

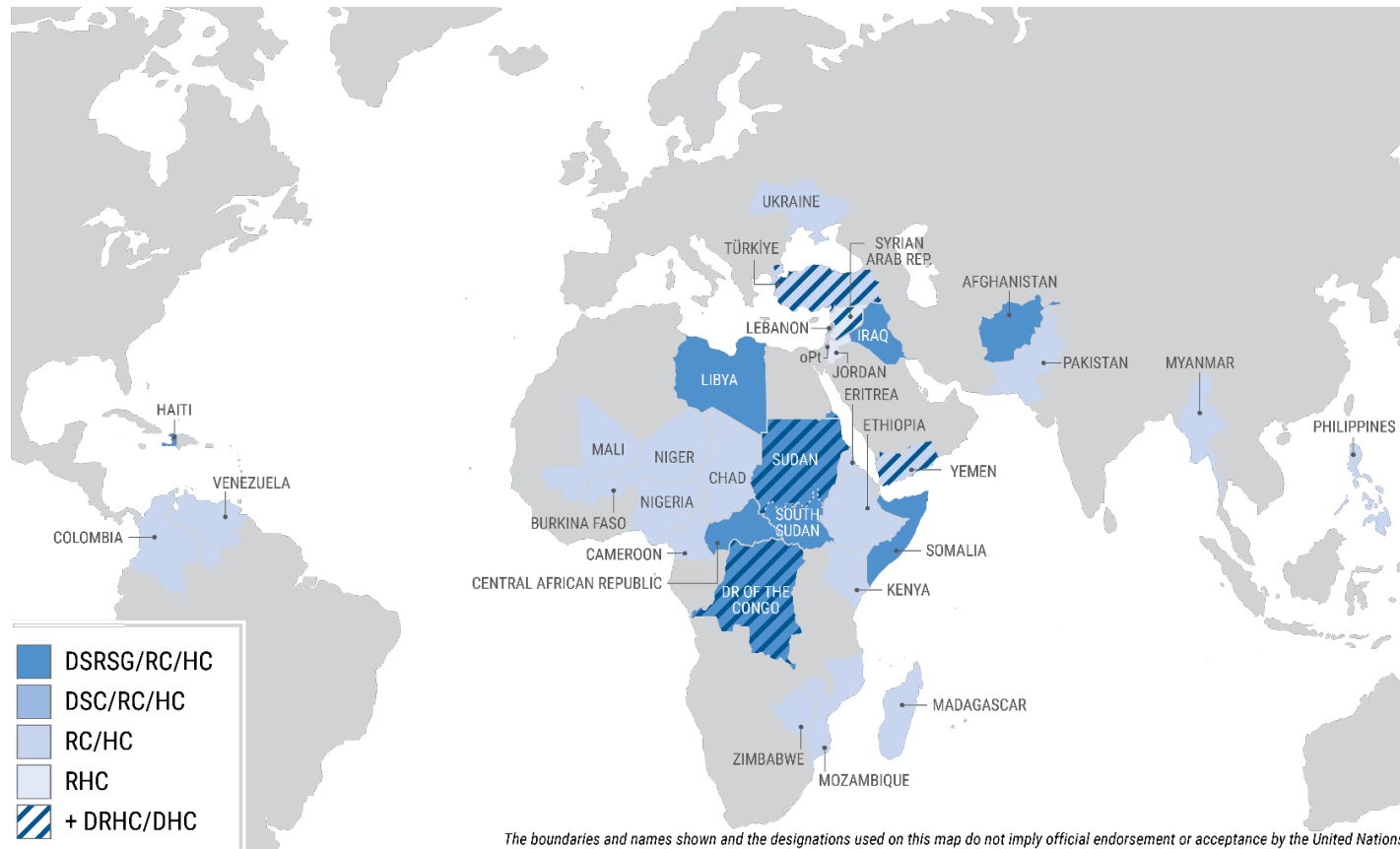
OVERVIEW

There are currently 32 humanitarian leaders coordinating humanitarian response in 30 countries. This includes 10 Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General/Resident Coordinators/Humanitarian Coordinators (DSRSG/RC/HC) and Deputy Special Coordinators/RC/HCs, and 18 RC/HCs. This also includes 4 Deputy HCs (DHCs).

HUMANITARIAN COORDINATORS ON THE MOVE

OPT: Mr. Jamie McGoldrick completed his assignment as HC a.i.

OPT: Mr. Muhannad Hadi took up his post as HC.



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Number of countries with presence of humanitarian leaders

32

Number of humanitarian leaders currently supporting operations

9

Number of humanitarian leaders who are female – 28% of total

19

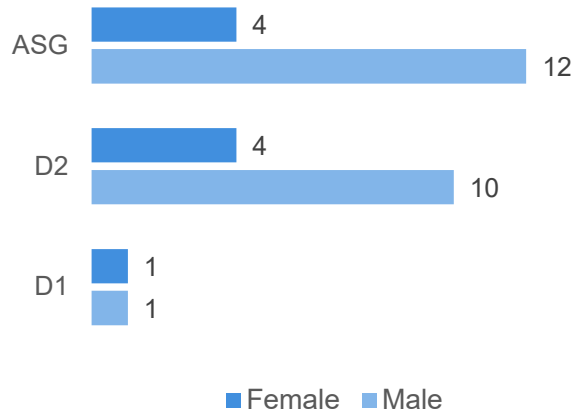
Number of humanitarian leaders who originate from countries historically underrepresented – 59% of total

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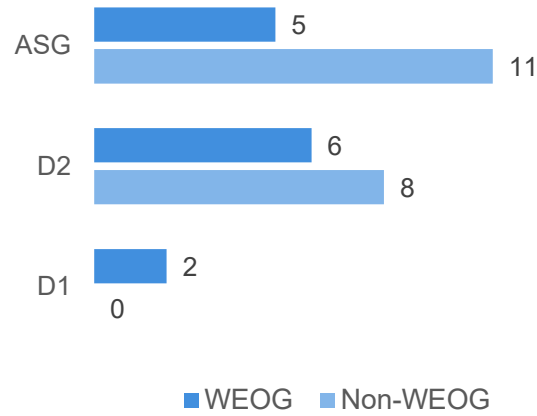
Number of Deputy Humanitarian Coordinators

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS

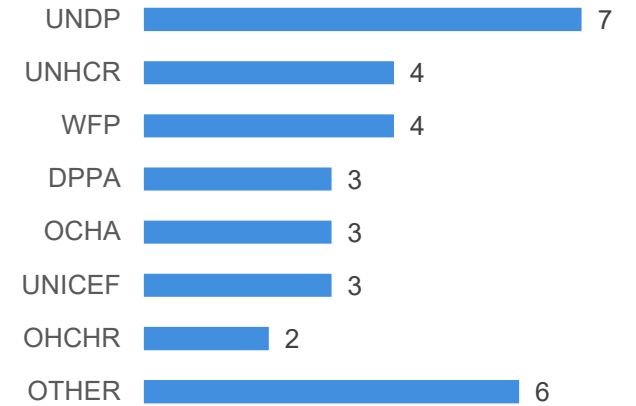
Grade and Gender



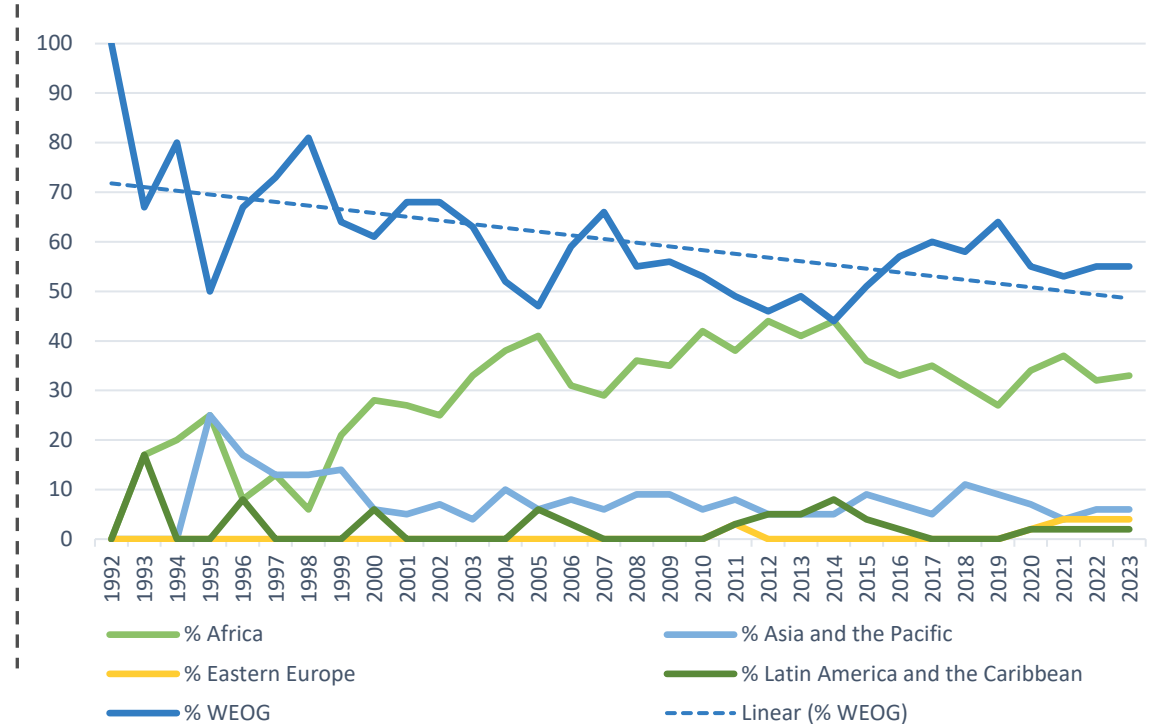
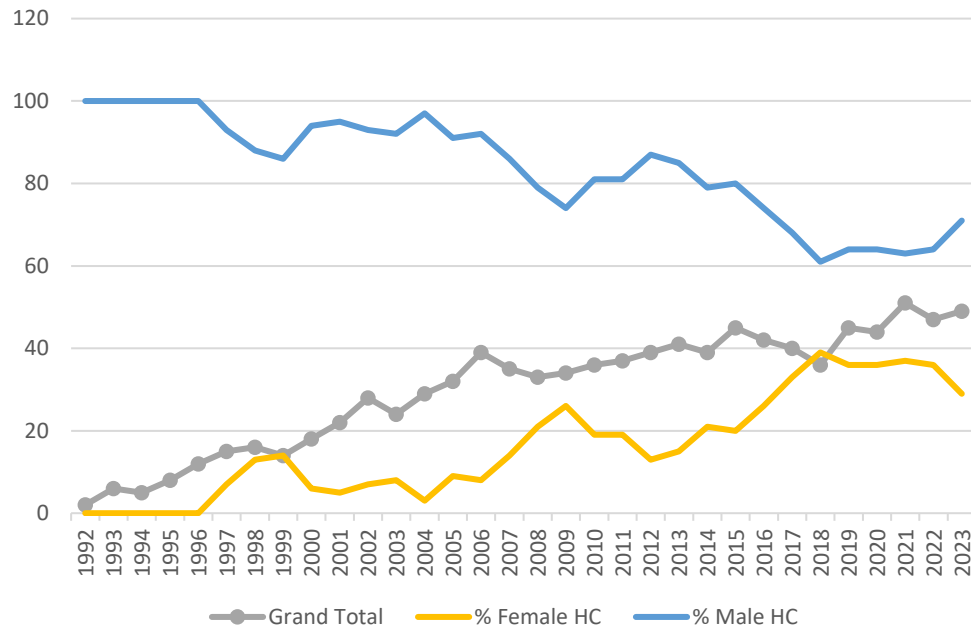
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HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP TRENDS



Monthly Highlight on Humanitarian Leadership

2024 Humanitarian Coordinators Retreat



This year's retreat was held in Istanbul on 8 - 9 May and brought together over 30 HCs and OCHA's senior leadership. Built upon extensive consultations with humanitarian leadership, the retreat fostered a safe space for the HCs to exchange on different issues of concern and identify possible solutions. The retreat resulted in several recommendations and outcomes around the following topics.

Dialogue with the ERC and DERC

Similar to previous years, this session allowed OCHA's senior leadership to share their priorities and visions. It also enabled a space to listen to the issues raised by HCs, including challenges and successes in operations. The session looked at different good practices on a variety of issues and opportunities to address them in the spirit of collaboration.

Humanitarian Diplomacy

This session took stock of what is working and what is not working across contexts in navigating the complex political dimensions of humanitarian action from the HCs perspective. The session identified several recommendations and outcomes, including collective agreement on the definition of humanitarian diplomacy and commitment to systematize experience and develop a standard normative package on engagement with member states.

Humanitarian Advocacy

This session drew on the experiences of HCs and OCHA's leadership on enablers, challenges, and success elements of humanitarian advocacy. Some of the recommendations stemming from the session include strengthened understanding of power dynamics, the need for stakeholder analysis and sharing burden on advocacy across the UN and IASC.

Humanitarian Financing

This session explored the current trends in donor conditionalities and looked at concrete examples of how these trends are influencing humanitarian action and aid delivery. The HCs identified several outcomes and recommendations to address the issue, including collecting an evidence base across contexts and strengthening advocacy through the IASC Principals and OCHA Donor Support Group discussions.

Aid Diversion

This session allowed HCs to share their experience on the issue, discuss risks, mitigation measures, and manage collective posture. Similar to other sessions and linked to financing session, there were several recommendations and outcomes, including development of a shared understanding of aid diversion, sharpening analysis and strengthening communication and messaging.

Collective Challenges for Addressing and Preventing SEA

This session promoted an open conversation on challenges to strengthen support to PSEA across the system. The session resulted in a few recommendations and outcomes for system-wide support, including strengthened support to mobilize predictable and sustained resources and capacity for PSEA and a recognition to harmonize the approach to SEA across contexts.

LIST OF HUMANITARIAN LEADERS

DSRSG/RC/HC, DSC/RC/HC, RC/HC

	Country	Duty Station	Name	Position
1	Afghanistan	Kabul	Indrika Ratwatte	DSRSG/RC/HC
2	Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	Alain Akpadji	RC/HC OiC
3	Cameroon	Yaoundé	Siaka Coulibaly	RC/HC <i>a.i.</i>
4	Central African Republic	Bangui	Mohamed Ag Ayoya	DSRSG/RC/HC
5	Chad	N'Djamena	François Batalingaya	RC/HC
6	Colombia	Bogota	Mireia Villar Forner	RC/HC
7	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kinshasa	Bruno Lemarquis	DSRSG/RC/HC
8	Eritrea	Asmara	Nahla Valji	RC/HC
9	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Ramiz Alakbarov	RC/HC
10	Haiti	Port-au-Prince	Ulrika Ulfsdotter Richardson	DSRSG/RC/HC
11	Iraq	Baghdad	Ghulam Isaczai	DSRSG/RC/HC
12	Kenya	Nairobi	Stephen Jackson	RC/HC
13	Lebanon	Beirut	Imran Riza	DSC/RC/HC
14	Libya	Tripoli	Georgette Gagnon	DSRSG/RC/HC
15	Madagascar	Antananarivo	Issa Sanogo	RC/HC
16	Mali	Bamako	Alain Noudéhou	RC/HC
17	Mozambique	Maputo	Catherine Sozi	RC/HC
18	Myanmar	Yangon	Marcoluigi Corsi	RC/HC OiC
19	Niger	Niamey	Nicole Kouassi	RC/HC OiC

20	Nigeria	Abuja	Mohamed Fall	RC/HC
21	OPT	Jerusalem	Muhannad Hadi	DSC/RC/HC
22	Pakistan	Islamabad	Mohamed Yahya	RC/HC
23	Philippines	Manila	Gustavo Gonzalez	RC/HC
24	Somalia	Mogadishu	George Conway	DSRSG/RC/HC
25	South Sudan	Juba	Anita Kiki Gbeho	DSRSG/RC/HC
26	Sudan	Khartoum	Clementine Nkweta-Salami	RC/HC
27	Syrian Arab Republic	Damascus	Adam Abdelmoula	RC/HC
28	Ukraine	Kyiv	Denise Brown	RC/HC
29	Venezuela	Caracas	Gianluca Rampolla del Tindaro	RC/HC
30	Yemen	Sana'a	Julien Harneis	RC/HC
31	Zimbabwe	Harare	Edward Kallon	RC/HC

DEPUTY Regional Humanitarian Coordinators


	Country	Duty Station	Name	Position
32	Syrian Arab Republic	Gaziantep	David Carden	DRHC

DEPUTY Humanitarian Coordinators

	Country	Duty Station	Name	Position
33	Sudan	Darfur	Toby Harward	DHC
34	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Goma	Suzanna Tkalec	DHC
35	Yemen	Aden	Diego Zorrilla	DHC


Highlight from the Handbook for Humanitarian Coordinators


Every month, HLSS will bring forward highlights from the “Handbook for Humanitarian Coordinators” which has been updated in 2023 and published in February 2024. The Handbook outlines the roles and responsibilities of the RC, whether designated as a HC or not, and those of the HC in leading and coordinating inter-agency humanitarian action in support of the host Government and local actors. This month’s highlight focuses on the [United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/182](#).

 *UN GA resolution 46/182 sets out the framework for the coordination and delivery of UN-led international humanitarian assistance under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General. This resolution continues to guide the work of the humanitarian system today. It established:*


- *the ERC position*
- *the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs, which in 1998 became OCHA*
- *the IASC*
- *the Central Emergency Revolving Fund, which in 2005 became the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and,*
- *the Consolidated Appeals Process, which in 2013 was replaced by the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC).*




 Resolution 46/182 also set out the guiding principles for humanitarian assistance, including that humanitarian action must be provided in accordance with humanitarian principles.

 These guiding principles address the relationship and interaction between State sovereignty and principled humanitarian action, including:

- the primary responsibility of each State to assist and protect people affected by humanitarian emergencies on its territory and,
- when called upon, to facilitate humanitarian organizations in providing humanitarian assistance for which access to affected people is essential.

 HCs can refer to the humanitarian resolutions and key policy decisions of the GA and ECOSOC for in-country interactions to help Governments, humanitarian organizations and other relevant parties strengthen their understanding of and support for a more principled, accountable and effective humanitarian response.

 The leadership should engage with OCHA’s in-country representatives or its regional offices for further support on normative frameworks in relation to carrying out their humanitarian mandate.

This is a short extract of leadership responsibilities. Please access the HC handbook [here](#) to read the complete chapter.

RESOURCES

[Inter-Agency Standing Committee](#)

[OCHA Humanitarian Leadership Strengthening](#)

[Leadership in Humanitarian Action: Handbook for Humanitarian Coordinators](#)

[LEADING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE: A Concise Guide for the UN Resident Coordinator](#)

[RC/HC Talent Pipeline](#)

[Humanitarian Leadership stories](#)

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