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# **Disaster & Crisis Response: Principles, Strategy, Support and Capacity**

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# PRINCIPLES AND RULES FOR RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

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## ***Principles & Rules for Humanitarian Assistance***

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- Adopted by the 2013 General Assembly
- Govern National Societies and the IFRC in international humanitarian assistance
- Look at three aspects: Preparedness; Requests and response; Principled and coordinated action



### **10 Principles, among them...**

- .....We commit that all international assistance provided by a National Society or the IFRC is with the consent of the National Society of the disaster-affected country (# 4)
- We ensure that our assistance is appropriate, efficient, effective and accountable.... (# 9)

## *Principles & Rules for Humanitarian Assistance*

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### 1. **National Societies** receiving international humanitarian assistance

- A) Preparedness
- B) Request for assistance
- C) Coordinated and Principled Response

### 2. **National Societies** providing international humanitarian assistance

- A) Preparedness
- B) Responding to requests
- C) Coordinated and Principled Response

### 3. **The International Federation**

- A) Preparedness
- B) Responding to requests
- C) Coordinated and principled response

### 4. **Relief to Recovery**

### 5. **Quality and Accountability**

Standards

Beneficiary engagement

Planning, monitoring and evaluation

Staff and volunteer management

Resource management

Risk management and audit

### 6. **Relations with Public Authorities**

Public Authorities and Civil Protection

Civil Military Coordination

### 7. **Relations with External Actors**

Humanitarian agencies and other organisations

Private Sector

Media and Communications

### 8. **Final Provisions**

Annex A

Annex B

## ***Principles & Rules for Humanitarian Assistance***

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### **Preparedness:**

- ❑ Preparedness measures may include conducting and concluding pre-disaster meetings and agreements (# 1.2d and 2.1c)

### **Request/provision for assistance:**

- ❑ If a National Society receives goods that it has neither solicited, nor agreed to receive, or which are of unsuitable quality, it is free to dispose them at its discretion. All costs incurred by the National Society in receiving or disposing any of unsolicited goods shall be borne by the sending National Society (# 1.21 and # 2.4)

### **Final provisions:**

- ❑ ..... Principles and Rules are binding on the National Societies and the IFRC. Any violations or other reputational and operational risks shall be reported to the appropriate Governance mechanism (# 8.2)

## Asia Pacific National Societies DRM Strategy Towards Community Resilience: 2016 – 2020

### Vision



To inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by NS, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

### Mission



Provide relevant and timely humanitarian assistance that builds resilience amongst disaster affected people. Encourage resilience building to create better, faster and stronger communities in preventing, responding and recovering from disasters and crisis.

### Goal



Deliver relevant, timely and quality DRR programming to significantly reduce disaster risk as well as the humanitarian impact of disasters and crisis while building resilience within the most at risk communities of the AP region.

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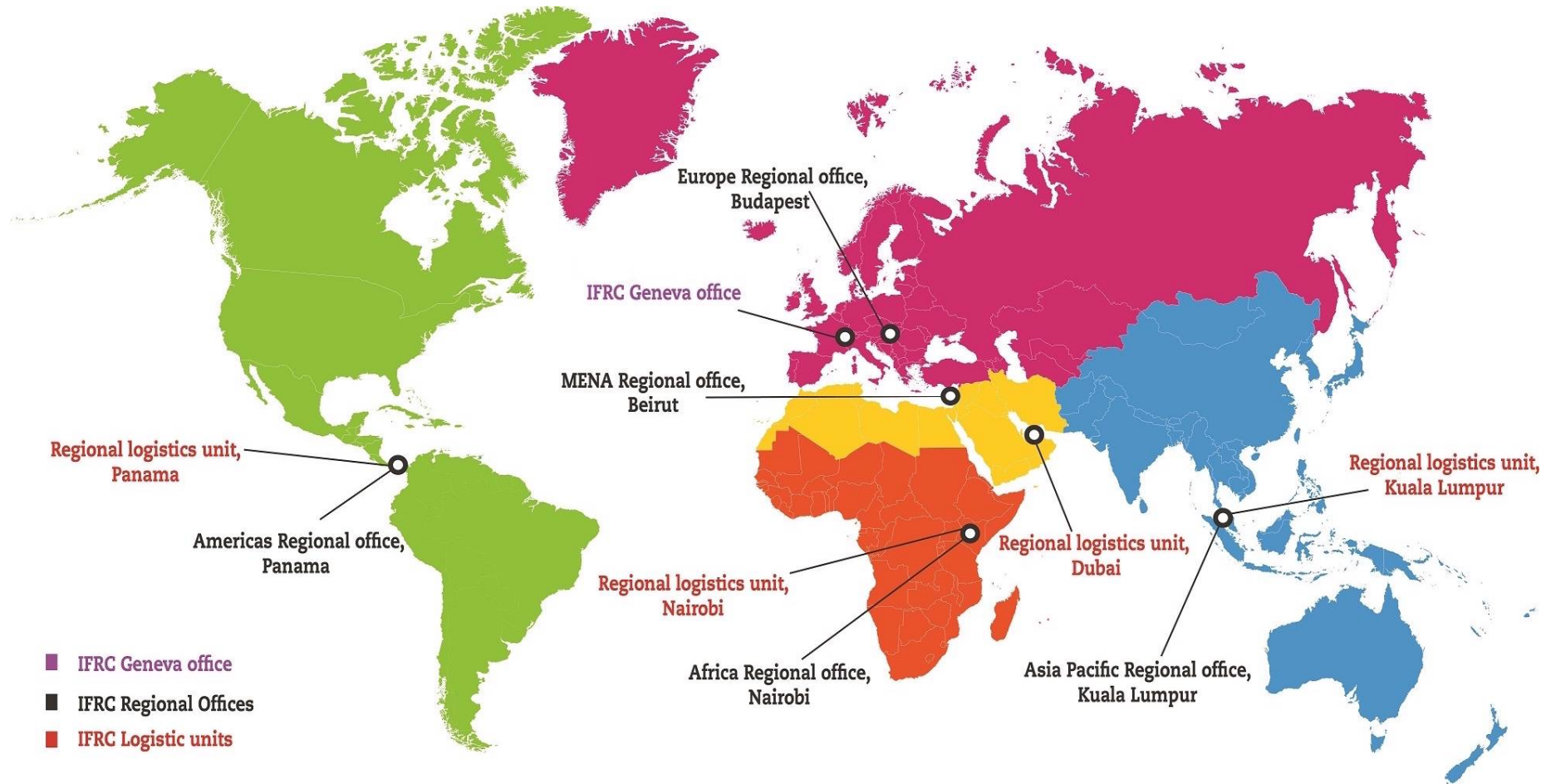
### Effective Response

#### Key actions

1. Roles and responsibilities of the Movement's response mechanisms and surge tools, are clearly defined.
2. Coordination and collaboration mechanisms are clearly defined and widely understood among RC and non-RCRC stakeholders.
3. International mobilization capacities and strategies for DRR actions are well-established
4. Reporting and feedback mechanisms incorporate internationally agreed criteria and standards.



## ***IFRC structure to support National Societies***



# *IFRC support to National Societies in response*

## *People*



## *Equipment*



## *Information management*



## *Funding*



Disaster Relief Emergency Fund

Emergency appeal

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## **Methods**

IFRC Secretariat  
Standard Operating Procedures  
for Disaster Response and  
Early Recovery in Asia Pacific

Zone Office / Asia Pacific / version 2.0  
September 2011

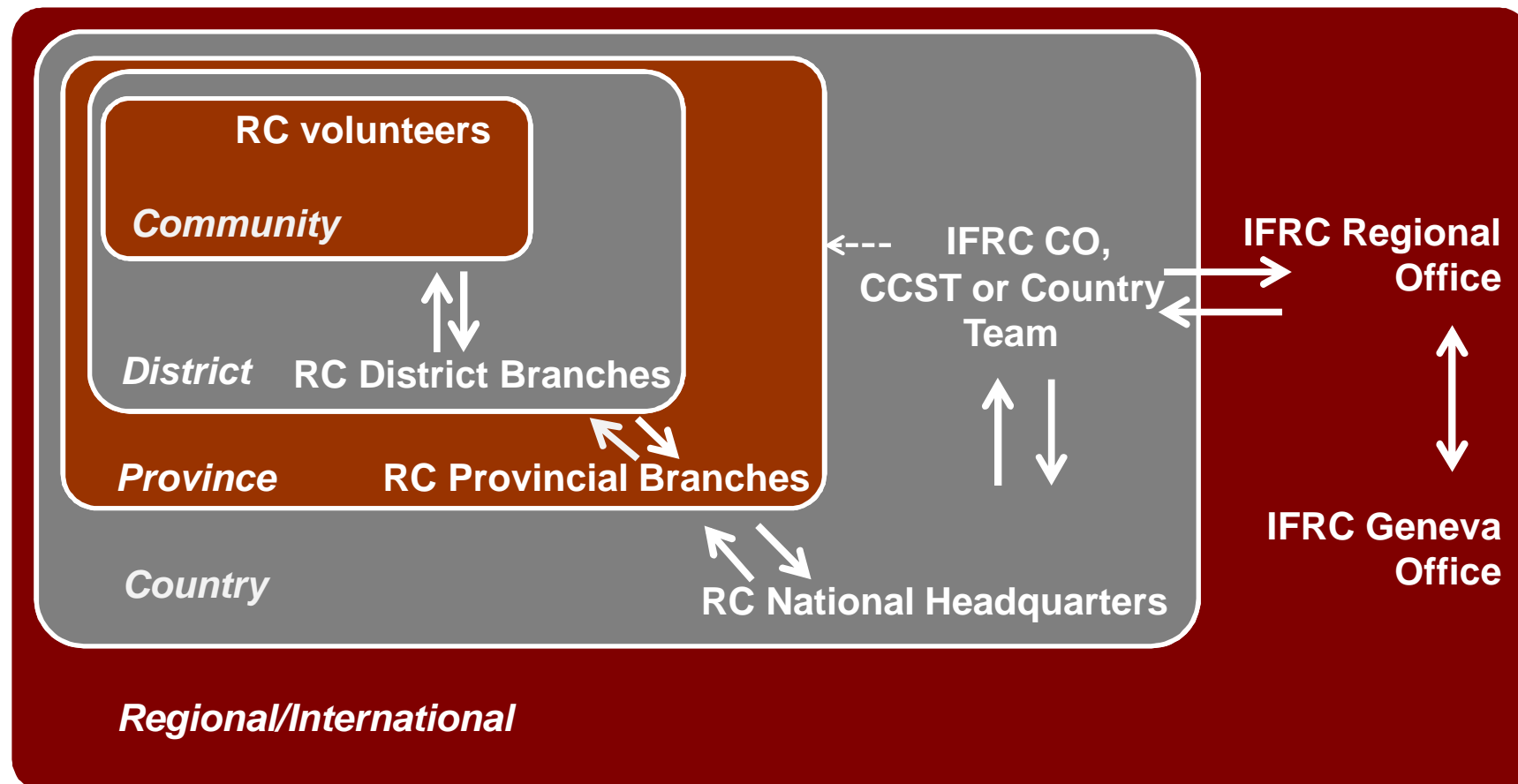
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**Emergency  
Response  
Framework (ERF)**

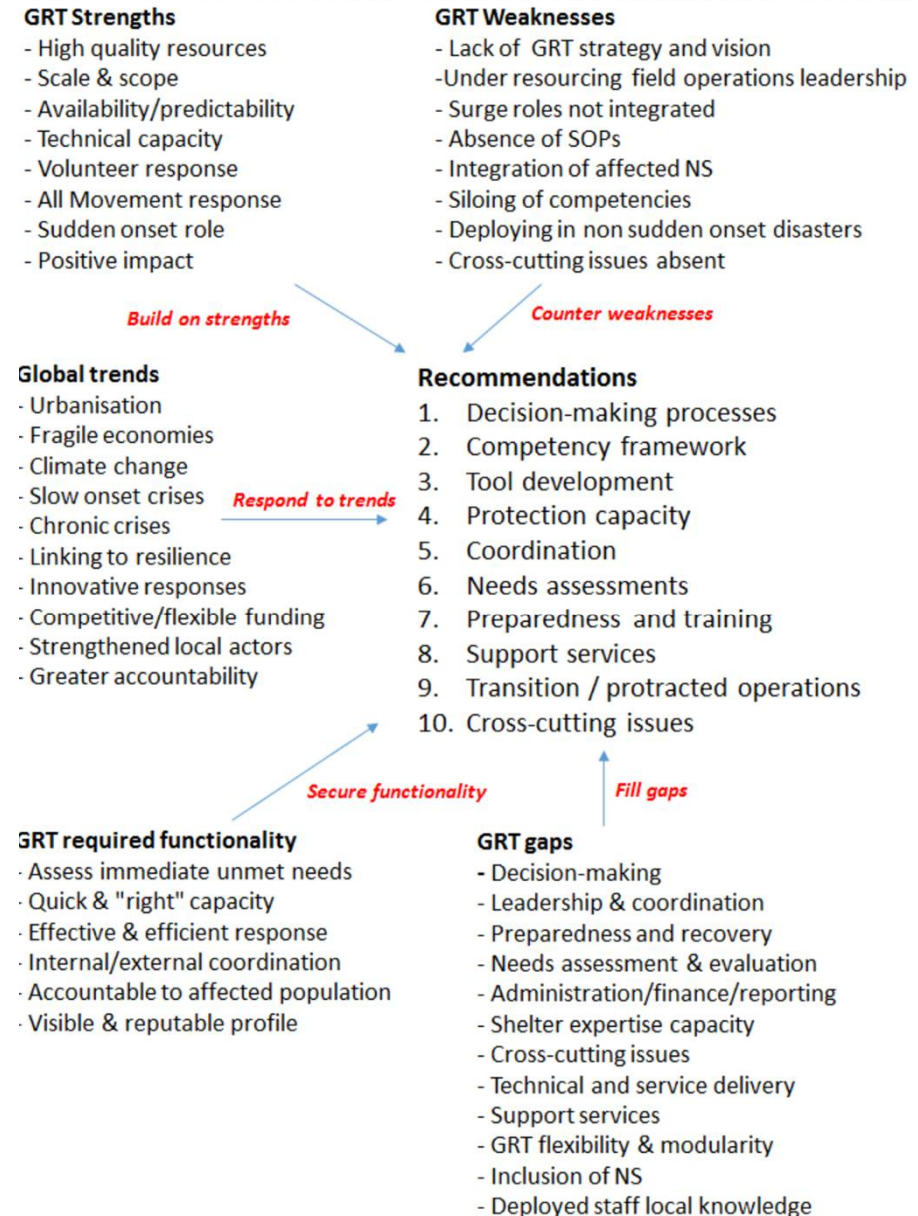


## ***IFRC support to National Societies in response***



# Global Tools Review

- **Clarification of surge decision-making processes:** Triggers, rationale, criteria..
- **Competency framework:** Tiered at technical, managerial and leadership levels..
- **Tool development:** Including standardizing funding and deployment mechanisms...
- **Coordination:** Dedicated resources for both Movement and external coordination at all tiers..
- **Needs assessments:** Applying latest ENA methodologies and training in ENA...
- **Preparedness and training:** Core training curriculum, performance management system, post-training mentoring..
- **Support services:** Deploy adequate support services, including finance and IM..
- **Transition planning:** Bridging gap between surge deployment and 'normal' recruitment, extended deployment of surge..
- **Cross-cutting issues:** Gender & diversity, community engagement and accountability (CEA), displacement & migration, environment (green response)..



## ***Enhancing regional response capacity***

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### **One Asia Pacific RDRT system:**

- ❑ SOPs
- ❑ Roster consolidation and management
- ❑ Induction and training (last held in South Korea in 2016)
- ❑ Module development and specializations
- ❑ Equipping
- ❑ Post-deployment support
- ❑ Professional development path (starting with BDRT and NDRT)
- ❑ ***Strategic direction: RDRT deployment with every DREF request***

### **Regional Response Units:**

- ❑ Consultation to be held with National Societies (on feasibility)

### **Complementary surge capacity:**

- ❑ Strengthening non-nominal surge capacity
- ❑ Peer-to-peer support
- ❑ Linkages with ERU National Societies (for joint deployments)

# Yellow

Responds to a **localized emergency** covering a **small area** or **number of beneficiaries**. This is normally managed at a country level (by an NS, with support of CO/CCST), with any necessary technical or management support provided by the RO (e.g. RDRT mobilization). The RO may seek support from Geneva (e.g. DREF).

# Orange

Responds to an emergency **affecting a wider area** (or areas) and a **higher number of beneficiaries** (including **potential spread**), and may also receive a level of **international attention** or experience a level of **complexity**. Technical and management support is provided by the RO, but Geneva is engaged at the start-up to provide DREF, technical quality assurance on Emergency Appeals and technical support or global surge capacity as required and ensure global coherence and compliance with standards.

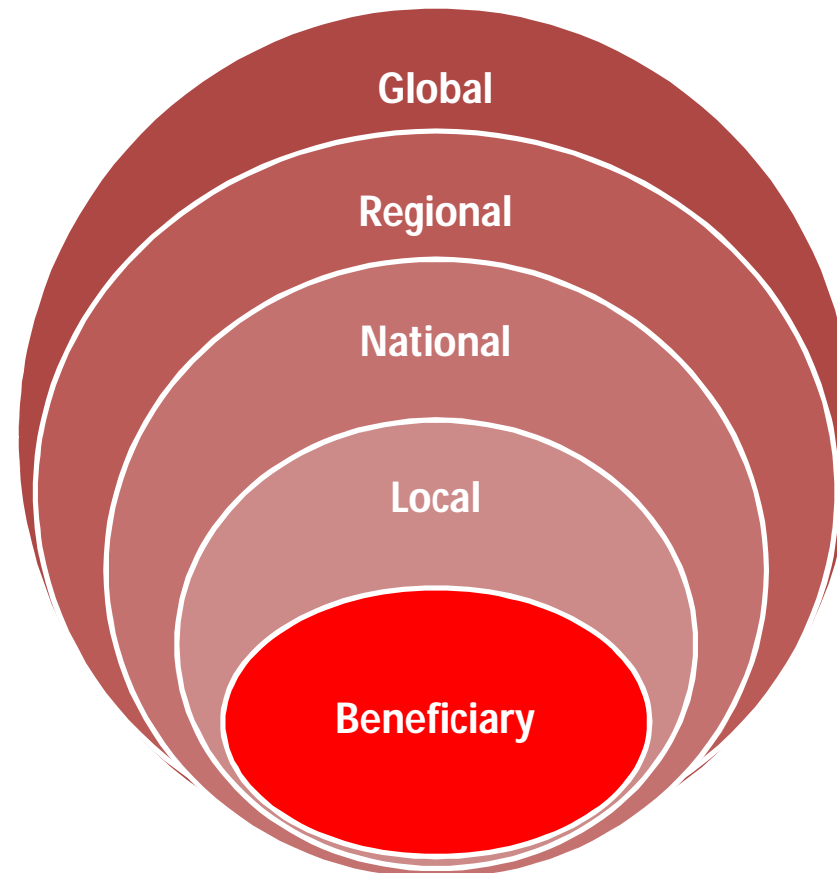


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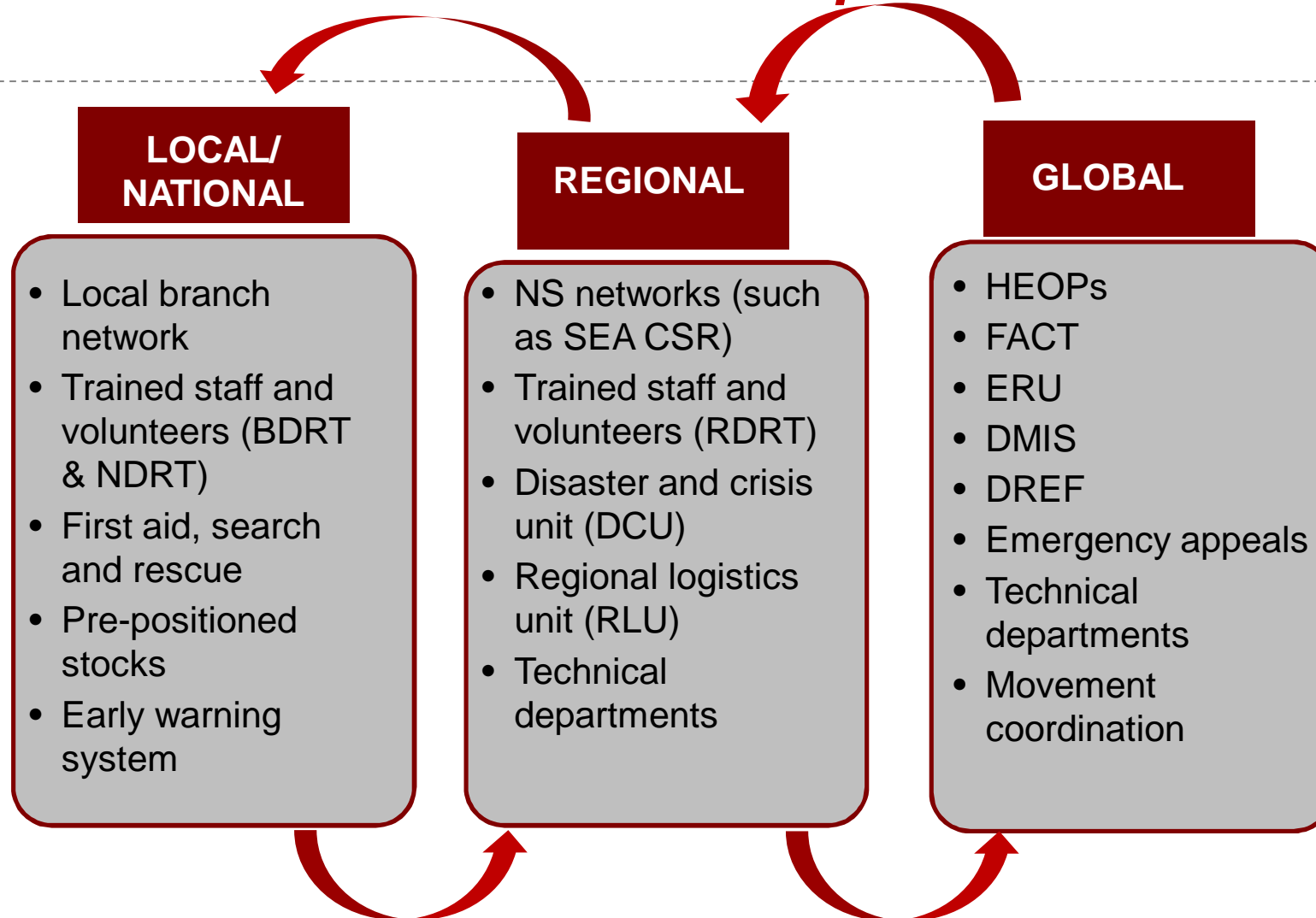
Responds to an **emergency of scale**, affecting a **wide area and high number of beneficiaries**, with level of **complexity or risk** that makes it an **organization-wide priority for the IFRC secretariat at all levels**. Technical and management support is coordinated by the RO, but provided by both RO and Geneva, and regular task force meetings are held to ensure effective management and information flow. Regional and global surge capacity is activated per default (upon the request of the NS). Geneva takes on a stronger role in terms of global coherence and compliance with standards and there may be the need to establish support functions at the Geneva level, as well as the regional level.

## ***Disaster and crisis response levels***

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## *A seamless response*



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