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**Humanitarian Response Review (HRR)  
recommendations covered through the Cluster Approach**

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## **I HRR recommendations covered through the Cluster Approach**

The following HRR recommendations are addressed through the Cluster Approach, as reflected in:

1. Concept Note on Developing Cluster Responsibilities and Accountabilities, Background Paper for the Ad Hoc IASC Working Group Meeting, 12 July 2005
2. Paragraph 9 to 16 of the Outcome Statement of the IASC Principals Meeting, 12 September 2005
3. Draft Generic Terms of Reference for Cluster Leads at the Country Level

Extracted below are the HRR recommendations related to the Cluster Approach:

- i. The humanitarian organizations should continue, in an appropriate framework, including at the level of the IASC, the mapping exercise to cover more completely the capacities of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement and the NGO community, as well as to address deployable capacities of other actors, such as the private sector and the military.*
- v. Humanitarian organizations should reassess continuously, through an extended mapping of material and human resources in all sectors, their declared response capacities as compared to credible thresholds, below which a declared capacity becomes operationally irrelevant. (Action: All/IASC for threshold definition)*
- vi. The IASC should identify and assign lead organizations with responsibility at sectoral level, especially in relation to IDP protection and care and develop a cluster approach in all priority sectors. (Action: ERC/IASC – immediately)*
- vii. The IASC should accelerate the establishment of common standards and guidelines at sector level, in recruitment or training policies, as well as for material assets in order to facilitate interoperability in the different networks and between networks. It should establish a work programme with identified issues and a timeframe for results, on a yearly basis. (Action: ERC/IASC Principals for decisions on priorities before end 2005; IASC WG for implementation, starting in 2006)*

- viii. *The IASC should establish a functioning relief stock positioning system, in addition to the present registration, among UN, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the IOM and the NGOs, governments and other stake holders, aimed at increasing preparedness, reducing costs, increasing access and assuring stock rotation. (Action: IASC)*
- xi. *The IASC should accelerate the development of common services. (Action: IASC to identify priority sectors before end 2005; design implementation modalities before end 2006)*
- xiii. *Non-UN networks, such as those organized by IFRC and the Interagency Working Group, should make liaison with the HC a priority. (Action: Red Cross/Red Crescent members; NGOs)*
- xvi. *The ERC should consult with the IASC Principals and major stakeholders to agree on designating operational accountability for the various sectors and crosscutting areas to respond to the protection and care of IDPs. A similar approach should be followed in order to designate lead organizations in sectors where this is missing and would seem appropriate. (Action: ERC/IASC - immediately)*
- xxvi. *Humanitarian organizations should identify, in the framework of existing networks or at the level of the IASC, the preparedness activities including recruitment and training, that could be part of a common plan to be presented to donors for financial support; exploring in particular the opportunity offered by such an approach in engaging with the private sector. (Action: All/IASC)*

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