



The International NGO Safety and Security Association (INSSA) Now Offering Free Membership.

(Washington, DC, 8 May 2012) The **International NGO Safety and Security Association (INSSA)** is now offering [free membership](#) to individuals working in or affiliated with the fields of development and humanitarian assistance. All aid workers, regardless of their organizations' status as a nonprofit or for-profit organization face complex challenges. By raising the knowledge of aid workers in the area of safety and security competencies, INSSA aims to strengthen the delivery, effectiveness and continuity of development and humanitarian programs around the world.

On 2 April 2012 INSSA's Board of Directors unanimously decided that, in light of current economic conditions and the important role the association plays as a resource for those in the international aid community, the fee system was a significant barrier to membership and a conflict with INSSA's goal to build awareness among the NGO community as a whole.

Of the Board of Directors' decision, Amaury T. Cooper, INSSA's Secretary and one of its founding Board members stated, "INSSA was founded for development and humanitarian workers by members of the NGO Security community who saw an acute need for the creation of a body to represent the individuals in the area of their safety and security. We believe this decision will enable all aid workers and their supporters to join INSSA, thus furthering its mission 'to enhance the professional development and improve the safety and security capacities of those working in the development and humanitarian sectors'".

The International NGO Safety & Security Association (INSSA) is a non-profit global membership association of individuals, supported by organizations, committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of safety and security for humanitarian and development workers. INSSA was originally established with funding from USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance with a grant running through August 2012. To find out more about INSSA's ground breaking work or how [you can partner with INSSA](#) please contact Meaghan Hlinka at meaghan@ingossa.org

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