



# OCHA

## The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Humanitarian Community and Civil- Military Coordination

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# Introduction

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- An introduction to OCHA
- An introduction to the Humanitarian Community
- How the International Humanitarian System Works
- Emergency Response
- Civil-Military Coordination
- Conclusion

## Who We Are

OCHA is the part of the United Nations Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies.



## General Assembly Resolution 46/182

In December 1991, the General Assembly adopted resolution 46/182. It was designed to strengthen the United Nations response to complex emergencies and natural disasters, while improving the overall effectiveness of humanitarian operations in the field.



# What We Do



Coordination



Policy



Advocacy

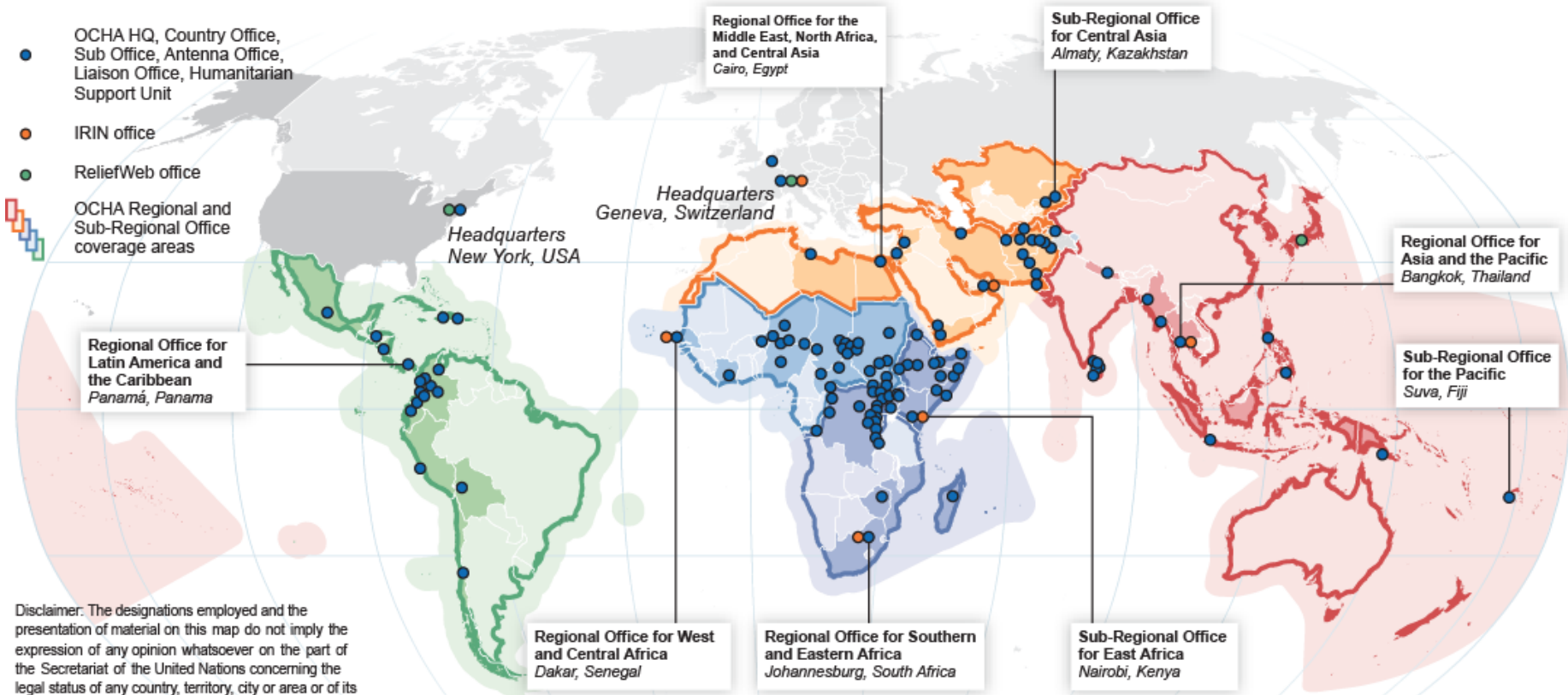


Information Management



Humanitarian Financing

# 1,800+ staff members in 47 country, regional and headquarters locations



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# The Humanitarian Community

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A wide group of civilian actors, national or international, UN or non-UN, Governmental or non-governmental who have a commitment to humanitarian principles and are engaged in humanitarian activities.

- 25% United Nations
- 25% Red Cross/Red Crescent
- 50% NGO

Many humanitarian agencies are also involved in development activities



- **World's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide.**
- **Each year, on average, WFP feeds more than 90 million people in more than 70 countries.**
- **WFP is also the UN logistics lifeline, saving lives through fast, efficient and effective emergency response.**



**UNHCR provides and co-ordinates international relief for refugees and displaced people, offering them protection and assistance at every stage of their ordeal.**

**Today, a staff of some 7,685 people in more than 125 countries continues to help some 33.9 million persons.**





**IOM is the leading international organization for migration with a programme budget for 2012 exceeding USD 1.3 billion, funding over 2,700 active programmes and more than 7,800 staff members serving in more than 450 field offices in more than a hundred countries.**

# MERCY Malaysia

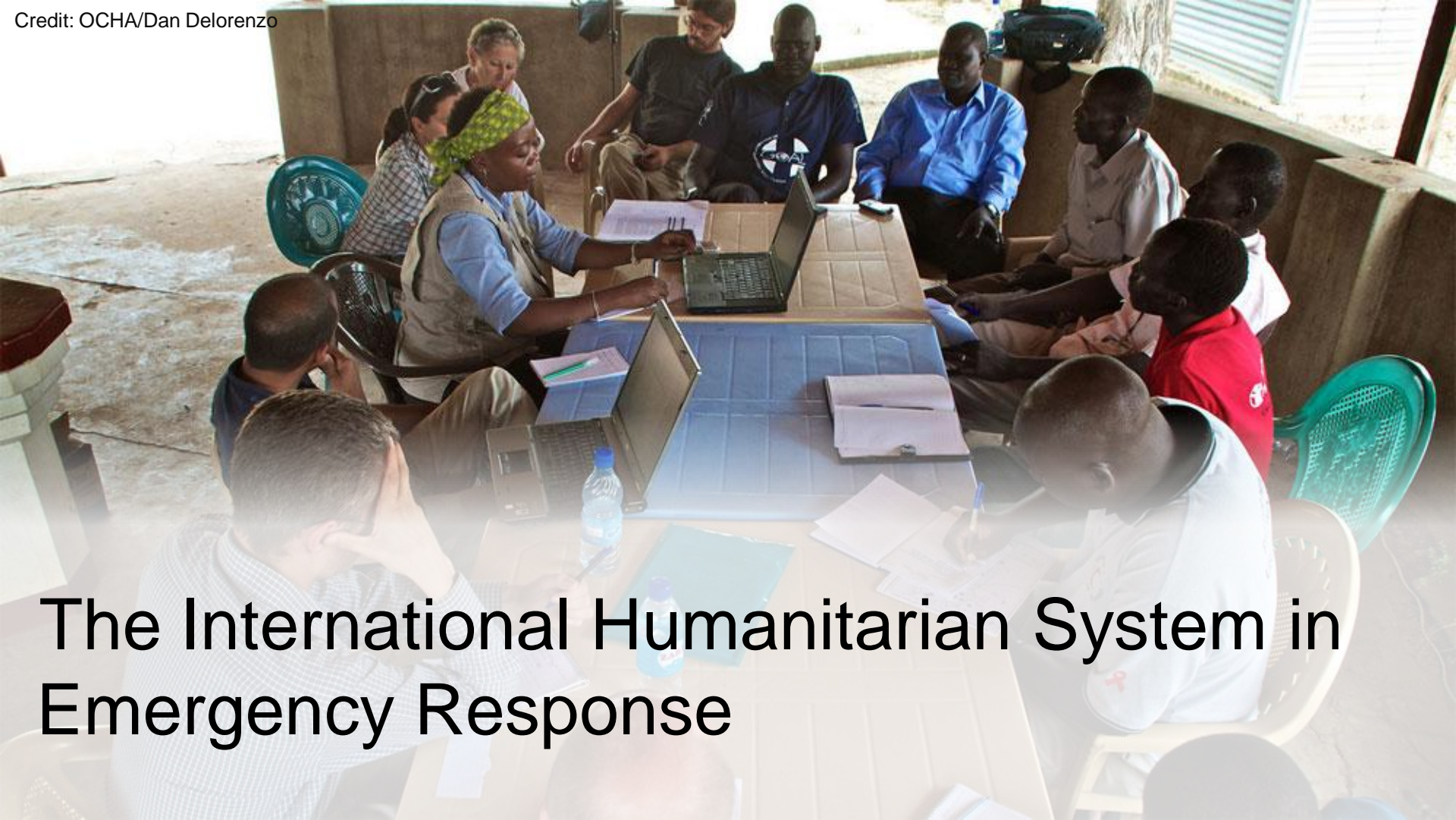


- MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organisation focusing on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities, in both crisis and non-crisis situations.
- In 2011 MERCY Malaysia was present in 19 countries, reached out to over 1 million beneficiaries and spent approximately USD 4.3 million for our humanitarian services



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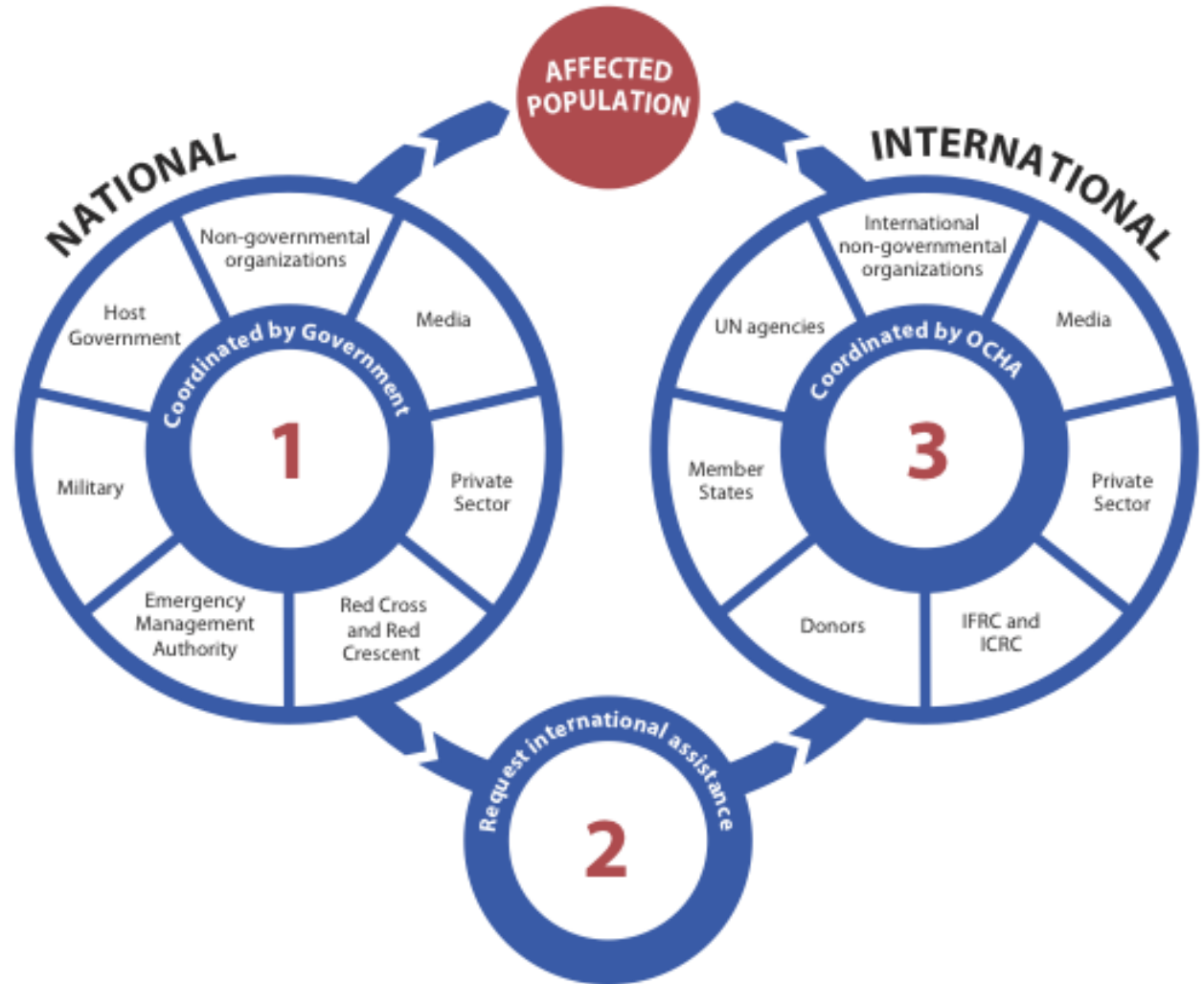




# The International Humanitarian System in Emergency Response

# Key Actors

OCHA assists governments in mobilizing international assistance when the scale of the disaster exceeds the national capacity.



# The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

OCHA carries out its coordination function primarily through the IASC, which is chaired by the ERC.

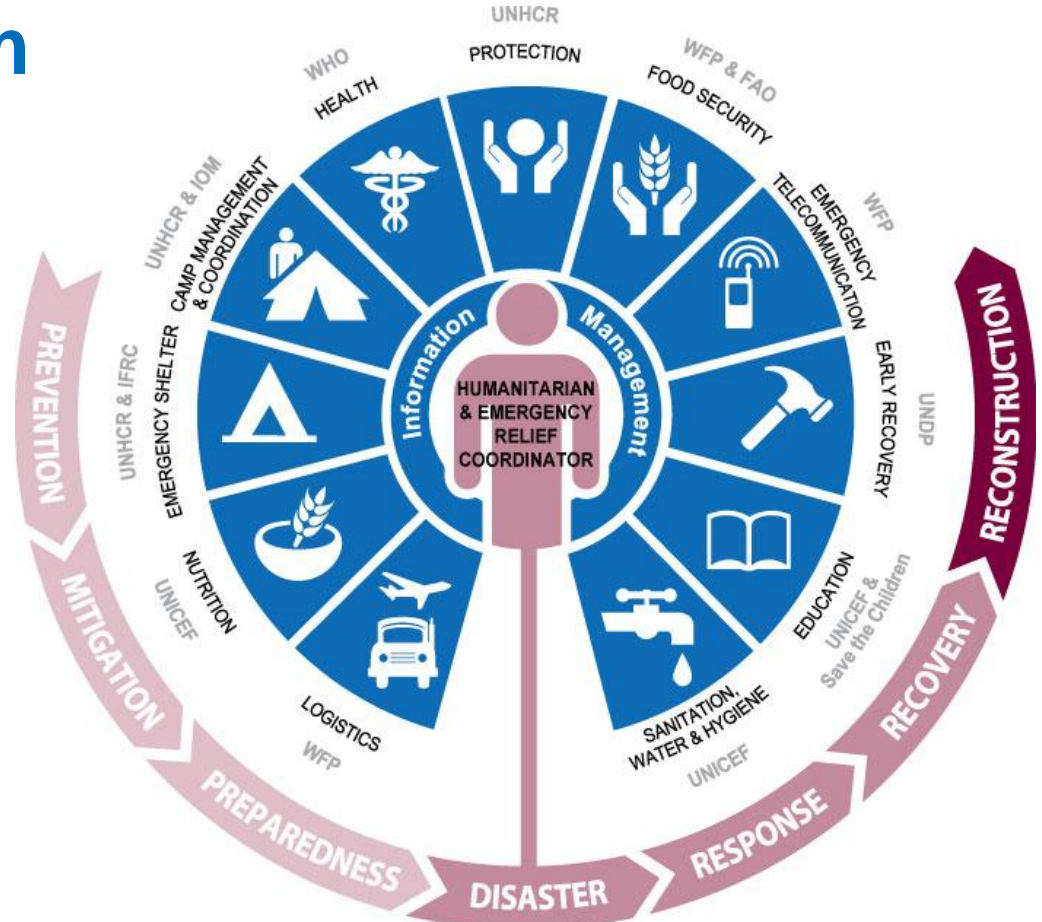
The IASC ensures inter-agency decision-making in response to emergencies.

These responses include needs assessments, consolidated appeals, field coordination arrangements and the development of humanitarian policies.



# The Cluster System

The aim of the cluster is to strengthen partnerships and responses to humanitarian emergencies by clarifying the division of labour among aid organisations.





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# UN CMCoord What is it?

**The essential dialogue and interaction between civilian and military actors in humanitarian emergencies necessary to protect and promote humanitarian principles, avoid competition, minimize inconsistency, and when appropriate pursue common goals.**

Credit: WFP/Simon Crittle



# UN CMCoord WHY DO WE NEED TO DO IT?



**Increasing Role for Military Forces in  
Disaster Response**



# CMCoord What are the Challenges?





# CMCoord: How do we do it?

The key elements of successful  
CMCoord are:

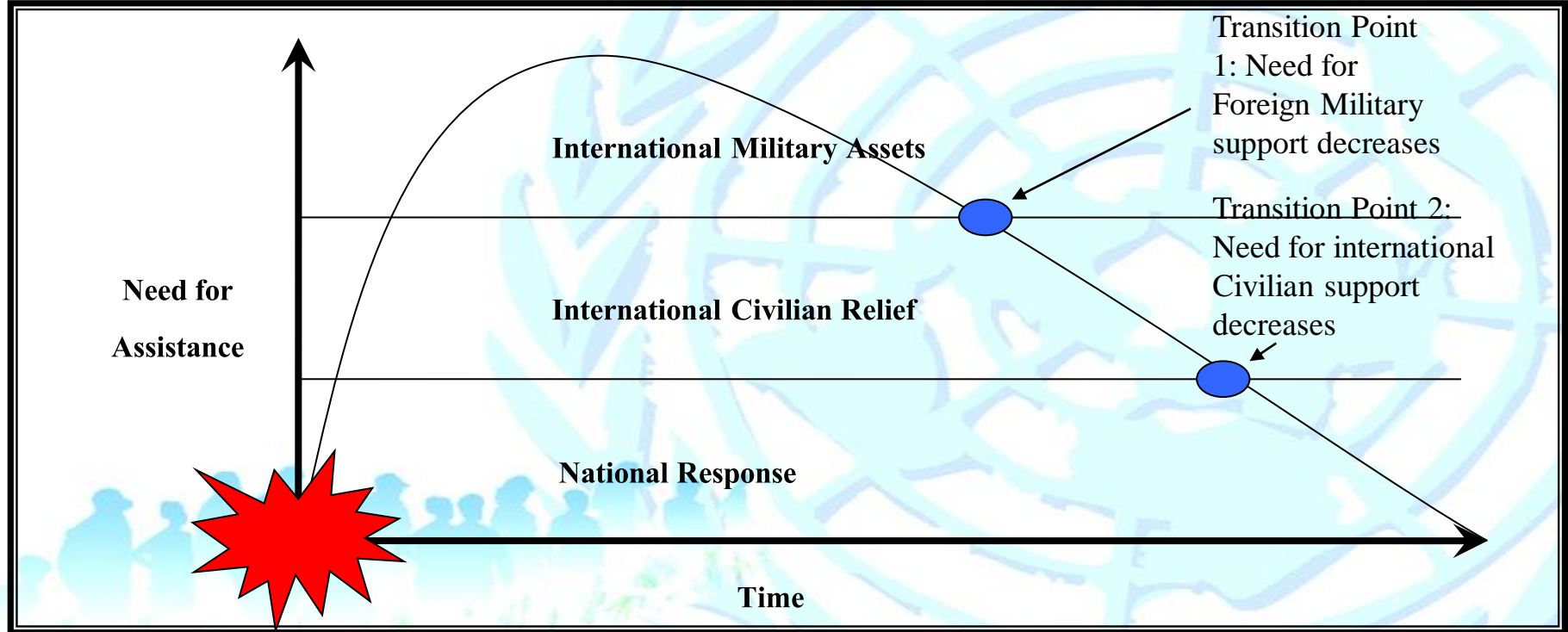
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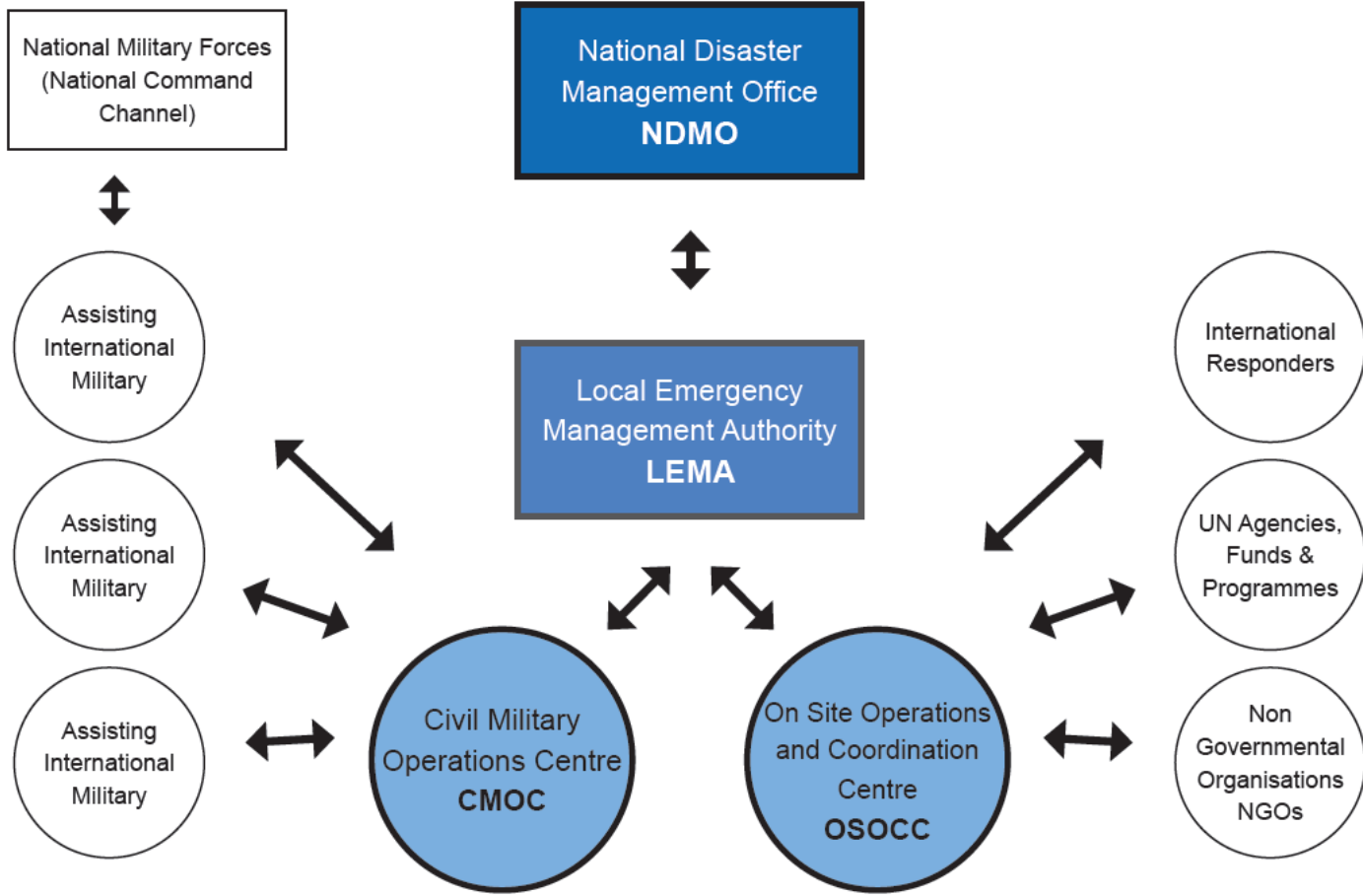
joint planning

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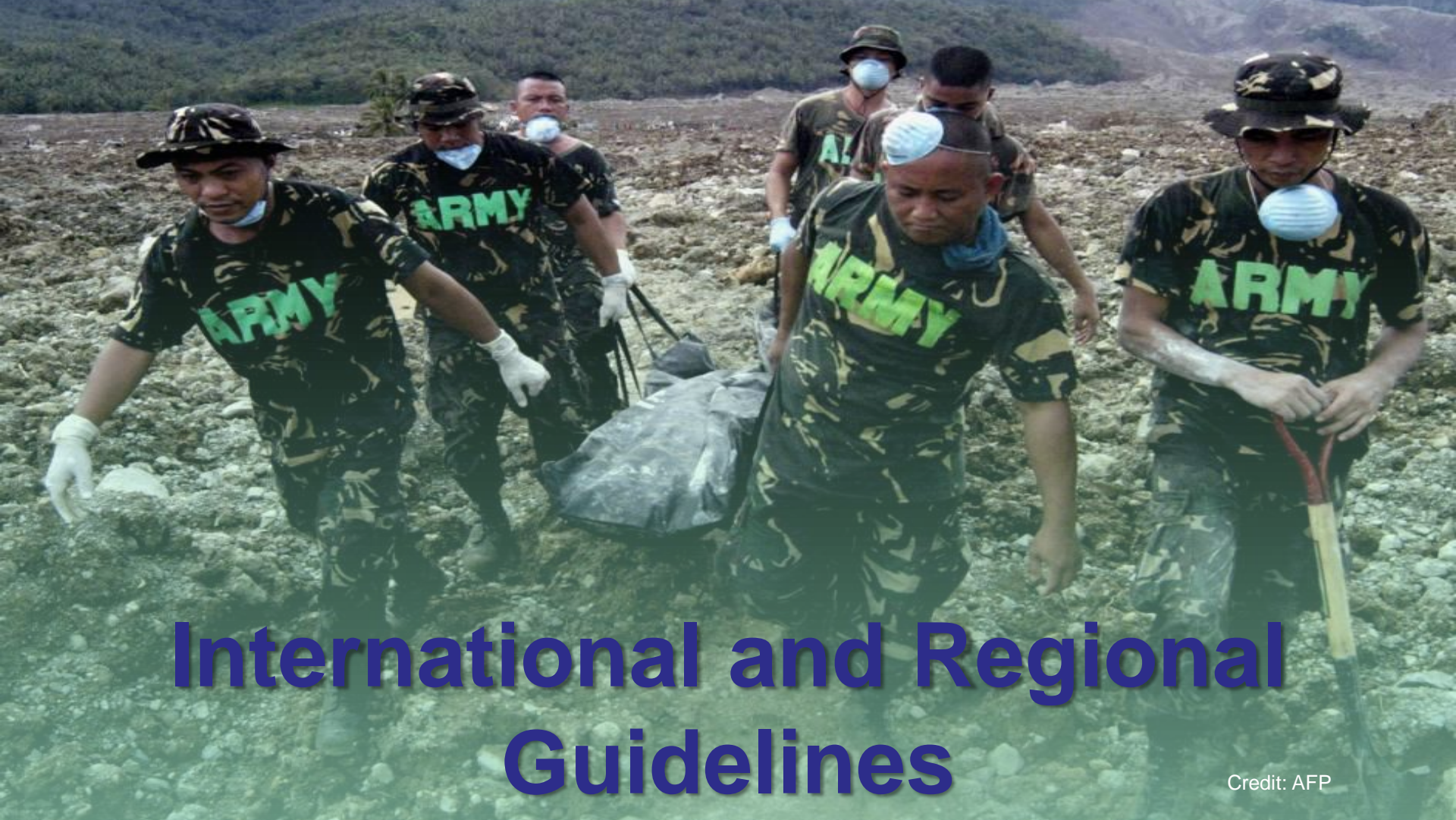
task division

# The best use of International Military Assets is Time and Needs Related









# International and Regional Guidelines

Credit: AFP





**ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM  
STRATEGIC GUIDANCE  
FOR  
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  
AND  
DISASTER RELIEF**





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## **Oslo Guidelines**

**GUIDELINES ON  
THE USE OF FOREIGN MILITARY  
AND CIVIL DEFENCE  
ASSETS IN DISASTER RELIEF**

Revision 1.1 November 2007





## ANNEX D

### THE USE OF ASEAN MILITARY ASSETS AND CAPACITIES IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF

#### - CONCEPT PAPER -

#### Background

1. The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) was signed on 28 July 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Agreement seeks to provide an effective mechanism to minimise losses to personnel, social, economic, and environmental assets and resources of the ASEAN Member States, as well as to respond jointly to disaster emergencies through concerted national effort and intensified regional and international cooperation.

2. To ensure adequate preparedness for an effective response, the Agreement mandates the establishment of the ASEAN Standby Arrangements for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response as stated in Article 9. This preparedness mechanism aims to identify and mobilise available assets and capacities for disaster management, which Parties shall earmark on a voluntary basis, based on capabilities of the sending State, to assist each other in times of a disaster emergency, subject to the consent of the receiving State.

3. As a follow-up to the agreement, the Standard Operating Procedures for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations (SASOP) is currently being finalised and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) is in the process of being established.

4. In addition, Component 1 of the ASEAN Regional Program on Disaster Management (ARPDPM) 2004-2010 relates to the Establishment of the ASEAN Regional Disaster Management Framework. The framework has specific provisions on 'Enhancing the Quick Response Capacities of Member Countries,' which promotes cooperation and collaboration among Member States in all areas of disaster management including joint projects, collaborative research and networking.







The Asia-Pacific Conferences on Military Assistance to  
Disaster Relief Operations

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**ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL GUIDELINES  
FOR THE USE OF FOREIGN MILITARY  
ASSETS IN NATURAL DISASTER  
RESPONSE OPERATIONS**



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**National Guidelines**



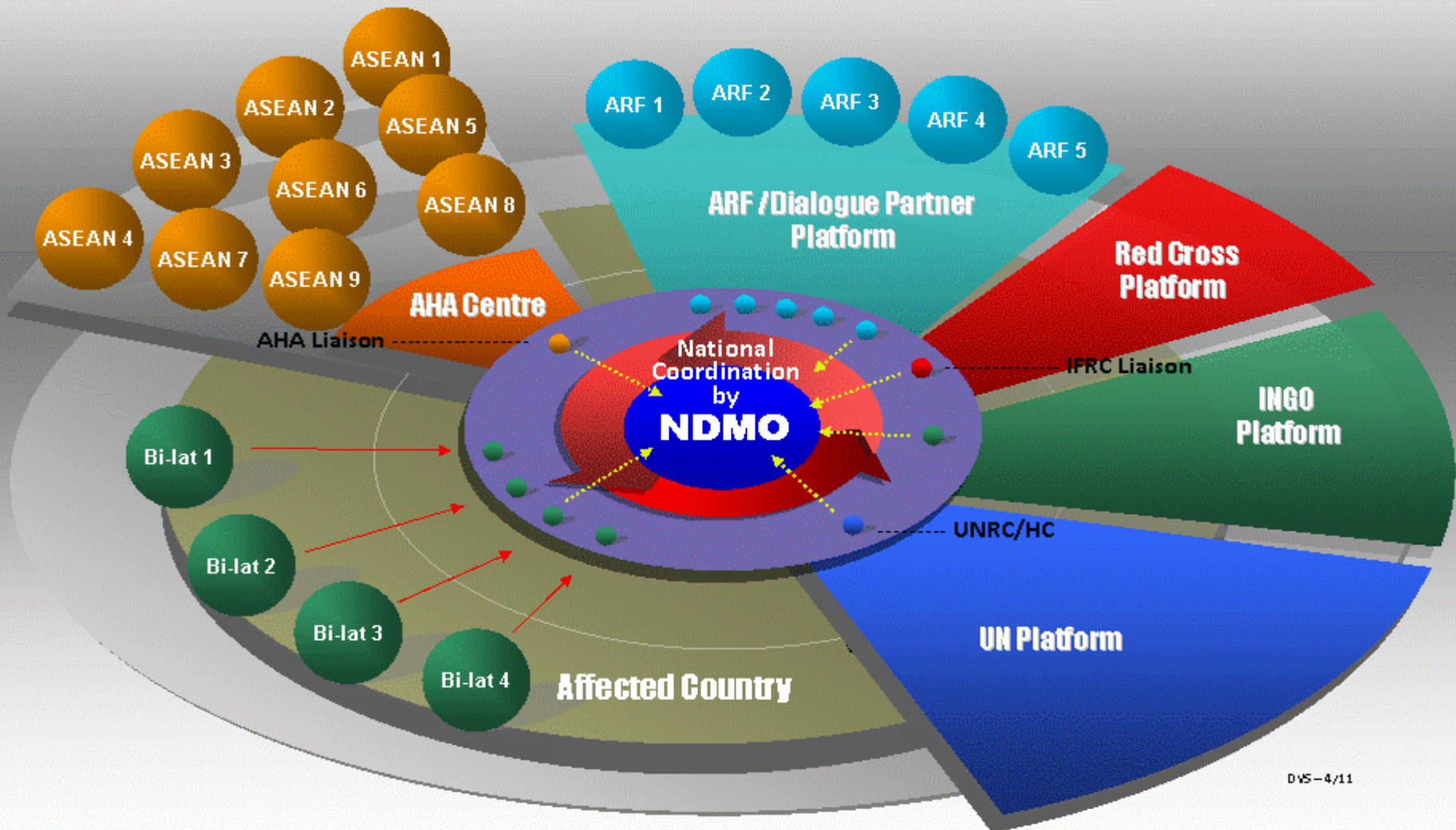


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**Coordination Saves Lives**

**La coordination sauve des vies**

**La coordinación salva vidas**

**Координация спасает жизни**

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**致力协调，挽救生命**

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