

IASC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2022-2023

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) is the primary mechanism for the coordination of inter-agency humanitarian action, bringing together both United Nations (UN) and non-UN entities to save lives and reduce suffering. Established in 1992 by UN General Assembly (GA) Resolution 46/182, the IASC's value and critical role as the mandated forum for principled humanitarian response, enables the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) and member organizations to more effectively assist and protect people affected by conflict, disasters and other emergencies.

In October 2021, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) endorsed its biennium Strategic Priorities (SP) for 2022-2023, namely, to collectively improve:

1. **Operational Response:** by maximizing timeliness, appropriateness, transparency and cost effectiveness of the humanitarian response.
2. **Accountability and Inclusion:** by systematically including feedback and representation of affected communities, proactively eradicating abuse, and ensuring that humanitarian action leaves no one behind and reaches those furthest behind first.
3. **Collective Advocacy:** by maximizing the influence of targeted, informed and collective leadership to deliver operational impact.
4. **Humanitarian-Development Collaboration and its Linkages to Peace:** by contributing to durable solutions, while safeguarding humanitarian space and principles.
5. **Humanitarian Financing:** by reducing the funding gap, securing increased quality funding and strengthening efficiencies.

Furthermore, the Committee called for the redoubling of efforts to drive forward operational impact in a number of **priority areas** namely:

Accountability to Affected People: by ensuring that the humanitarian response safeguards the dignity and is empowering, accountable and inclusive of affected people; and is committed to leaving no one behind.

Centrality of Protection: by upholding and strengthening the centrality of protection in all aspects of humanitarian action, including by addressing gender-based violence and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Preserving Humanitarian Space: by strengthening access negotiations; mitigating the impact of counter-terrorism legislation; and addressing bureaucratic and administrative impediments.

Gender: by promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all phases of the response.

Climate: by preparing for, mitigating and responding to the impact of the climate crisis.

The Committee also underscored the need to reinforce a number of **enabling priorities** to deliver a more accountable and effective humanitarian response:

Localization: by enabling the meaningful engagement and leadership of local and national actors - with a special focus on women-led organisations in humanitarian response - enhancing capacity exchange and increasing direct funding.

Effective system to respond to the needs of IDPs: by reviewing the humanitarian response to ensure a more effective response to the assistance and protection needs of IDPs, including by working with key actors towards durable solutions.

Humanitarian-Development Collaboration and its Linkages to Peace: by supporting the understanding and implementing Humanitarian-Development collaboration and its linkages to peace, consistent with humanitarian principles.

Humanitarian Financing: by reducing the funding gap by deepening and widening the resource base and advocating for increased quality, flexible and unearmarked funding, in support of humanitarian action.
