

## Making the Sphere Handbook 2018 edition • Get involved!

The Sphere Handbook is being revised in 2017 and will be published next year!

Building on evidence, practice and experience gathered since the 3rd edition of the Handbook in 2011, this year-long review and revision process offers many opportunities for all users across the globe to engage and participate.

Your contribution is essential to make the next version of the Sphere standards even more accessible, easier to use and to adapt to context.

*Get involved and make the Sphere standards your own!*

### How we go about it

The Sphere Handbook will be informed by worldwide consultations to develop evidence-based standards and continue to reflect best practice in the sector. The Revision Writing Team is made up of a range of humanitarian experts, drawn from the NGO, Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, and the UN. Each will be working with a small writing group and a broader review group.

### How you can get involved

Whether you work for a national or international NGO, a UN agency or a government, in academia or the private sector, we invite you to contribute actively to the Handbook revision with your feedback and ideas. Here is how you can participate:

1. **Host a consultation at organisational, local, regional or community level.** Please let us know your plans through the online form at [SphereProject.org/revision](https://SphereProject.org/revision)
2. **Share your views on Drafts 1 and 2 through the online surveys** to take place in April-June and in September-November 2017.

Additional information and drafts will be available at [SphereProject.org/revision](https://SphereProject.org/revision)

You may also want to **subscribe to the Sphere newsletter** at [SphereProject.org/revision](https://SphereProject.org/revision) to stay informed of the latest news!

### Key dates

- February – March: Draft 1 developed by authors, revision groups and contributors. ✓
- April – June: First round of worldwide consultations (in-person & online). ✓
- July – September: Draft 2 consolidates the inputs & feedback from consultations & surveys ✓
- October: Second round of worldwide consultations (in-person & online).
- November – December: Text is finalized by authors and Sphere.
- January – April 2018: Production, translation.
- May – September 2018: Launch events & dissemination of the Sphere Handbook 2018 edition.