

# THE TOGETHER PROJECT

## OVERVIEW

In January 2017, in partnership with a group of founding Members and supported by CEOs across our community, InterAction launched the **Together Project**. The Together Project enables U.S.-based NGOs that provide vital development and humanitarian relief around the world—and confront discrimination or targeted prejudicial regulations in the U.S.—to share information and develop strategies in response to shrinking civil society spaces. The Together Project brings attention to issues that impact the NGO community, educates relevant policy-makers and officials, convenes and facilitates conversations about solutions, connects NGOs with one other, and builds solidarity.

## OUR GOALS



### DEFINE

Define a solid understanding of the legal, regulatory, and civil rights issues facing Member organizations.



### ADVOCATE

Advocate for the reservation of civil society space, addressing discriminatory policies and inaccurate risk perceptions facing humanitarian and development organizations.



### STRENGTHEN

Strengthen collective capacity, raise awareness, connect organizations, build solidarity and share best practices through the development of a broad secular and faith-based coalition.

## OUR PRIORITIES

Formed in October 2017, the Together Project strengthens collective capacity, raises awareness of common issues impacting U.S.-based NGOs operating internationally, shares best practices, and develops strategies to combat shrinking civil society spaces. The Together Project, Core Members, and Associate Partners collaborate on:

- ✓ **Disinformation and Discrimination:** Disinformation and banking challenges are often born out of discriminatory practices. The Together Project actively combats these practices through positive public image and advocacy.
- ✓ **Advocacy and Solidarity:** Solidarity is foundational to the Together Project, Core Members, and Associate Partners who advocate together on issues which affect the NGO community as a whole.



The **Together Project** exists because we are one community of NGOs trying to serve humanity: Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, other faiths, secular, liberal and conservative. An attack on one member is an attack on us all, and we will all push back.

**Sam Worthington,**  
InterAction CEO



## Core Members



**Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)** integrates resources for people in need. HHRD strives to provide immediate response in disasters, and effective programs in places of suffering, for the pleasure of God.



**Islamic Relief - USA (IRUSA)** alleviates suffering, hunger, illiteracy, and diseases worldwide and provides aid in a compassionate and dignified manner. IRUSA provides rapid relief in the event of disasters and establishes sustainable local development projects.



**Zakat Foundation** fosters charitable giving to alleviate the immediate needs of poor communities and establish long-term development projects that ensure individual and community growth.

## Associate Partners



Core Members and Associate Partners are further supported by InterAction's diverse 180+ membership. InterAction is a convener, thought leader, and voice for NGOs working to eliminate extreme poverty, strengthen human rights and citizen participation, safeguard a sustainable planet, promote peace, and ensure dignity for all people.

For more information about the Together Project, visit [our website](#) or contact Princess Bazley-Bethea, Director of the Together Project and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, at [pbazleybethea@interaction.org](mailto:pbazleybethea@interaction.org).

