

The ALNAP Annual Review series forms part of ALNAP's broader efforts to support and improve learning and accountability within the international humanitarian system. This series is intended to:

- provide the humanitarian system with a means to reflect, annually, on its performance;
- raise awareness of the principal findings of evaluations of humanitarian action published over the previous year;
- monitor, analyse and report on trends in the evaluation of humanitarian action;
- encourage improvements in the quality of evaluation work undertaken and develop and publicise the results of assessments of the quality of evaluation of humanitarian action reports.

This first Annual Review includes the synthesis of 49 individual evaluations of humanitarian action and 5 Evaluation Syntheses published during the period 1999-2000, of which 17 are of the international response to the humanitarian needs created by the 1999 Kosovo conflict.

The review is aimed at those concerned with policy, advocacy and knowledge management within the international humanitarian system as well as evaluation and operations personnel. It will also be of direct relevance to bodies that scrutinise public expenditure on humanitarian action (i.e. parliamentary and congressional committees); journalists and researchers that focus on humanitarian issues; and those providing training to humanitarian personnel. The sections of the Annual Review which assess the quality of evaluation reports will be of particular interest to evaluation managers; independent consultants who undertake evaluations of humanitarian action; and those that provide training to evaluation personnel.



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