Humanitarian Diplomacy

A Red Cross Red Crescent Perspective
How do you know a HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY initiative when you see one?
What **RESULTS** would make you say “**THAT MET THE MEASURES OF SUCCESS**”
Are the measures of success...

Services to flood victims?
Will Humanitarian Diplomacy result in RECONSTRUCTED HOUSES?
How does HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY make Red Cross and Red Crescent projects BETTER?
National Plan for e-Governance in Nepal

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RESULTS

- International pledges
- Improved local legislation
- New financial investments in communities
- New partnerships with communities

Track 1
Quiet Diplomacy

Track 2
Environment Building

Track 3
Public Advocacy
“Humanitarian diplomacy is **persuading decision makers and opinion leaders to act**, at all times, **in the interests of vulnerable people**, and with **full respect for fundamental humanitarian principles**.”
Auxiliary Role

A seat at the table
Where does it come from?

- **1859**
  
  Henry Dunant witnesses the **Battle of Solferino, Italy.**

- **1864**
  
  The first **Geneva Convention**, makes reference to services “in times of epidemics, or of disasters such as floods, fires or other natural catastrophes”, and other services as agreed.
What does that mean?

- Support and supplement the public authorities in their humanitarian tasks, through
  - close coordination,
  - consider any official requests by the authorities

- Public authorities
  - ensure that National Societies can operate autonomously and
    - in line with the Movement’s Fundamental Principles.