

Global Disaster Response Tools and Services-Challenges from the UN view

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Changing Humanitarian Context

Demographic revolution - density

More and bigger mega-cities - vulnerability

Persisting poverty – people in harms way

Climate change

Environmental degradation

Explosion of food prices

Loss of Lives, Suffering and Damages can be Reduced!

1. Natural hazards need not always result in disasters
2. Our action or inaction determines damage
3. We can take preparedness measures to strengthen our response to disasters
4. A key challenge is to review and upgrade our preparedness in light of potential scenarios

What is Preparedness?

Preparedness is the knowledge and capacities developed by governments, professional response and recovery organizations, communities and individuals to effectively anticipate, respond to, and recover from, the impact of likely, imminent or current hazard events or other emergency situations, including conflicts and generalized violence, warranting humanitarian response.

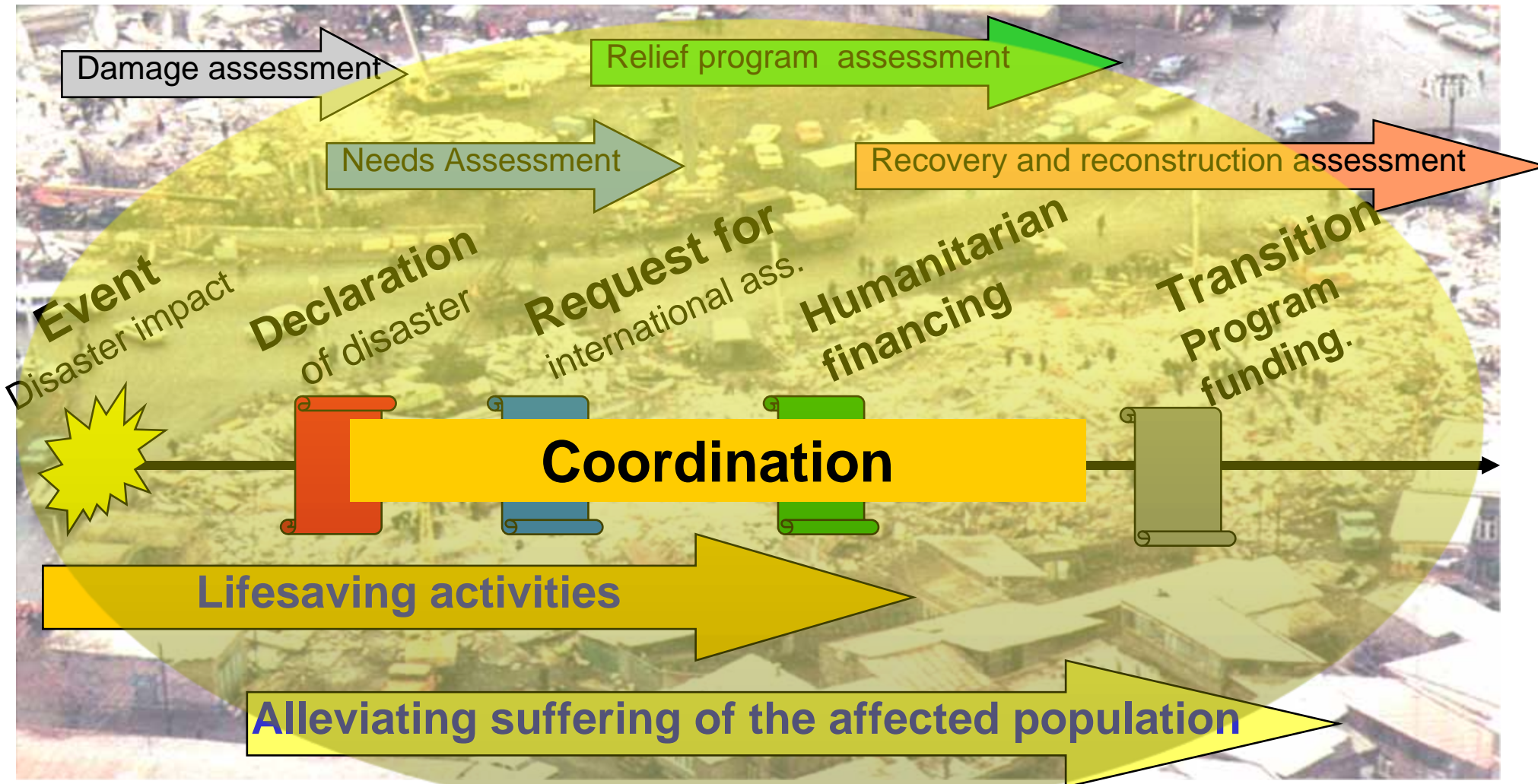
Adapted from *Terminology on Disaster Risk Reduction*. UNISDR, 2009

Preparedness in Disasters

- ❑ **Importance:** Preparedness helps ensure timely and effective humanitarian response. When not responding, we are preparing!
- ❑ **Preparedness: essential knowledge and capacities** to ensure effective anticipation, response and recovery ensures humanitarian and development outcomes
- ❑ **Preparedness contributes** to humanitarian and development outcomes and the implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action priorities
- ❑ **Elements** include risk analysis as basis, then early warning, contingency planning, stockpiling, functioning emergency services, stand-by capacity ...
- ❑ **UN focus:** 1) strengthening UN internal preparedness; 2) supporting/enhancing the response capacity of international partners at all levels; and 3) supporting/enhancing the response capacity of national authorities



International Emergency Response System



OCHA Tools and Services "First

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Local rescue activities

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Global Disaster Alert Coordination System

Operational information

Activation of OTF

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OCHA Tools and Services "the first days"

On-Site coordination



Activation of cluster system



CERF Application

International Humanitarian Partnership



Support modules



Télécoms Sans Frontière

UNOSAT satellite imagery



OCHA Surge



Environmental experts



Emergency funding



FLASH APPEAL

2009

Civil Military coordination



Model customs agreement/conventions



Challenges from the UN perspective:

Proliferation of humanitarian/disaster responders

Competitive funding environment

Independence of humanitarian action from policy consideration

Changing role of the UN (less direct implementation, more standard-setting and facilitation)

Increased public scrutiny of humanitarian action

Measuring and improving performance and accountability

Challenges from the UN perspective:

Civil/military coordination

Transition from relief to recovery

Limited funding for pre-disaster planning

Climate change adaptation

Enhancing advocacy for the most vulnerable

Protection of affected populations

THANK YOU !