

FACT SHEET 2022 - 2024



Centrality of
Protection



Accountability to
Affected People



Preserving
Humanitarian
Space



Gender



Climate

IASC Strategic Priorities to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of collective humanitarian action

WHO WE ARE

Created by the United Nations General Assembly, through its resolution 46/182 in 1991, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee is the longest-standing and highest-level humanitarian coordination forum of the United Nations system that brings together Principals of United Nations and non-United Nations entities to ensure coherence of efforts, formulate policy, and discuss priorities for strengthened humanitarian action. It facilitates the leadership role of the United Nations Secretary-General by meeting regularly to ensure better preparation for, as well as rapid and coherent response to, humanitarian crises. It is chaired by the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator.

WHAT WE DO

WE ARE THE PRIMARY GLOBAL MECHANISM
FOR INTER-AGENCY HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION

The IASC is the primary coordination mechanism for coherent and timely international response to humanitarian emergencies. It ensures its member organizations effectively assist and protect people affected by conflict, natural disasters, and other emergencies such as pandemics. It supports its member organizations to deliver effective, principled and accountable humanitarian action that saves lives, protects and meets the needs of people affected by humanitarian crises. It advocates for the protection of rights of affected people and respect for international humanitarian law and the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence.

HOW WE DO IT

The IASC carries out its role through four distinct structures. The **IASC PRINCIPALS** the heads of the organizations that form the IASC, meet regularly to address critical humanitarian crises, and to make strategic, operational and policy decisions that have implications throughout the humanitarian sector. The Emergency Relief Coordinator chairs the IASC Principals, who are supported by five subsidiary bodies established to support the implementation of their decisions and IASC priorities.

DEPUTIES GROUP

Serves as a critical platform for strategic dialogue and decision on issues and processes that require senior leadership, championship, and institutional challenge in the IASC, and that have an impact on humanitarian action. It includes representatives at the Assistant Secretary-General level or equivalent.

EMERGENCY DIRECTORS GROUP (EDG)

Emergency Directors focus on responding to current crises, including addressing requirements to meet the urgent operational needs on the ground. Consists of Emergency Director level representatives.

OPERATIONAL POLICY AND ADVOCACY GROUP (OPAG)

Drives the normative and strategic policy work of the IASC, including on system-wide policy matters with a direct bearing on humanitarian operations. Consists of Policy Director level representatives.

TASK FORCES

The five timebound subsidiary bodies, comprising IASC member representatives, are responsible for delivering the agreed normative / system-wide outputs under each of the IASC Strategic Priorities, endorsed by the IASC Principals. The Task Groups are accountable to OPAG and they have been extended until end of June 2024.

SECRETARIAT

Supports the IASC Principals in their deliberations, ensuring that Principals' decisions are acted upon. It also builds synergies amongst the various IASC structures.

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