

Coordination in Different Contexts

Overview

Coordination in a humanitarian response aims to improve the efficiency of the provision of aid, maximize resources and reduce duplication and inefficiency in service delivery. It is important to ensure that IOM is present in all coordination platforms that are relevant to IOM's operations. This will ensure that IOM maintains partnerships with relevant stakeholders and that information is shared between IOM and other partners. As much as possible, IOM should embed itself in coordination platforms at the national and subnational level for strategic positioning, to facilitate information sharing and to ensure that IOM's response interventions can be developed inline with the overall strategy in country.

While generic coordination structures exist it is important to note that these structures are adapted to the context and thus can vary from one country to another.

This entry aims to provide information on the generic frameworks that can help Country Offices then identify how these generic frameworks have been adapted to the context.

External Coordination Structures that could be in place at the country level

Coordination Platform	Representation from IOM
IASC Humanitarian Coordination Structure	
Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Highest level of coordination, for humanitarian response, at the country level.	Highest representation: Chief of Mission, or lead of Rapid Response Team in the event that the COM has limited experience in humanitarian response and has designated an alternative emergency coordinator. In some instances IOM cluster coordinators may also take part as observers.
Inter-Cluster Working/Coordination Group Meetings (ICWG/ICCG) Platform where cluster leads meet to share information and address cross cutting issues.	IOM staff assuming the role of Cluster Coordinator
Cluster Meetings Platform where operations of a specific cluster are discussed	Programme or Operation Officers that are implementing activities related to the cluster. <i>e.g. Programme Manager/Officer of the Health programme in an IOM mission should sit in the Health cluster meetings.</i>
Pre-Crisis Coordination Structures	
United Nations Country Team (UNCT) Highest level of inter-agency coordination for all development aspects of the UN system at the country level.	Chief of Mission
Security Management Team (SMT) The Security Management Team advises the Designated Official on all security related matters at the duty station.	Chief of Mission
Programme Management Teams (PMT) The forum that provides programmatic guidance for development programmes of the UNCT.	Programme Coordinator or Senior Programme Manager
Operations Management Teams (OMT) The forum that aims to ensure efficient, streamlined and coordinated administrative management system among UNCT members.	Resource Management Officer

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