# QUIZ: How much do you know about Sphere?

The following questions are suggestions. Adapt them for your participants as required but recall the objectives of the quiz: to give participants an overview of Sphere’s activities, and to encourage them to feel part of the Sphere community.

1. **In what year did a group of humanitarians start the Sphere Project?**

**Answer: 1997**

**Notes**:

* In 1997, a group of humanitarian NGOs and the RCRC Movement launched the Sphere Project, an initiative aimed to improve the quality and accountability of humanitarian response.
* The aim was to develop a set of standards to guide humanitarian response and a charter on the rights of people affected by disaster.
* The genocide in Rwanda and the Balkan wars were both highly influential to the first edition of the Sphere Handbook.
* There followed an unprecedented consultative process: global, inter-agency and evidence-based – to define standards in life-saving sectors of humanitarian response.

**Points**:

* Exact or one away (1996 to 1998): 10 points
* Five away (1992 to 2002): 5 points
* Ten away (1987 to 2007): 2 points

**BEFORE USING QUESTION 2,** ensure you have up-to-date information by adding up the numbers in the map at the bottom of this page:[**https://www.spherestandards.org/focal-points/**](https://www.spherestandards.org/focal-points/)

1. **Sphere Focal Points are organisations or experienced individuals who promote and advocate for the application of the Sphere standards at country-level. How many Focal Points does Sphere have around the world?**

**Answer: 55 or 56 Focal Points** (in over 50 countries)

**Notes**:

13 in the Americas, 11 in Europe, 8 in MENA, 15 or 16\* in Asia, 1 in Oceania and 7 in Africa for a total of 55 or 56.

\*Community World Service Asia (CWSA) is listed as a [focal point for Pakistan](https://www.spherestandards.org/focal-points/community-world-service-asia-pakistan-focal-point/) and as a [regional partner for Asia](https://www.spherestandards.org/countries/asia-regional-partner/), so may be correctly counted once or twice.

**Points**:

* Exact or one away (54 to 58): 10 points
* Five away (49 to 60): 5 points
* Ten away (45 to 66): 2 points

1. There are over 120 listed Sphere Trainers on the Sphere website. **How many different countries do they come from?**

**Answer: 54 countries**

**Notes**: Anyone can apply to become a listed Sphere trainer. Criteria for listing include participation in a Sphere ToT, facilitation of at least two Sphere workshops, and experience of applying Sphere standards.

**Points**:

* Exact or one away (53 to 55): 10 points
* Five away (49 to 59): 5 points
* Ten away (44 to 64): 2 points

1. The latest Sphere Handbook, released in 2018, was the result of Sphere’s most consultative revision process to date. **How many comments were received during the two rounds of public consultations?**

**Answer: 4,500**

Around 4,500 comments were received from about 2,500 different people. There were 50 in-person consultations which included over 500 experts from over 450 organisations.

**Notes:**

* Revision and publication of the Sphere Handbook is coordinated by the Sphere Secretariat.
* The Handbook is one of the most widely known and internationally recognised sets of common principles and minimum standards for humanitarian response.
* There have been four editions of the Handbook (five including the 1997 pilot), and each was developed through the same consultative process.
* The Handbook is a summary of evidence-based best practices that reflects the sector’s latest developments and enables a professional approach to humanitarian response.
* The Handbook includes 4 technical chapters: Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH), Food Security and Nutrition, Shelter and Settlement, and Health.
* The Handbook is relevant to all stages of humanitarian response, and also for preparedness and recovery phases.

**Points**:

* Exact or one hundred away (4,400 to 4,600): 10 points
* Five hundred away (4,000 to 5,000): 5 points
* One thousand away (3,500 to 4,500): 2 points

**BEFORE USING QUESTION 5,** ensure you have up-to-date information by checking the dropdown control on this page: <https://www.spherestandards.org/handbook/editions/>

1. **Including English Braille, the Sphere Handbook can be downloaded from the Sphere website (including the 2000, 2004, 2011 and 2018 editions) in how many languages?**

**Answer: 41**

Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Bosnian, Chinese (simplified), Croatian, Dari, English, English Braille, Farsi, French, German, Haitian Creole, Indonesian (Bahasa), Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Kurdish, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, the Myanmar language, Nepali, Pashtu, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Slovenian, Somali, Spanish, Tajik, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese.

**Notes:**

* The 2018 edition is so far available in 10 languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, German, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Turkish and Indonesian (Bahasa). Several more are in progress.
* The Sphere secretariat strives to ensure all materials and resources are available in at least four languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic), and provides guidance and support for focal points and others for additional translations.

**Points**:

* Exact or one away (40 to 42): 10 points
* Five away (36 to 46): 5 points
* Ten away (31 to 51): 2 points

1. **How many Minimum Standards are there in the 2018 Sphere Handbook?**

**Answer: 54**

1 Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) + 14 WASH + 14 Food Security and Nutrition + 7 Shelter and Settlement + 18 Health

**Points**:

* Exact or one away (53 to 55): 10 points
* Five away (49 to 55): 5 points
* Ten away (44 to 64): 2 points