Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks 2023

INSARAG Steering Group

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Moment of Silence in Commemoration of the Victims of the Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes
# AGENDA – Part 1: Opening, Technical and Operational Updates

Master of Ceremonies -- Mr. *Clement Kalonga*, Africa Focal Point and Ms *Ana Maria Rebaza Delgado* Americas Focal Point

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• Mr. *Güven Begeç*, Permanent Representative of Türkiye  
• Ambassador *Manuel Bessler*, INSARAG Global Chair  
• Ms. *Edem Wosornu*, Chief, Response Support Branch  
• Mr. *Sebastian Rhodes Stampa*, Chief, Emergency Response Section, INSARAG Secretary |
| Session 2     | 09:45 – 10:30 | Adoption of the Agenda, Introduction to ISG and Global Updates | • Mr. *Winston Chang*, INSARAG Unit Head  
• Ms. *Haruka Ezaki*, RFP Asia Pacific                                                                                                   |
| Coffee Break  | 10:30 – 11:00 |                                                 | |
# AGENDA – Part 2: IGM Outcomes and Issues for ISG’s Decisions and Endorsement

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01 Global Updates

02 New Year Teleconference Outcomes

03 Key Takeaways from Team Leaders Meeting Hotwash on the EQs

04 2023 INSARAG Moving Forward
01 Global Updates

- IEC/R Plan
- IRNAP Status
- Flexible Response
The primary intention of the INSARAG External Classification (IEC) system is to provide better understanding of the individual abilities of USAR teams making themselves available for international assistance.

Having teams classified according to a standard will enable disaster affected countries to prioritise acceptance of international response support from USAR Teams who can add proven value to their national capacity. The IEC is an independent, verifiable, voluntary process that has received unanimous acceptance through the INSARAG.

IEC CLASSIFICATIONS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS by year and level

2005: 1 CLASSIFICATION
2006: 1 CLASSIFICATION
2007: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS
2008: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS
2009: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS
2010: 6 CLASSIFICATIONS
2011: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS
2012: 16 CLASSIFICATIONS
2013: 6 CLASSIFICATIONS
2014: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS
2015: 10 CLASSIFICATIONS
2016: 10 CLASSIFICATIONS
2017: 14 CLASSIFICATIONS
2018: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS
2019: 11 CLASSIFICATIONS
2020: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS
2021: 1 CLASSIFICATION
2022: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS

IEC: OVERVIEW by country

AMERICAS REGION
AFRICA, EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST REGION
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

SAR TEAMS
*Deactivated
†Retired
IEC/R Quality Assurance and Updates – Current Situation

- 57 IEC Teams, 48 countries, and 6 NGO Teams
- Largest International USAR Network
- Backlog from pandemic
Management of IERs from 2022 onwards

Recommendations from the ISG and the IEC/R WG:

➢ Post EQ, Some teams given deferment and/or received NO GO. 6 teams given extensions of 1 or 2 years maximum.

➢ TWG will organize an IEC/R Leadership Training in the Netherlands in June 2023. >> (registrations are still open!)

➢ WGs will address a revised system for IERs- (discussions in Breakout 1)
7 Countries

- France (2, 2017)
- Türkiye (2017)
- Colombia (2018)
- Guatemala (2018)
- Chile (2022)
- Cyprus (2022)
- Singapore (2022)

- Panama (In Process)
- Honduras (In Process)
- Ecuador (In Process)
- Argentina (In Process)
Flexible Response

- INSARAG continues to promote agility and flexibility of rescue teams in response operations across other disaster relief activities.

- The secretariat continues to be the “emergency contact point in OCHA” especially in major flooding. ERS assists to link up the affected countries with our extensive network of INSARAG teams and we did so in 2022 in Pakistan and Australia, and just last month in Malawi.

- The ISG will consult you on Flexible Response in a dedicated breakout group.
02 New Year Teleconference Outcomes

Regional Workplans are all aligned to the 4 Priorities in INSARAG’s Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026

- Quality Standards
- Localization
- Flexible Response
- Bolstering Partnerships
03 Key Outcomes and Takeaways from Team Leaders Meeting Hotwash on the EQ Response
Issues will be tabled for the Breakout Sessions later today.

1) FRWG:

a) The WG will recommend to the ISG on the creation of a new Flood Response WG.

b) The Cultural Heritage Guidance for the Technical Reference Library, is finalised and ready for endorsement by the INSARAG Steering Group in April 2023. Both the Sub WGs will complete their work.

c) The Damage Assessment Coordination Center (DACC) manual is still undergoing consultation.

2) IEC/R WG:

The IER process must be reviewed to ensure the INSARAG network can meet the demands of current and future IERs, while concurrently maintaining the quality standards of the process.
TL Meeting Recommendations:

Recommendation 3:
The IMWG is currently **reviewing** the building identification labelling system with the intention of streamlining the current process. The IMWG is **reviewing current INSARAG forms** to see what elements were used to reduce non-time critical information collection.

Recommendation 4:
The MWG will conduct a detailed review of technical guidance notes on **crush syndrome** and field amputations. They will develop a technical guidance note to address team member well-being.

Recommendation 5:
The NAWG will be renamed the Capacity Building WG and focus on **localization** by introducing the INSARAG coordination methodology and concepts tailored to country contexts, promoting capacity development at the national and local levels, and encouraging sharing of expertise and good practices amongst countries and organizations.
TL Meeting Recommendations:

**Recommendation 6:**
The INSARAG *First Responders Training Package is finalised* and is ready for INSARAG Steering Group endorsement in April 2023.

The IEC/R Leadership Course is postponed. This course will now take place in 05 – 08 June 2023.

**Recommendation 7:**
The WG will transition to the Guidelines Review Group 2023-2025 and include some current TGRG members. All WGs will nominate a liaison member to the GRG.
Response Support Branch, Emergency Response Section

TL Meeting discussions on the EQs
RSB's Response Timeline - USAR

**1st Earthquake**

- Magnitude: 7.8M
- Depth: 17.93 Km
- 1st GDACS Alert

6 Feb 0217 GMT+1

**Day 1**

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- Phones ring
  - SRS, AFAD
  - One call – done deal

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**Day 2 - 13**

- **USG and RC meet Turkish Vice President**

**USAR Coordination**

- **First on the ground**
  - AFAD National Crisis Centre
  - UNDAC TL with Swiss team

- **International USAR Coordination**
  - Two RDCs, one UCC, 10 SCCs established across the five affected provinces (up to 200 Km apart)

- **Full scale USAR operations**
  - 11000+ internationals from 100 countries
  - 300 lives saved
  - Largest INSARAG response ever

- **30 EMTs deployed**
- **24000+ national responders**
- **9000 lives saved**
- **160,000 collapsed buildings**
- **8 teams redeployed to Syria**
“How can we help?”
Key Numbers

49  INSARAG Classified Teams

90  Countries Represented

199  International “USAR” Teams

396  Rescue Dogs

300  Lives Saved!
The first 72 hrs after a disaster are critical.

We have coordinated the deployment of over 4,948 search & rescue experts and #UNDAC emergency response teams soon after the earthquake shook #Türkiye and #Syria.

We'll continue to support every effort to save lives.
1xRDC/1xUCC/10xSCCs - At the Peak of Operations

In Ankara:
National Level LEMA and INSARAG/UNDAC representative

- RDC – Adana Airport
- NO RDC – Incirlik Military Air Base
- RDC - Gaziantep Airport - UNDAC and EU
- Local LEMA Personnel, INSARAG Associate

USAR teams

UCC

SCC 1
Tasking

SCC 2
Tasking

SCC 3
Tasking

SCC 4
Tasking

SCC 5
BoO at stadium Tasking

SCC 6
Tasking

SCC 7
Tasking

SCC 8
Tasking

SCC 9
Tasking

SCC 10
BoO at Expo Tasking
This is what helped:

**S**peed, **S**olidarity

**P**artnerships

**E**ffective **M**ethodology

**E**ffective **C**oordination

**D**ecisive **R**esponse
TL Meeting Feedback: (Join us on Wed am session)

1. USAR Coordination
2. Information Management – ICMS
3. Localisation
4. IEC/R Compliance & Accountability*
5. Logistics Expectations
6. USAR Operations and
7. USAR Access and Safety in Complex Emergencies

*IASC: Accountability* to affected people is a commitment by humanitarians to use power responsibly: to take account of, give account to, and be held to account by the people we seek to assist.
A Global USAR Lessons Learnt Forum in Qatar this October
Way Forward – DRAFT:

1. Strengthening Localization, Engaging Governments in Disaster Prone Areas
2. INSARAG Guidelines and Methodology Review – (Address the issues earlier)
3. Bolstering Partnerships – UNDAC, WHO-EMTs, Regional Organisations, Technical Partners
4. New Approaches and Technological Advancements – Search, Medical
5. An Energized INSARAG
6. Flexibility is Key – pragmatic, fit for purpose – USAR remains the cornerstone.
THANK YOU!
SESSION 3: BREAK OUT Sessions
Starts after coffee break
Breakout arrangements

- Discussions in 4 corners of this room
- Know your group assignment
- Groups rotate every 45 minutes
- Facilitators of each group will highlight key issues and recommendations for final session (ISG Endorsement)
## Breakout Groups Plan (supported by ERS and Regional Chairs)

**Coordinators – Winston Chang, Ms Reem Naim**

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|       |       |              | • Medical Working Group,
|       |       |              | • IEC/R Working Groups |
| 2     | Flexible Response | Americas Chair Clement Kalonga & Ana Maria Rebaza Delgado | • Flexible Response Working Group |
| 3     | Localization | Sebastian Mocarquer & Kira Chebakova | • Flexible Response Working Group,
|       |       |              | • Training Working Group |
| 4     | INSARAG and Complex Emergencies Response | AEME Chair Sebastian Rhodes Stampa & Lucien Jaggi | • Information Management Working Group |
Break out Group rotation timings:

1\textsuperscript{st} Cycle: 1100 - 1145

2\textsuperscript{nd} Cycle: 1145 - 1230

Lunch: 1230-1400

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SESSION 7: Announcement by Member States, Key Decisions, and Closing Statements
Announcements by Member States
Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

1. We are launching consultations with the regional groups and GRG to review decision-making processes.

2. The NAWG transitions to a new working group called National Capacity Building Working Group calling for new members. Its Terms of Reference were agreed.

3. The Secretariat welcomes the INSARAG network’s support to learn from the Türkiye EQ response leading to a global USAR lessons learnt meeting in Qatar in October, back-to-back with the AEME Regional Meeting.
Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

4. The Guidelines Review Group 2023-25 will engage with the network and plan their first meeting back-to-back with the AP ERE in August in Australia.

5. The First Responders Program V2.0 is endorsed as the Community Responders Program, and the network is encouraged to reference this to strengthen localization efforts in their countries and regions.

6. The guide on “USAR in Heritage Sites” is endorsed for the Technical Reference Library.
Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

7. Both Flexible Response Sub Working Groups 1 and 3 will close. The ISG thanks all WG members and the partnerships with UNESCO and ICCROM.

8. The Flood Response Working Group will be established. INSARAG Secretariat will facilitate its organization.

9. The INSARAG Network will be consulted on a revised INSARAG External Reclassification (IER) system to tackle the exponential increase of IERs.
SESSION 5
Closing Statements

Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director, Coordination Division, OCHA

Ambassador Manuel Bessler INSARAG Global Chair
THANK YOU!