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“Combining national strengths to enhance international emergency response”

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The IHP is a voluntary multinational cooperation between governmental emergency management agencies, active in the field of humanitarian assistance. The agencies are part of, funded by, and supported by their respective governments.

IHP is a partnership, based on a network structure, with no binding agreements and is a platform for international cooperation and sharing of resources. Complementing each others' individual operational capacities allows stronger and more professional solutions to be offered. IHP provides operational, technical and financial support to multilateral organisations engaged in humanitarian work, primarily the United Nations, but also the European Union and other relief organisations.

The collaboration is managed by a chairmanship system with a dedicated chairperson assigned among the members. The chair position rotates on a 1 ½ year basis. Each IHP member organisation has a dedicated IHP Focal Point responsible for the collaboration. The IHP Secretariat is provided by UN-OCHA, Geneva.

THE OVERALL AIM OF IHP IS TO ENHANCE THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS THROUGH SUPPORTING OPERATIONAL ACTORS IN THE FIELD OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF CONFLICTS AND NATURAL DISASTERS.

The objectives of IHP are to:

- Enhance operational capacity in emergencies through deployment of specialized surge capacity (experts and equipment) to multilateral organisations.
- Improve operational effectiveness and efficiency in emergencies.
- Strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance and facilitate information sharing, as well as encourage cooperation between various actors in emergencies.
- Provide a practical demonstration of donor cooperation and coordination through the concept of good humanitarian donorship.
- Enhance emergency preparedness and capacity building through provision of trainings and exercises.



IHP equipment off-loaded at the airport in Tacloban Philippines 2013.

Trainings and exercises

The IHP members have strong training and exercise capabilities. The members have training centres with facilities designed for both indoor and outdoor events. IHP hosts other organisations' training programmes, for example jointly with UN-OCHA, including UNDAC, WFP, UNHCR and the EU. IHP members also provide trainings and exercises on an individual basis.

IHP arranges the TRIPLEX exercise, which is a large scale humanitarian field exercise. The exercise focuses on strengthening preparedness and response in regards to coordination and effective emergency management. TRIPLEX provides a unique value as it is one of few civilian-run multilateral humanitarian field emergency simulations. In addition to the IHP members, the exercise regularly involves UN, EU, OPCW, Non-Governmental Organisations, IFRC, military and commercial actors.

3 Prefabricated solution

Objective: The main objective of the prefabricated solution is to enhance living and working conditions for humanitarian personnel by establishing high feature living and working facilities for a longer time frame.

Description: The concept is a comprehensive high quality feature solution including prefabricated facilities, for a long term time frame (2-5 years). The equipment is flat-packed in containers for transport. The concept is designed with all necessary facilities and equipment and has the possibility to include accommodation, offices, water and power supply, sanitary facilities, ICT, kitchen and meeting rooms etc.



Prefabricated office/accommodation compound, Bangladesh 2017.

Logistics services

The purpose of the IHP logistics services is to ensure the effective mobilisation, dispatch and timely arrival of emergency assets.

Objectives: The main objective is to enhance the effectiveness of deployment of IHP's or other organisations' equipment and staff to emergency locations, through the provision of reliable and appropriate transport capacity.

Description: The services may take the form of air, land or sea transport. The IHP members have several framework agreements with forwarding agents and logistics companies for rapid deployment of relief items.

The logistics services may also be included as supplementary elements to other Service Packages, for example in terms of light vehicles, light armoured vehicles, loading and lifting equipment.

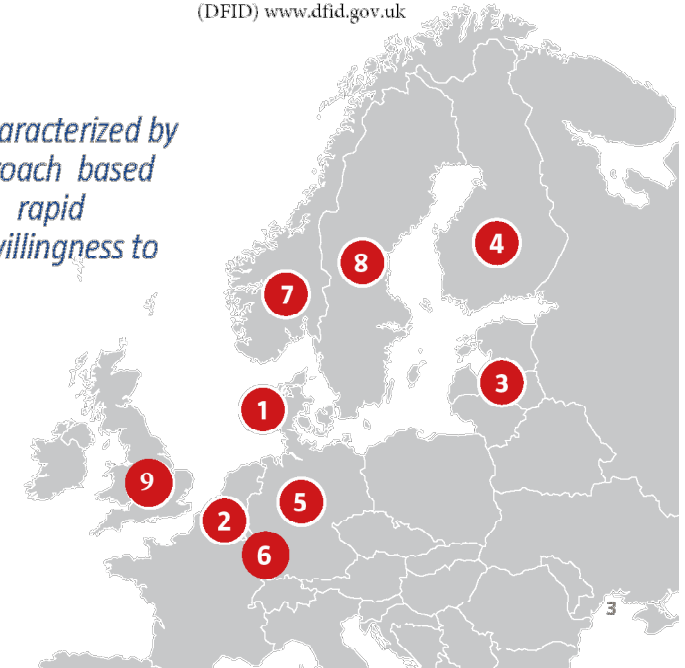
Principles of cooperation

IHP is a cooperation:

- with a network structure based upon similar mandates, mutual interest and common objectives
- based upon sharing of resources, capitalizing on synergies and organisational strengths
- that provides reliable service delivery through joint operations
- that develops services and assets jointly and delivers interoperable solutions
- based upon voluntary participation and any of the organisations can decide to opt in or out
- based on equality among members
- that does not restrict individual responses from any of the members.

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Belgian First Aid and Support Team (B-FAST) www.b-fast.be
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8. **Sweden**
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) www.msb.se
9. **United Kingdom**
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IHP is a cooperation characterized by a problem solving approach based on common objectives, rapid decision making and willingness to share resources.



What IHP delivers – Support Services

The operational services take the form of either personnel or equipment with support staff combined. These have been deployed to complex emergencies as well as in technical and natural disasters. IHP also provides support to capacity building in terms of provision of trainings and exercises.

IHP Support Services:

- Experts
- Equipment and Support Staff solutions
- Trainings and exercises

IHP delivers reliable emergency services through joint deployments and interoperable solutions.



IHP base camp in Port Loko, Sierra Leone, in response to the Ebola outbreak 2014–15.

1 Light Base Camp

Objective: The main objective of the Light Base Camp is to enhance living and working conditions for humanitarian personnel for a short time period by rapidly establishing basic living and working facilities.

Description: The Light Base Camp is a basic feature tented concept providing rudimentary services during a short time frame (2-12 weeks). The main task of a light base camp is to accompany a standard disaster assessment team (such as an UNDAC-team or EU team). The Light Base Camp may supplement a coordination center and RDC. The concept includes the possibility to provide offices and accommodation facilities, ICT power and water supply, basic kitchen and sanitation facilities etc.



Light Base Camp in South Sudan 2013.



Light Base Camp in the Philippines 2013.



Light base camp in the Philippines 2013.

2 Base Camp

Objective: The main objective of the Base Camp is to swiftly enhance living and working conditions for humanitarian personnel by rapidly establishing medium term living and working facilities.

Description: The Base Camp is a comprehensive high quality feature tented concept for office and accommodation facilities. The tents are designed for harsh conditions, with standing height. Accommodation tents have inner linings for individual sleeping cabins to ensure personal privacy. The facilities are aimed for a medium time frame usage (3-12 months). The base camp concept is comprehensively designed, meaning that all necessary facilities and equipment can be provided, such as offices, accommodation, ICT, water and power supply, sanitation, AC/heating and kitchen etc.



Base camp reception and offices – Haiti 2010.



Accommodation space.

Office and accommodation

The main aim of the IHP office and accommodation solution is to assist humanitarian organizations to rapidly establish relief activities and enhance efficiency in programme delivery by improving living and working conditions for humanitarian personnel. IHP can provide different solutions and will adjust the service according to the operational and situational context, timeframes and technical requirements at the site. Below chart provides a *standard* description of each solution - each solution can and will be tailored to the individual request and situation (e.g. variation in number of people to be accommodated).

Basic facts – IHP office and accommodation support			3 Prefabs
Expected life span	2-12 weeks	3-12 months	2-5 years
Deployment time	8-48 hours	48-72 hours	1-3 weeks
Standard size	20 pax	60 pax	30 pax
IHP support staff	4-6	8-10	6-8
Standard of facilities	Low	Medium	High
Brief description of office and accommodation facilities	Small emergency tent type, 6-8 m ² for 2-4 pax/tent.	High quality inflatable tents, approx. 48 m ² for 6-8 pax/tent. Basic furniture included (beds, chair, lights and desks etc.).	Prefabricated sandwich panel houses – approx. 10 m ² per person for accommodation and 5 for office space. Basic furniture included (beds, chair, lights and desks etc.).
Kitchen and catering	Basic cooking gear.	Tent based fully equipped kitchen. Capacity to provide 300 balanced meals per day. Tent based dining hall.	Fully equipped kitchen can be provided.
Water supply and distribution	Water purification plant.	Water purification plant with capacity to provide 65 liters per person/day.	Water purification plant with capacity to provide 65 liters per person/day.
Sanitation	Toilets (10 pax/toilet) and showers (15 pax/shower).	Toilets (10 pax/toilet) and showers (15 pax/shower). Laundry machines and washing equipment.	Toilets (10 pax/toilet) and showers (15 pax/shower). Laundry machines and washing equipment.
Power supply and distribution	Small generators and distribution network.	High capacity generators and distribution network.	High capacity generators and distribution network.
Medical	Basic medical kit, trauma bag.	Infirmiry for primary health care – Pharmaceuticals, trauma bag and medical equipment.	Basic medical kit, trauma bag.
Reception and meeting room	Small tent for meeting room.	Tent based, fully equipped rooms. Basic furniture such as tables and chairs included.	Standard prefab facility (read office) can be used. Alternatively locally constructed semi-out-door meeting room.
ICT	Office equipment (printers, cables etc.), internet provision, radio equipment, satellite communication, and voice of IP services can be provided.	Office equipment (printers, cables etc.), internet provision, radio equipment, satellite communication, and voice of IP services can be provided.	Office equipment (printers, cables etc.), internet provision, radio equipment, satellite communication, and voice of IP services can be provided.

How to request IHP support?

Alerts or formal requests for IHP support should be channeled through the IHP Chairperson or the IHP Secretariat. (For contact details please see www.ihp.nu).

When an alert or request is received a short coordination meeting is initiated within a 0-48 hours' time frame. IHP will immediately indicate the possibilities of providing support and start mobilizing necessary resources for the requested deployment.

Operations

The number of potential deployments exceeds the response capacity of any single IHP member. IHP enables reliable service delivery based on collaborative identification of solutions, pooling of resources, interoperable solutions and a rapid decision making process. IHP's possibility to support is based on case by case basis decisions, given the available resources to address the emergency needs and capacity to respond in terms of funding.

When deploying Experts and Equipment/Support Staff solutions, the IHP staff will work under the requesting organisation's overall management and security arrangements, unless otherwise agreed upon. Equipment solutions are deployed with an IHP Team, headed by an IHP Team Leader, who is responsible for the implementation of the services.

Normally an operation specific agreement, or the equivalent, will be drafted and signed by IHP and the requesting organisation. The agreement outlines the overall framework of the deployment and defines the roles and responsibilities and lines of management.



IHP support solution in Nigeria 2016.

IHP membership and partnerships

The IHP involves member countries with the mandate to respond to emergencies and provide operational support to humanitarian situations. The membership is based on a set of key criteria and principles of cooperation.

- Governmental organisation with a mandate to support humanitarian assistance.
- Complementarity and added value e.g. operational capacity, staff resources, capacity building capability and funding arrangements.
- Compatibility with the purpose, aim and shared collaborative principles of IHP.
- Compatibility with the governing structure, values and working mode under which the IHP collaborates and provides services.
- The capacity and ability to undertake the chairmanship for 1½ year periods.

Emergency management agencies with an interest to join IHP are requested to contact the IHP chair. A familiarization process is conducted with an interested agency to grow common understanding of mandates, capacities, working modes and complementarity of resources. Any new membership is decided jointly among IHP members on a case-by-case basis based on the key criteria.

IHP has several key partners to whom emergency support is provided. IHP has partnerships with, amongst others, the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN World Food Programme (WFP), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Childrens' Fund UNICEF), International Orgazation for Migration (IOM), and the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

In addition, IHP collaborates with organizations with whom joint deployments and trainings are conducted, for example MapAction and the Asian Pacific Humanitarian Partnership (APHP).

Contact

Contact details can be found on the IHP website – www.ihp.nu.



Coordination Center deployed to support the response in the Philippines 2013.



Installation of satellite communications to support the response in the Philippines 2013.

Coordination Support

The aim of the IHP Coordination Support is to enable efficient and effective coordination of relief operations through assisting humanitarian coordination structures to be established.

Coordination Center and RDC

Objective: The main objective with the Coordination Centres (also referred to as On-site Operation and Coordination Centers – OSOCC) and Reception and Departure Centers (RDC) is to improve effectiveness and facilitate coordination of response activities by providing a platform for cooperation, coordination and information management.

Read more: <http://www.unocha.org/what-we-do/coordination-tools/osocc-rdc/overview>

Description: The coordination center concept provides necessary infrastructure for joint offices and workstations. The center may be housed in tents, prefabs or existing buildings, depending on the available resources on-site. The IHP concept includes infrastructure for offices, workspaces, power supply and distribution networks. ICT infrastructure, applications and tools can be included if necessary. The coordination center may be supplemented with specialized support staff to support coordination and information management.

An RDC is established to facilitate and coordinate arrival, transit, and departure of relief assistance. It is most often established in connection at the first port of entry in the affected country, for example at airports. The RDC's primary task is to reduce bottlenecks and ensure efficient transfer of resources, for example through providing situation briefs, logistics advice, contact points etc.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

The aim of the ICT Support solution is to assist humanitarian organisations to carry out operations efficiently and effectively, through providing timely and predictable ICT services. The ICT services supports humanitarian coordination and response, operational security environment for staff, and supports decision making through assisting dissemination of critical information.

ICT Support solution

Objective: The main objective of the ICT Support solution is to establish reliable means of communication and enable efficient information sharing at the onset of an emergency.

Description: The ICT solution provides information and communication technology to support first responder teams, for example an UNDAC team, EU assessment team or equivalent emergency response teams. The solution includes communications, internet access, IT and office services etc. The ICT service may also complement a Reception and Departure Center (RDC), Coordination Centres or offices. The module is accompanied by 2-3 experts who arrange the installation of equipment, ensure maintenance, provides user support, and deliver practical and logistical support.



IHP ICT experts and equipment deployed to the Philippines 2013.

A description of IHP support services

Deployment of Expertise

Each IHP member has a staff roster with a wide range of expertise. The experts can be deployed individually or in teams to provide technical services and advice to emergency operations. An added value is that each member has a “back office” system, to which the experts have access. This means that a full range of expertise and know-how, platforms and guidelines can be used through the experts.

AVAILABLE EXPERTISE

- Logistics
- IT- and telecommunications (ICT)
- CBRN-E
- Engineering and construction
- Water and sanitation
- Information management
- Civil protection
- Emergency management and coordination
- Health
- Administration and finance



IHP base camp hand over, Rohingya refugee response, Bangladesh, 2017–2018.

Equipment/Support Staff Solutions

The Equipment/Support Staff solutions are prepositioned and quickly deployable assets to surge requesting organisations' emergency response capacity. The concept is a combination of specialised equipment and experts specifically trained to manage the equipment and logistics services. This solution is developed with a turn-key approach and is in principle self-sustainable while at the same time being tailored to the individual request and situation.

The four components of a service package are:

- Equipment
- Personnel
- Management and administration
- Logistics

Interoperability enables flexible solutions to be provided in emergencies.

A Equipment/Support Staff solutions are deployed when capacity on-site is limited or existing facilities, capacity and infrastructure are non-existent. They are tailored specifically to fit situational and operational requirements. A deployment may therefore vary in size from two or three staff hand-carrying ICT equipment, to a complete coordination centre or base camp providing all necessary facilities to provide living and working conditions to several hundred humanitarian workers. This service allows the requesting organisation to focus on its core work, while IHP reduces logistical and infrastructural challenges. These IHP Solutions are available within the following categories:

IHP Equipment/Support Staff Solutions

- **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**
Kits with basic ICT infrastructure (for example to support emergency teams such as UNDAC and EU teams).
- **Coordination support**
Coordination centres (coordination facilities for humanitarian coordination, On-site Operation Coordination Centres (OSOCC), Reception and Departure Centers (RDC).
- **Office and Accommodation**
Tented light base camps, tented base camps, prefabricated facilities, and hard-shelter refurbishment.
- **Logistics**
Transport capacity, light vehicles, armoured vehicles and cargo handling equipment.

The IHP Equipment/Support Staff solutions generally includes:

- Designed as tailor made solutions to fit the situation and operational context (including conducting an assessment if time allows).
- Mobilization of resources (funding, equipment and staff) and transport to site.
- Set-up and management of the equipment and services in the field.
- Daily running and maintenance.
- Handover to requesting organization or return to place of origin.

An overall description of these Equipment/Support Staff solutions is outlined below and more detailed information can be found on www.ihp.nu.

Furthermore, each IHP member has specific equipment, which is not generally part of these solutions, but can upon request be provided through the IHP. Such equipment includes emergency shelter, fixed construction or refurbishment of offices and accommodation facilities, water purification, fleet management, CBRN-E, field hospitals and more.



Planning of IHP project together with UNHCR – Nigeria.