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**NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Neglected Crises Platform - presentation by NRC

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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 6-7 September 2023, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by NRC<sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Norwegian Refugee Council Europe, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 750447615329-96.

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**OUT OF SIGHT  
OUT OF MIND**



# INCONVENIENT REALITY

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3 out of 4 people will not  
receive the basic humanitarian  
assistance by 2027

2500 children are  
accommodated in a school  
built for 500 children  
(Ituri, DRC)

18 million people in  
Myanmar in need of  
assistance

1.2 to 2 million people cut off  
from humanitarian assistance  
in the Borno state of Nigeria



# Break the cycle of neglect

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Yemen (6)  
Afghanistan (6)  
Syria (5)  
Sudan (4)  
Ukraine (3)

**24/49 agenda items**  
**98,6 million people in need**





NOT ON FORMAL  
AGENDA

DRC	Guatemala
South Sudan	Cameroon
Mali	Niger
Nigeria	Honduras
Colombia	CAR
Chad	Burundi

**0/49 agenda items  
= 90,3 million people in  
need**

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# The Neglected Crises Platform (NCP)

... **a safe space** to boost discussions and facilitate information exchange on neglected crises at the heart of the Council

... **break silo's** to discuss recurring challenges in neglected crises

... **bring humanitarian issues back to the agenda** to tackle the drivers of the crises



# Participation

- COHAFA delegates
- Delegates to regional/thematic working groups
- ECHO, INTPA, EEAS, NEAR



# Format

Hybrid meetings (Brussels/remote)

Background materials (online portal)

**Facilitation by NCP  
Secretariat**

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## Expected outcomes

- Increased understanding of humanitarian challenges in NC
- Shared humanitarian concerns beyond COHAFA
- Strategies to expand the donor base
- Trigger mechanism
- High level events for neglected crises



## Focus

Specific neglected crises

Recurring challenges, case studies

Key Partners

ECHO representatives

Presidencies

Council Delegates

**Consultations**

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# THOUGHTS

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“Bringing the conversation  
back to the EU”

“It should be seen as a manifestation of the willingness to also act upon these crises, especially amidst the war in Ukraine.”

“A efficient way to feed the agenda of formal working groups”

“You would be surprised to see how many delegates are hungry for information.”

“Giving a voice to  
local actors”

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“A **safe and informal**  
space to open-up  
discussions”

“Plug in/plug out sort of mechanism”

“An opportunity to talk about  
**solutions** and not only  
alternatives/problems.”



**Thank you!**

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