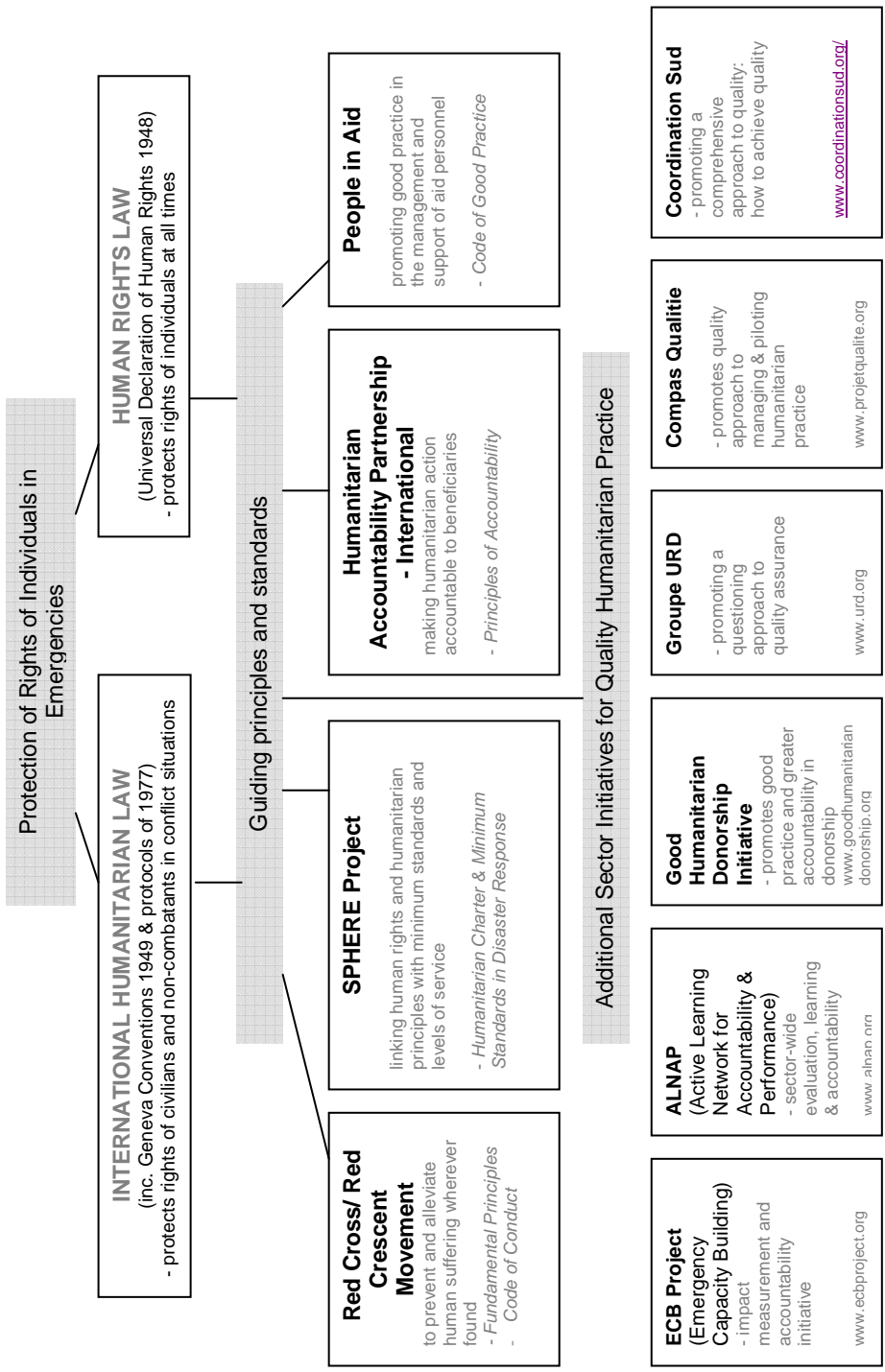


# Sources of Humanitarian Guiding Principles & Standards



Protection of Rights of Individuals in Emergencies

**INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**  
(inc. Geneva Conventions 1949 & protocols of 1977)  
- protects rights of civilians and non-combatants in conflict situations

**HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**  
(Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948)  
- protects rights of individuals at all times

Guiding principles and standards

**Red Cross/ Red Crescent Movement**  
to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever found  
- *Fundamental Principles*  
- *Code of Conduct*

**SPHERE Project**  
linking human rights and humanitarian principles with minimum standards and levels of service  
- *Humanitarian Charter & Minimum Standards in Disaster Response*

**Humanitarian Accountability Partnership - International**  
making humanitarian action accountable to beneficiaries  
- *Principles of Accountability*

**People in Aid**  
promoting good practice in the management and support of aid personnel  
- *Code of Good Practice*

Additional Sector Initiatives for Quality Humanitarian Practice

**ECB Project (Emergency Capacity Building)**  
- impact measurement and accountability initiative  
[www.ecbproject.org](http://www.ecbproject.org)

**ALNAP (Active Learning Network for Performance)**  
- sector-wide evaluation, learning & accountability  
[www.alnap.nrm](http://www.alnap.nrm)

**Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative**  
- promotes good practice and greater accountability in donorship  
[www.goodhumanitarian.org](http://www.goodhumanitarian.org)

**Groupe URD**  
- promoting a questioning approach to quality assurance  
[www.urd.org](http://www.urd.org)

**Compas Qualite**  
- promotes quality approach to managing & piloting humanitarian practice  
[www.projetqualite.org](http://www.projetqualite.org)

**Coordination Sud**  
- promoting a comprehensive approach to quality: how to achieve quality  
[www.coordinationsud.org/](http://www.coordinationsud.org/)