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Topic

Advancing flexible assistance

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Three Key Discussion Areas:

1. Flexible assistance – inside or outside USAR capacities?

2. Situation/Scenarios – Earthquakes only or other disasters?

3. Approach – modular team or team with “extra” capabilities?

Three Recommendations/Feedback

1. Modular approach – we should focus more on flexible adjusting team capacity to the situation, like sending only Engineers, K9 unit, search or functions like UCC/RDC, etc. Internal team specialization should be identified and we have to find a way to certify those assets.

2. We should avoid attaching additional capacities to USAR teams. Our focus should be more on development existing capacities we can use for different disaster but still in the range of INSARAG methodology, than creating multi-disaster response teams with extra capabilities. That will limit the costs of maintenance of the teams and will ensure a high level of assistance (no need for additional guidelines, procedures, standards, etc.)

3. We should understand the difference between “beyond the rubble concept” and flexible assistance. We can’t take over other international organizations field of responsibilities and adopt them into the INSARAG system.