DATA PROTECTION CONVERSATION

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Responsible Data is:

The duty to ensure people’s rights to consent, privacy, security and ownership around the information processes of collection, analysis, storage, presentation and reuse of data, while respecting the values of transparency and openness.

(Responsible Data Forum, working definition, September 2014)
On Data Protection:

Protecting the Personal Data of individuals is an integral part of protecting their life, integrity, and dignity. This is why Personal Data protection is of fundamental importance for Humanitarian Organisations.

*(Brussels Privacy Hub/ICRC Handbook on Data Protection, ICRC)*
Data Hygiene Checklist:

- Basic identity information such as name, address and ID numbers
- Web data such as location, IP address, cookie data and RFID tags
- Health and genetic data
- Biometric data
- Racial or ethnic data
- Political opinions
- Sexual orientation
Responsible Data Forum 5 considerations:

1) Responsibility and rights are foundational to the GDPR.
2) The scope of the GDPR is broad, going beyond Europe.
3) The GDPR broadens the definition of ‘personal data’.
4) Prepare for data audits now.
5) The GDPR strengthens the rights of data subjects
6) For organizations, this is operational.
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- Try to think about who deals with personal data in your company or organization.
- Try to identify the nature of the data and the purposes for which they are collected or processed.
- Try to think about which processes are mandatorily followed in your company or organization when handling the data.
- How are data safeguarded?
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- What is the red tape that is likely to arise when changing the ways how people work and how can it be addressed?
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- Do you need structural changes? Do you need to appoint a Data Protection Officer? Which competences should he or she have in your organization and how could he or she best be placed in the organigram?
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- Go even further. Identify your weak and strong points. Now, you know the obligations that the GDPR introduces for data controllers and processors. Step into action ensuring that you, your company or organization complies with these obligations and avoid potential liabilities or sanctions.
Other resources

- Digital Impact is an initiative of the Digital Civil Society Lab at the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (Stanford PACS). Their summary of key articles: https://digitalimpact.org/gdpr/
- https://www.eugdpr.org/
- https://www.teachprivacy.com/gdpr-resources/
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