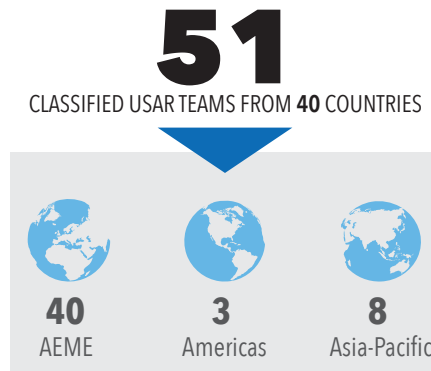# INSARAG IN 2017

In 2017, the INSARAG network responded to several emergencies, and continued its work on response readinnes. 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.
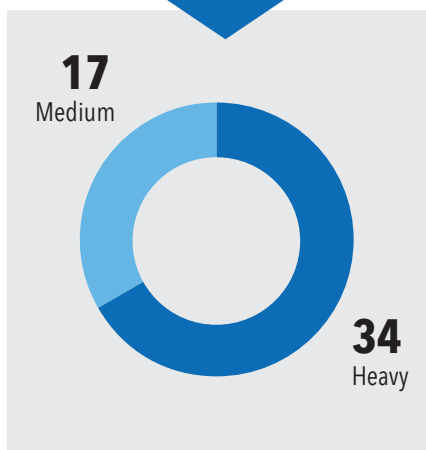
RESPONSE

~ Earthquakes in Mexico and Iraq

✳ Bomb explosion in Somalia

🌀 Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean

🔥 Forest fires in Europe

STANDARDS

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CLASSIFIED USAR TEAMS FROM **40** COUNTRIES

40 AEME   **3** Americas   **8** Asia-Pacific

17 Medium

34 Heavy

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

IEC Bomberos de Chile, first Latin American team to classify. Photo: OCHA/G.Eidimtaite

READINESS & PARTNERSHIP

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

August: **The Netherlands**
Working Group Leaders' Meeting in Leiden

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

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

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

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

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

September: **Palestine**
USAR Capacity Assessment Mission

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

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

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