

UCC Information Sheet

(USAR Coordination Cell)

What is a USAR Coordination Cell (UCC)?

A large-scale sudden onset disaster generally results in a rapid influx of assistance from the international community to an affected country. Response teams and relief supplies will converge towards the country to assist at the disaster affected areas.

There are many urban search and rescue (USAR) teams classified by the United Nations (UN) to deploy to these disasters to support the affected government. These teams have been peer-reviewed and work under a common methodology.

We are here in response to your government's request for assistance, not to take charge of the incident. We will respect your nation's sovereignty.

The UCC serves as the primary coordination point for international USAR teams and is established if there are multiple teams expected to arrive.

How will the UCC help you?

The UCC supports local authorities by:

- Working with you to ensure our activities align with your priorities
- Coordinating the activities of international USAR teams
- Providing you with reports about our activities
- Communicating your messages to the international USAR teams
- Updating information on the UN's real-time information sharing website

What does the UCC require?

To help you best, if it is possible we need access to some resources:

- Information about the incident
- Information about the status and capacity of local services and infrastructure
- A space to establish our work location
- Power and communications (preference for wireless internet access)
- A list of key local contacts
- Your contact details
- Regular meetings with you

What will happen in the future?

- A team from the UN will arrive shortly to work closely with you
- The UN Team will assist with the overall coordination of all relief efforts, not just USAR.
- When the UN Team arrives they will become your key contact.

Our contact details are: