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*Coordination saves lives*

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# Two key coordination tools to enhance effectiveness of disaster response

- International Search & Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG)
- United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC)

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# *International Earthquake Response : the Role of*



## *International Search And Rescue Advisory Group*



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- established in 1991
- 1988 Armenia earthquake
- major earthquakes previous to that (e.g. Mexico City, 1985)
- Info mgt
- Tasking
- Coordination
- RDC, OSOCC
- BoO, marking





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- Global standards for minimum capacity of international USAR assistance
- Standardised procedures for international cooperation and coordination in collapsed structure response (Guidelines)
- Improve disaster preparedness and response to save more lives
- Promote capacity building in earthquake prone countries



# Capacity building and the establishment of classification standards of national USAR teams





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## USAR teams are

### Classified as:

- **Light** 1024 members. Community based. Not used for international operations
- **Medium** >38 members. Broader capacity in rescue, cutting, search, engineering capability. Capable of one work site only.
- **Heavy** >55 members. capable of full 24hour operations on two Work sites simultaneously





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# The USAR Development Cycle: Building national capacity







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# How does INSARAG help?

## USAR Capacity Assessment Missions

1. Government requests assistance
2. Secretariat links the government **with expert partners in the INSARAG network**
3. Mission identifies capacities and gaps
4. Create a Capacity Development Strategy
5. Forges network to support implementation

## Cost ? Timeline ?



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Albania

BiH YES

Bulgaria YES

Croatia YES

Macedonia

Montenegro

Romania YES (MEDIUM)

Serbia

Slovenia YES

Turkey YES (HEAVY)

DPPI SEE

countries and

INSARAG



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# UNDAC System





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## **Concept of the UNDAC team**

**A UN/ OCHA rapid response team (since 93)**

**Help UN and government in the first phase of sudden onset emergencies**

**At no cost to the affected country**

**24/7 – mobilization in 24 hours**

- 24 week missions**
- preparedness support capacity:**  
national response capacity assessments;  
support to simulations, etc



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# 2014 Missions

1. Solomon Island  
(environmental assessment)
2. Flood response / Serbia
3. Border Monitoring Mission /  
Turkey/Jordan
4. Ebola / Liberia
5. Ebola / Ghana (Foreign  
Medical Teams)



Floods in Serbia  
briefing with authorities



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# Pillars of UNDAC System

Staff

~ 250 experienced emergency managers

Deployment

Standard 24/7 deployment procedures,  
Deployment within 1248 hrs

Equipment

Personal mission kit, technical support  
through partners => for teams to be  
selfsufficient

Methodology

Standardized methodology in coordination,  
assessment, IM, UNDAC Handbook



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## UNDAC members

- ❑ Experienced emergency managers / humanitarian coordination professionals with link to home org./country
- ❑ Identified based on selection criteria
- ❑ Available at 1224 hrs notice for up 24 weeks at least once/year
- ❑ Regular trainings (induction, refresher, OSOCC, specialized areas)





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## Partners & Support modules



- ICT Support & connectivity
- Logistical support
- Base Camp Accommodation
- Office Space
- Operational Support Staff
- Software solutions

- Environmental assessment tool/ mobile laboratory
- Emergency Mapping
- Airport Handling
- Satellite Imagery







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## UNDAC regional teams

### AsiaPacific

Australia, China,  
India, Japan, Korea,  
New Zealand,  
Singapore

Cook Islands, Fiji,  
Indonesia, Malaysia,  
Mongolia, Nepal,  
Philippines, Samoa,  
Solomon Islands,  
Thailand

ASEAN, SAARC

### Africa, Middle East, Europe

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia,  
Finland, France, Germany, Hungary,  
Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy,  
Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway,  
Poland, Portugal, Russian  
Federation, Saudi Arabia, South  
Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,  
United Arab Emirates, United  
Kingdom

Armenia, Belarus, Benin, Burkina  
Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire,  
Gambia, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya,  
Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Togo,  
Tunisia, Ukraine

### Americas

Argentina, Chile,  
Colombia, Brazil,  
Canada, Mexico, USA

Bolivia, Costa Rica,  
Cuba, Dominican  
Republic, Ecuador,  
Guatemala, Haiti,  
Honduras, Nicaragua,  
Panama, Paraguay,  
Peru, Trinidad &  
Tobago, Uruguay,  
Venezuela

CDEMA,  
CEPRENAC, Plan I

## Cost ? Timeline ?



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# Questions ?