



You are cordially invited to attend a discussion on Monday April 29th from 2-4pm on:

“Getting where needed: Overcoming aid access obstacles”

Aid agencies have begged, pleaded and smuggled their way into hot spots, sometimes working with those in charge, sometimes defying them. In complex, fragmented and polarised contexts, humanitarians have had to innovate, retreat tactically, seek local partners, sub-contract, and re-package themselves and their work. But when does negotiating and haggling lead to ugly compromise on sacred principles of impartiality and independence?

The Overseas Development Institute and the International Committee of the Red Cross invite you to a discussion on the practical challenges organisations face in reaching those in need, and the strategies adopted to overcome them. Panelists will address difficult access problems, setbacks and hindrances, and review what responses, if any, can be applied universally. The discussions will take humanitarian crises in countries such as Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Syria and Myanmar as examples to focus the discussion.

Chair:

Dennis McNamara - Senior Humanitarian Adviser, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Speakers:

Brian Tisdall - Head of Division, Multilateral Organisations, Policy and Humanitarian Action, International Committee of the Red Cross

Sara Pantuliano - Head, Humanitarian Policy Group

Marc DuBois - Executive Director, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) UK

Iftikhar Shaheen - East Africa Head of Region for Islamic Relief

To register for this event please visit the [event webpage](#). You can also follow the event online via the video stream or view live coverage on Twitter through the hashtag [#AidAccess](#).

If you are not registered on the ODI website, you can RSVP by emailing hpgadmin@odi.org.uk.

You can find a map of the ODI's location [here](#).

Best wishes,

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