In 2017, the INSARAG network responded to several emergencies, and continued its work on response readiness. It focused on making its external re-classification (IER) process more effective through pre-greening; ensuring standards for all, including light, USAR teams; strengthening national capacity through national accreditation processes; leveraging technology for better response through KoBo; and further improving USAR coordination with new tools and concepts.

**INSARAG IN 2017**

**STANDARDS**

- **51** classified USAR teams from 40 countries
  - **40** AEME
  - **3** Americas
  - **8** Asia-Pacific

**LAST YEAR**

- **4 IECs:** teams from Algeria, Chile, South Africa and Turkey
- **9 IERs:** teams from Australia, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Oman, Turkey and the United States

**RESPONSE**

- **Earthquakes in Mexico and Iraq**
- **Bomb explosion in Somalia**
- **Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean**
- **Forest fires in Europe**

**READINESS & PARTNERSHIP**

- **April:** **United States**
  - USAR Coordination Course in Fairfax

- **December:** **Costa Rica**
  - USAR Coordination Course in San José

- **November:** **Ecuador**
  - Americas Regional Meeting in Guayaquil

- **February:** **France**
  - USAR Coordination Course in Valabre

- **September:** **Palestine**
  - USAR Capacity Assessment Mission

- **September:** **Italy**
  - USAR Coordination Course in Poggioreale

- **November:** **Turkey**
  - AEME Regional Meeting in Istanbul

- **September:** **Malaysia**
  - Asia-Pacific Regional Earthquake Exercise and Meeting in Kuala Lumpur

- **October:** **Indonesia**
  - Team Leaders’ and Working Groups’ Meeting in Bali

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