoming HNPW. The details of these sessions and registration links are provided below:

**17 March 2025 (virtual): Land-Based Approaches To Address Human-Induced Disaster Adaptation**

This session will explore how Indigenous land-based practices in Bangladesh and Ghana address climate vulnerabilities, emphasising the integration of traditional ecological knowledge with global sustainability frameworks to foster inclusive disaster adaptation strategies. This session is led by Dr Ranjan Datta from the Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada.

**19 March 2025 (virtual): Impact Of Climate-Related Disasters On Early Marriage And Reproductive Health In Bangladesh**

This session will delve into how climate-related disasters exacerbate socio-economic vulnerabilities, increasing early marriage rates and disrupting reproductive health services, emphasising the integration of health and gender equity into climate adaptation strategies. This session is led by Dr Fariha Haseen from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Bangladesh.

**21 March 2025 (virtual): Debate On The Scope Of Social Media During Crisis Communication**

This session will examine whether social media is an enabler or obstacle in disaster and crisis

communication, highlighting its dual role in spreading misinformation while enabling two-way engagement to strengthen community resilience. This session is led by Mr Asad Tahir from the University of Leicester, UK.

*24 March 2024 (in person in Geneva): **Why Do So Many People Die In Disasters And How Can We Reduce Them?*** This interactive session will delve into the causes and circumstances of avoidable disaster deaths and strategies that will be required to reduce them. Participants will explore actions before, during, and after disasters to prevent avoidable disaster deaths and integrate solutions into the disaster risk management cycle. This session is led by Prof Nibedita Ray-Bennett from the University of Leicester and Avoidable Deaths Network, UK and Prof Alois Hirschmugl from Disaster Management Advice and Training Consulting KG, Austria.

*26 March 2025 (in person in Geneva): **Anticipatory Action To Avoid Deaths In Urban Areas*** This session will examine the role of anticipatory action, early warning, and preparedness in reducing disaster deaths in urban areas. It will explore key challenges while addressing gaps in current approaches. This session is led by Dr Albrecht Beck from Prepared International, Germany.

## NOTE

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## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on these events and to register, please visit: [avoidable-deaths.net/unocha-hnpw-events/](https://avoidable-deaths.net/unocha-hnpw-events/).

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