

In 2018, the **International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG)** network focused on:

The **strengthening of national and regional capacity** by sharing best practices and training opportunities via the National Accreditation Process (NAP)

Preparing the New INSARAG External Classification (IEC)/INSARAG External Reclassification (IER) **checklist more actively effective**

Leveraging technology for better response through implementation of data collection / information management

Implementation of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) coordination **improved with new tools and concepts**

Ensuring global standards for all, including light USAR teams

THE INSARAG NETWORK

AMERICAS REGION

Troikas 2018:
Mexico (Chair)
Argentina
Dominican Republic

AFRICA, EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST (AEME) REGION

Troikas 2018:
France (Chair)
Italy
Turkey

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

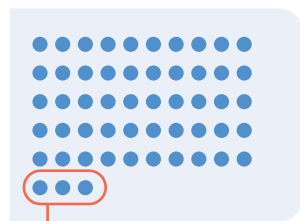
Troikas 2018:
Japan (Chair)
Australia
Malaysia



QUALITY STANDARDS

NUMBER OF TEAMS

53 CLASSIFIED TEAMS
FROM **44** COUNTRIES



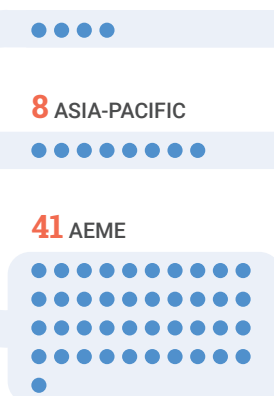
INSARAG welcomed USAR teams from **Colombia, Italy and Israel** in 2018.

REGION

4 AMERICAS

8 ASIA-PACIFIC

41 AEME

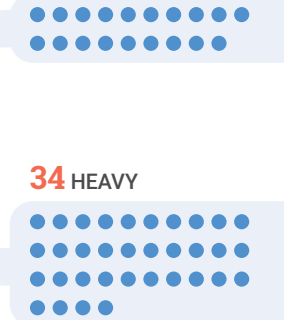


77% of the teams come from AEME region.

CLASSIFICATION

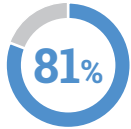
19 MEDIUM

34 HEAVY



These self-equipped teams provide **value-added support** to augment national response in lives saving.

DEVELOPMENTS IN 2018



USAR Coordination Course (UCC)-trained USAR Teams



More than 450 members from 38 USAR Teams trained in data collection / information management



New IEC/R Checklist implemented on **1 July 2018**



Greater Ownership by Regional Groups



Active global consultations on Guidelines 2020 and Global Meeting and Strategy in 2020

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018



STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



The INSARAG Secretariat greatly appreciates the strong commitment and generous support from member states, donors and host organisations.