### Case study: Sphere and advocacy – Part 1

You are working for an NGO in a town which has just experienced an enormous landslide, killing at least 500 people. Every local family knew someone who had died in the mudslide, either a relative or a friend. After some weeks, the government declared the area a graveyard because it was so difficult to recover the dead bodies. During your last discussion with members of the affected communities they highlighted that in their culture the passing of life is crucial and requires ceremonies and rituals to honour the death, so it is unacceptable to them not to recover the buried bodies. You also heard on television that the government has charged a private sector company to quickly rebuild new houses for the families who had lost their homes. Unfortunately, the selected construction site is known to be also prone to landslides. These houses are not weather-proof and are very small.

You are preparing for a coordination meeting with representatives of other NGO representatives working in this area to decide what do to in this situation.

A friend just lent you her Sphere Handbook, suggesting that it could help you develop advocacy messages. You want to explore how before you meet the other NGO representatives.

(Adapted from Sphere e-learning course, Module on Human Rights)

### Case study: Sphere and advocacy – Part 2

##### Group roles to prepare the NGO coordination meeting

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| **Group 1:**  Your international NGO is very adamant to avoid speaking out. The government has indeed expelled your organisation in the past, and you would rather keep a low profile to ensure you can keep an operational presence on the ground. |
| **Group 2:**  You are actually working for a local NGO which supports minorities neglected by the government. You have already been threatened with closure several times by the government administration. |
| **Group 3:**  You are working with an international NGO which is famous for its very vocal advocacy campaigns to support the rights of affected populations. |
| **Group 4:**  You are working with an international organisation which has little work history in the country. |