



Membership Package

Everything you need to know

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For over twenty years, Sphere has worked to improve quality and accountability in humanitarian response. We are now entering a new chapter, where *users of Sphere* can become *members of Sphere* and play an active role in the future of the standards.

By becoming a Sphere member, organisations and individuals are committing to collective action to achieve our shared mission:

"To promote the right to life with dignity in humanitarian crises, improving the quality of humanitarian assistance and the accountability of humanitarian actors to people we serve, our donors, and our partners."

Our members believe in principled humanitarian action and in the power of applying the Sphere approach and humanitarian standards to achieve this mission.

Why join Sphere?

As a member you will play an active role in the future of the Sphere standards to make a difference in humanitarian response. You will share in developing Sphere's strategic direction for years to come.

Sphere members are invited and expected to participate in this vibrant community that acts as a catalyst for improving humanitarian quality and accountability. While the standards will always be fully accessible and open to all, Sphere's members can tap into a wealth of additional opportunities to Learn, Act and Connect.



Learn

SPHERE KNOWLEDGE

As a Sphere member you have privileged access to opportunities to learn about humanitarian standards and how to use them in your work.



Act

SPHERE IN PRACTICE

Sphere membership strengthens your advocacy for improvements on the ground, acting on Sphere Knowledge in context.



Connect

SPHERE COMMUNITY

Join fellow Sphere members in a vibrant global community, committed to improving quality and accountability across the sector.

Who can join?

Members of Sphere are organisations or individuals whose core activities include assisting and protecting people and communities affected by crisis.

Sphere members make no adverse distinction in their work on the basis of nationality, race, gender, diversity, religious belief, class or political opinion.

Member categories



Full Member (including federations & networks*)

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), federations or networks of NGOs, or members of the Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement.



Associate Member

UN agencies, donor agencies, national disaster management agencies, standards development organisations, academic institutes, foundations or private sector entities.



Individual Associate Member

Individuals with a strong commitment for furthering the vision of Sphere.

Member benefits

	FULL	ASSOCIATE	INDIVIDUAL
Directly invest in Sphere's vision	✓	✓	✓
Help shape Sphere's research and policy agenda	✓	✓	✓
Connect with a global network of specialists in humanitarian standards	✓	✓	✓
Exclusive access to learning opportunities for members	✓	✓	✓
Host Sphere eLearning on your own platform	✓	✓	✗
Right to use the "Sphere Member" badge, acting as an advocate to increase awareness of Sphere	✓	✓	✓
Eligible for Sphere Awards, recognising outstanding contributions	✓	✓	✓
Attend and speak at the Sphere General Assembly	✓	✓	✓
Submit proposals for consideration by the Sphere General Assembly	✓	✓	✓
Vote at the Sphere General Assembly	✓	✗	✗
Stand for election to Sphere Executive Committee	✓	JOIN BY CO-OPTION ONLY	
Nominate candidates for election to Sphere Executive Committee	✓	✗	✗
Participate in Sphere committees and working groups	✓	BY INVITATION ONLY	
Free copies of Sphere Handbook (corresponding to the size of the organisation)	✓	✓	✗
Receive exclusive member communications	✓	✓	✓

* Large federations or networks of NGOs have the option to join Sphere and provide the benefits of membership to their own members.

Membership fees




The membership fee is an investment into achieving the collective vision of Sphere.

Membership fees provide essential funding for the running of the organisation, while allowing us to leverage substantial grants from major donors so we can achieve our shared vision.

Sphere would not be financially viable without annual membership fees. We operate on a tight budget, overseen on behalf of members by our Executive Committee.

Fees for Full and Associate Members are calculated on the basis of the member organisation's annual revenue (in CHF). See table below.

Annual membership fee Table

	Based on annual revenue in chf	CHF contribution
 Full Member		
	Global Family or Federation over 100m	20,000
	50 m and over	15,000
	30-50m	10,000
	10-30m	6,000
	5m – 10m	3,000
	1- 5 million	1,000
	500k to 1 million	500
	0-500k	100
 Associate Member		
	100 m and over	15,000
	50 m and over	12,000
	30-50m	8,000
	10-30m	5,000
	5m – 10m	2,000
	1- 5 million	800
	500k to 1 million	400
	0-500k	100
 Individuals		80

Members are invoiced annually by the Sphere Office. Fees are payable within eight weeks of receiving the invoice. For more information, see Membership Policy.

How to apply

To apply for Sphere membership, please download the application form at **spherestandards.org/membership** and submit it, being sure to include the additional documentation requested.

Application forms

- Full Member
- Associate Member
- Individual Associate Member



Membership application form

Are you applying to be a Full Member, Associate member, or Individual Associate Member?

Please tick which **one** of these applies to you (only one category permitted)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	CRITERIA
<input type="radio"/> Full Member	You are an organisation whose core activities, or member's core activities, work towards assisting and protecting vulnerable people and crisis affected communities. It can be a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), NGO network or a member of the Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement.
<input type="radio"/> Associate Member	UN agencies, donor agencies, national disaster management agencies, standards development organisations, academic institutes, foundations or private sector entities.
<input type="radio"/> Individual Associate Member	Individuals with a strong commitment for furthering the vision of Sphere.

Section 1: About your organisation

Organisation name

Main address

Telephone

Website

General email



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