


**The ELRHA Project**  
Enhancing Learning and Research For  
Humanitarian Assistance

ELRHA is funded by:



## Brief background to ELRHA

- A starting point:
- 2004 Asian Tsunami and the Kashmir earthquake
    - UK HE disaster relief project
    - Drive for capacity building within the humanitarian sector
    - Ongoing discussion on the need for professionalisation within the humanitarian sector

## ELRHA's Long-term Vision

*'Globally, NGOs and Humanitarian actors will be actively collaborating with Higher Education and other centres of expertise to develop highly professional responders, share expertise and carry out research which noticeably reduces the risk facing those living in disaster prone countries and ensures that those suffering from the impact of disasters receive more timely, relevant and sustainable humanitarian assistance'.*

## Positioning ELRHA

*'Over the next two decades, the dimensions and dynamics of humanitarian threats will change exponentially. So too will the ways to deal with such threats'.*

(Randolph Kent, Humanitarian Futures Programme)

ELRHA will identify and support partnerships between HE and humanitarian partners that can:

- Work together to address current humanitarian challenges
- Support and prepare for the humanitarian landscapes of the future.

## Who are the Stakeholders?

### Primary stakeholders:

- UK HEIs
- Humanitarian Agencies

### Secondary Stakeholders:

- Students
- HEIs in high risk countries
- Global networks
- Donors

## The two-year ELRHA Project Objective

*'To build by 2010 an effective and active interface between UK HE teaching and research activities and humanitarian agencies'*

## Core Activities

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- Building an effective interface
- Launching the ELRHA website
- Providing a small-grant facility and funding coordination
- Information mapping
- Conducting a scoping exercise on the professionalisation of the humanitarian sector

## The ELRHA website

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- Primarily for Agencies and HEIs
  - Research matching facility
  - Funding advice
  - Documenting and promoting collaborative models
  - Providing information and hosting discussion on key research issues
  - Events information
  - Careers advice
  - Key contacts
- (launched June 2009: [www.elrha.org.uk](http://www.elrha.org.uk))

## Small-grant facility and funding coordination

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- Provide funding for collaborative projects between HEIs and humanitarian Partners
- Up to £50,000 grants
  
- Funding advice unit
  
- Researching and applying for further funding for research and partnership development

## Why are we providing small grants?

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*We hope to identify and support projects that offer potential new models for collaboration between the Higher Education and the humanitarian sectors, which could be replicated or further developed to create a more integrated and dynamic relationship between the two sectors in the future.*

## What type of projects are we looking for?

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*We are looking for projects that take current humanitarian challenges and use these to explore solutions that are not fixed in time but are 'visionary' in their purpose, and contribute to a recognised need to prepare for new and uncertain humanitarian landscapes.*

## Contact ELRHA

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