

# THE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE SYSTEM



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1. What is the International Humanitarian Community and who are the Responders?
2. International humanitarian coordination structures at global and country level
3. Case Study – UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination at the Sri Lanka Floods, 2003



# What is the International Humanitarian Community?

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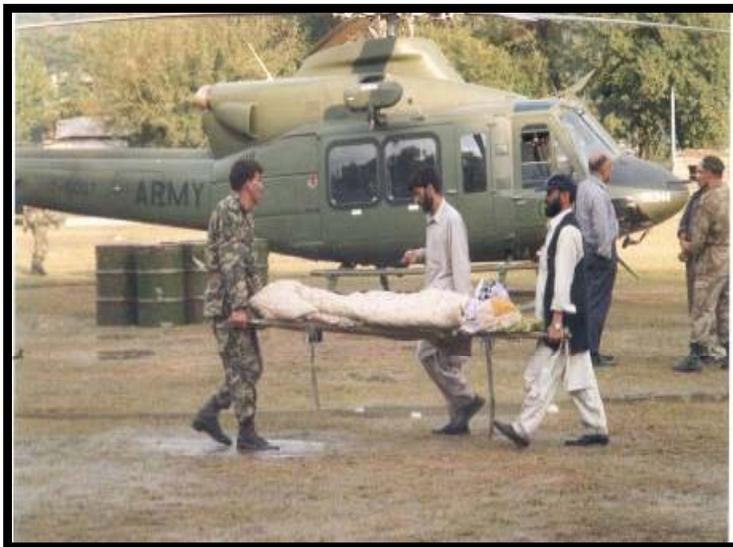
A wide group of civilian actors, national or international, UN or non-UN, Governmental or non-governmental who have a commitment to humanitarian principles and are engaged in humanitarian activities.

- Government /international/regional organizations
- United Nations
- Red Cross/Red Crescent
- NGO & Others
- Private sector
- Local community



# AFFECTED COUNTRY – THE FIRST RESPONDERS

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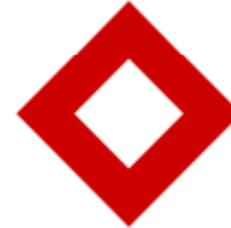
# UN AGENCIES LIKELY TO BE PRESENT – WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, OCHA

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- The world's largest international food aid organization / one of the world's largest logistics organisations.
  - 11,367 international and national staff in 83 offices worldwide.
    - 2015 budget: USD 5.05 billion
  - In 2015 WFP delivered 3.2 million tons of food to over 80 Million people in 82 Countries around the world.
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# RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT



## International Committee RC (ICRC)

Based in Geneva, the ICRC provides protection and assistance for victims of war and armed violence. Promotes international Humanitarian Law

## International Federation RC (IFRC)

Includes 186 national Red Cross/Red Crescent societies.  
Manages or supports programmes in more than 150 countries.  
These programmes assist millions of the world's most vulnerable people, including victims of natural and other disasters, refugees and displaced people and those affected by socio-economic problems

# NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ( NGOs)



World Vision



**Save the Children**



# BILATERAL/ MULTILATERAL DONORS/PRIVATE SECTOR

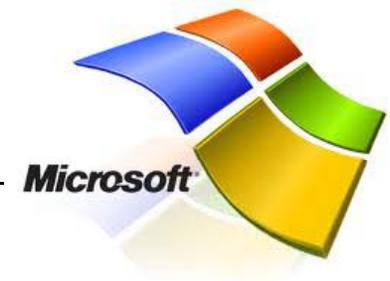
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Humanitarian Aid



# REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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# MILITARY FORCES

## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE: Foreign Military Deployed Assets (as of 04 May 2015)



### OVERVIEW

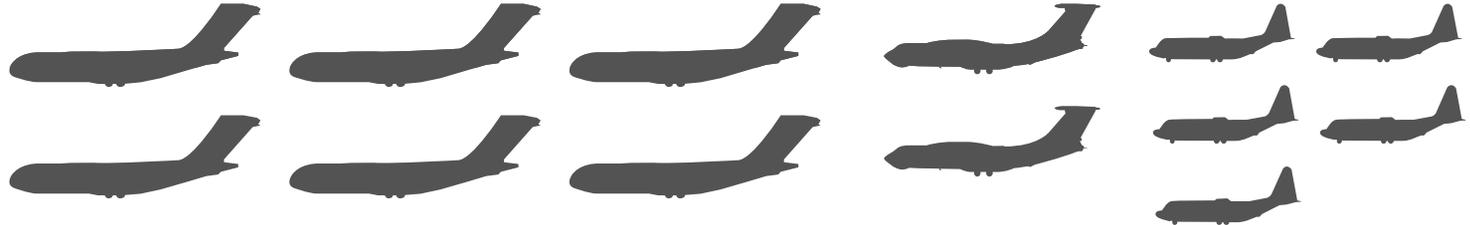
The Multi-National Military Coordination Centre (MNMCC) is coordinating all foreign military assets through daily meetings. The Nepalese Army has appointed a dedicated liaison officer from the MNMCC to the National Emergency Operations Centre of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Humanitarian-Military Operations Coordination Centre (HuMOCC) was established to provide the physical space dedicated to facilitating the interface between humanitarian and military actors.



**INDIA**

**13 military aircraft\*** large military transport aircraft C-17, Ilyushin Il-76 (IL-76), C-130



**12 military helicopters** 8 x medium twin-turbine transport helicopter (MI17), 4 x advanced light hHelicopter (ALH)



\*Data unavailable on number of aircraft types



**CHINA**

3 x IL-76 aircraft



3 x MI17 helicopters



**PAKISTAN**

4 x Lockheed C-130 Hercules (C-130)



**USA**

1 x C-17 Globemaster III



4x V-22 Osprey multi-mission tiltrotor aircraft



1 x UH-1 helicopter



**UNITED KINGDOM**

1 x C130 aircraft



3 x Boeing CH-47 Chinook (CH47)



**RUSSIA**

2 x Ilyushin IL-76 aircraft



**CANADA**

3 x CH-46 Griffon helicopters



**SRI LANKA**

1 x C-130 aircraft



**BANGLADESH**

1 x C-130 aircraft



Creation date: 04 May 2015

Data source: UNDAC

Feedback: cmcoordnepal@gmail.com

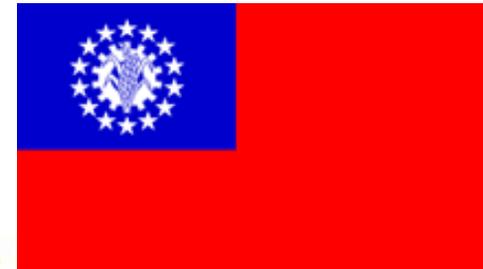
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# CYCLONE NARGIS – MYANMAR 2008

Indian Army  
Chinese Army



[www.hopeww.org](http://www.hopeww.org)



UNHCR  
UNICEF  
WFP  
UNDP  
UNFPA  
UNODC  
ILO  
UNESCO  
WHO  
WORLD BANK



# TENETS OF INTERNATIONAL NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE

- All International Assistance is in support of National Authorities - on request
- The UN General Assembly has mandated the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) who is also Under Secretary General OCHA to coordinate International Response
- Bilateral Assistance predominates



# EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR

Mark Lowcock



General Assembly Resolution 46/182, December 1991

- **United Nations' USG for Humanitarian Affairs, Head of OCHA**
  - Processes requests from Member States for emergency aid
  - Collects and analyses early warning information and inter-agency needs assessments
  - Prepares situation reports for the international community
    - Mobilizes international emergency relief
    - Negotiates access to populations in need of assistance
      - **Chairs the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)**
- **Manages world-wide network of Humanitarian Coordinators**



# RESPONSE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO OCHA

24 hours Duty system

- Appeals

- Emergency Cash Grants

- Environmental Emergency Section

- UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC)
- OSOCC
- International Urban SAR Teams
- National Military Assets
- Cluster System



# INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

## INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE (IASC)

**IASC** Inter-Agency  
Standing Committee

Chaired by USG OCHA, Mark Lowcock



**OCHA**  
**UNICEF** (UN  
Children's Fund)  
**WFP** (World Food  
Programme)  
**WHO** (World  
Health Org.)  
**FAO** (Food &  
Agriculture Org.)

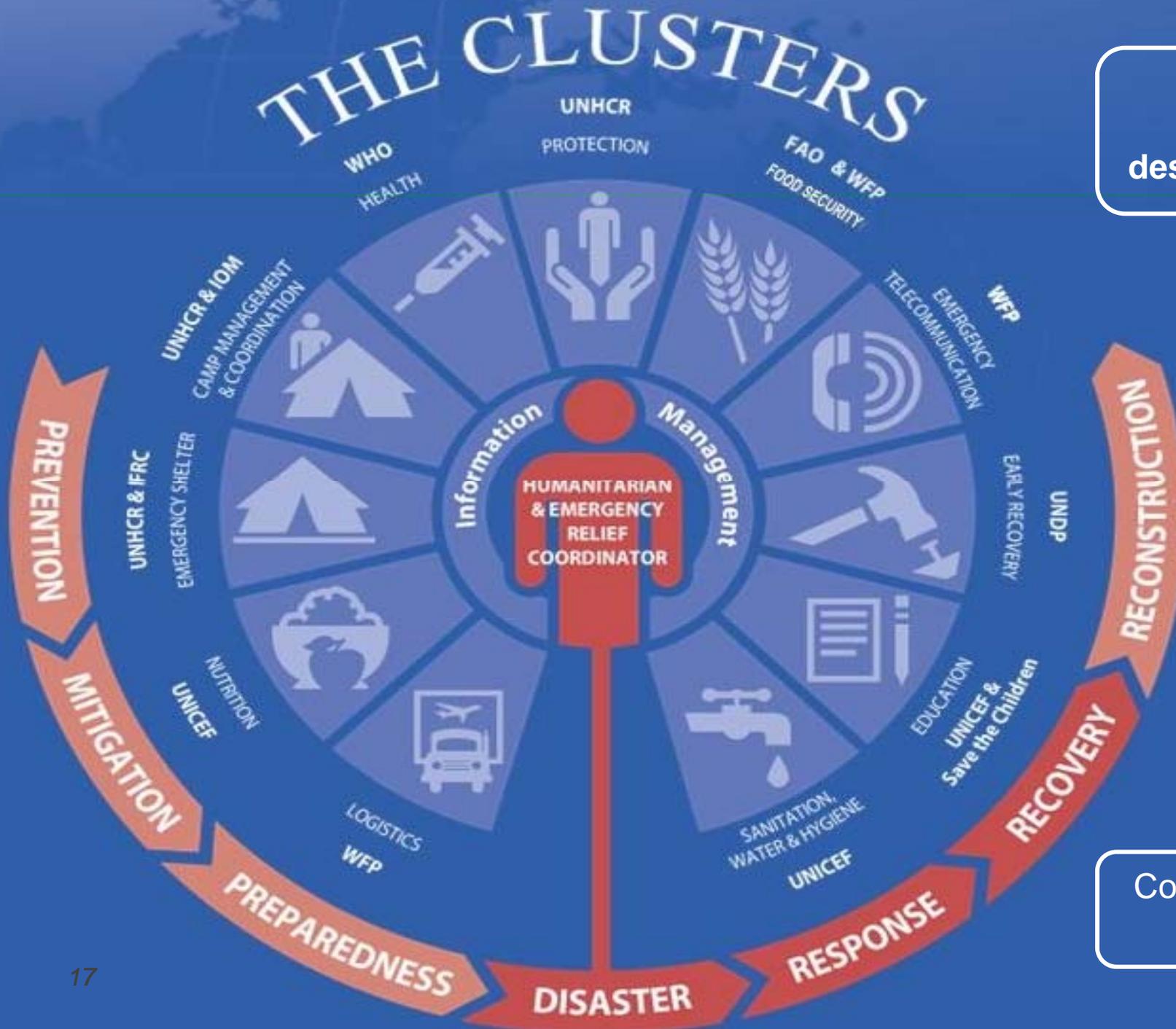
**UNHCR** (UN  
Refugee Agency)  
**UNFPA** (UN  
Population Fund)  
**OHCHR** (UN  
Human Rights  
Agency)

**NGOs incl.**  
**Interaction** (US-based)  
**SCHR** (Steering Committee on  
Humanitarian Response)  
**ICVA** (Intl. Council of Voluntary  
Agencies)

**Red Cross Movement**  
**ICRC** (Intl. Committee)  
**IFRC** (Intl. Federation)

**IOM** (International Org. for Migration)  
**World Bank** & other International Financial Institutions (IFI)

# SECTORAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE - CLUSTERS



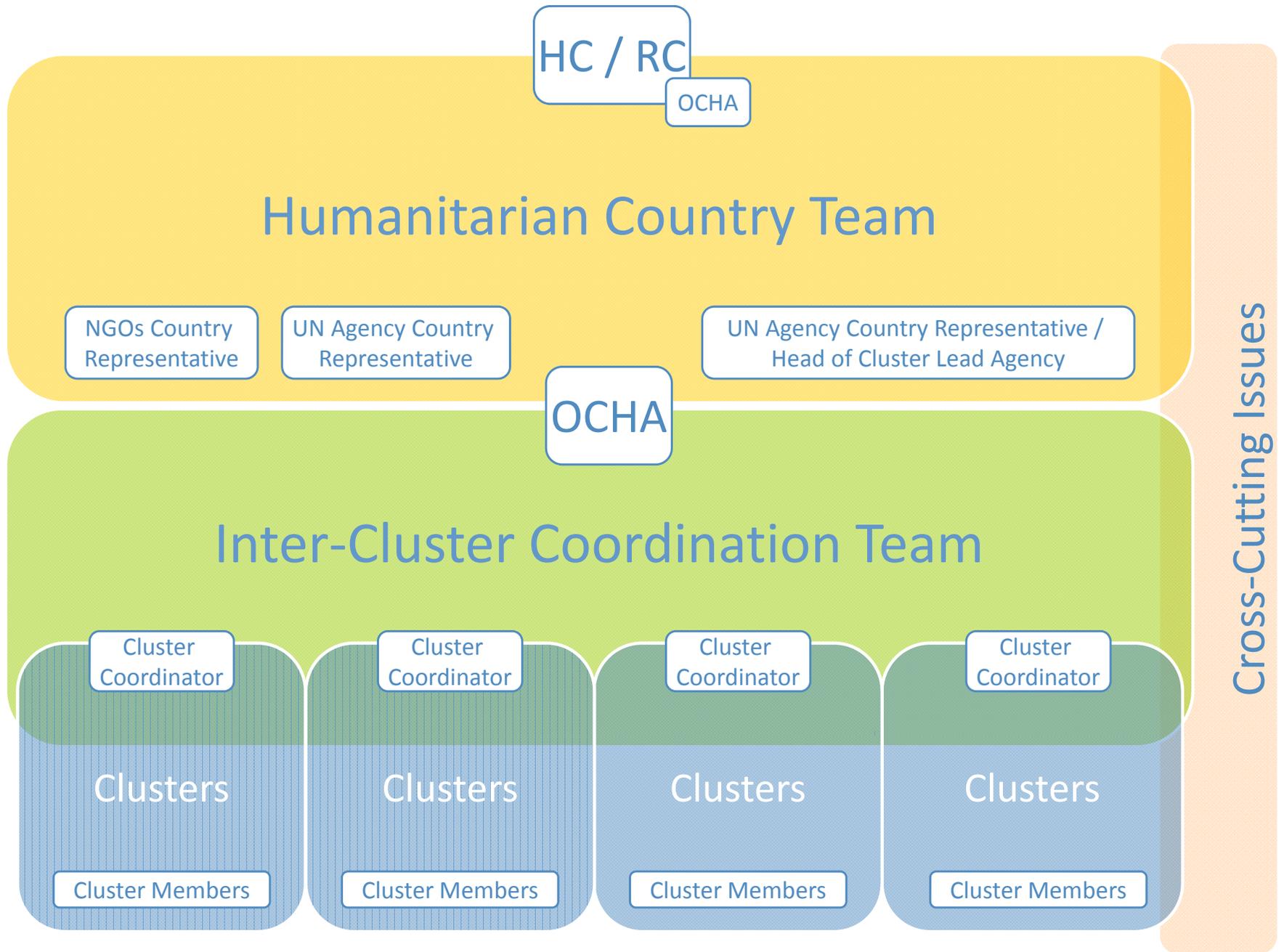
The Cluster Approach is designed to provide:

Predictability, Accountability and Partnership in all response sectors

Better support for national-led response tools

Common standards and tools

# HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION – COUNTRY LEVEL



An aerial photograph showing a vast area of flooding in Sri Lanka. The water is a muddy brown color, inundating large sections of green land. In the background, a long dam structure spans across the landscape. The foreground shows a dense forest of palm trees and other vegetation, partially submerged in water. The overall scene depicts the aftermath of a significant flood event.

**UNDAC MISSION FOR THE SRI LANKA FLOOD**

**20 –31 MAY 2003**



# THE UNDAC TEAM



- Arjun Katoch, OCHA Geneva ( Team Leader)
- Terje Skavdal, Norway
- Gilbert Greenall, UK
- Eliane Provo Kluit, Netherlands
- Goder Yohannes, UNDP Geneva



# UNDAC - ACTIONS ON ARRIVAL

- Arrival In Country
- Initial Actions
  - National Coordination meeting
  - Meeting the UN Res Coord
  - Discussions with the Govt
- Allocation of tasks to UNDAC team
  - Assist Govt in establishing coord structure
  - Support Govt assessment of needs
  - Link to rehabilitation



# SUPPORTING ASSESSMENT AND GOVT REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Field Assessment
  - 22 May - Galle & Matara districts
  - 23 May – Galle, Matara, Kalutara districts
  - 24 May- Matara & Hamabantota districts, Morwaka town
  - 24 May - Ratnapura district
- Supporting the initial assessment and Govt request for international assistance





# INTERACTION WITH THE GOVT

- Minister for Power & Energy and Minister for Social Welfare
- Assisted in establishing Coordination structure
- The Sri Lankan Armed Forces
- The Operations Room, Prime Minister's Office , Colombo
- District Government Agents
- Encouraged intl NGOs to coordinate with district authorities
- Assisted Govt to prepare for Coordination briefings
- Assisted Govt prepare request for international assistance





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# SUPPORTING THE COORDINATION STRUCTURE

- National Coordination meetings ( incl weather forecast)
- Sectoral meetings
  - Water and sanitation
  - Health
  - Education
- Integration of the Operations Room
  - Civil administration
  - Army
  - International entities
- UNVs in Districts



# COORDINATION MEETING 28 MAY AGENDA

- **Weather forecast**
- **Minister's overview of emergency**
- **Relief activities to date**
  - National response
  - International response
- **Reports from affected districts**
  - Ratnapura
  - Galle
  - Matara
  - Kalutara
  - Hambantota
- **Report from sectoral groups**
  - Water and sanitation
  - Health
- **Announcements**





*Government of Sri Lanka*

*Floods May 2003*

*Request for Assistance*



## *The Document covers :-*

- ❖ Information on the five worst hit districts – Galle, Ratnapura, Kalutara, Matara & Hambantota

Sectors :

- ❖ Health , Water & Sanitation
- ❖ Relief to IDPs
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Infrastructure rehabilitation
- ❖ Irrigation
- ❖ Disaster Management & Preparedness

# THE HANDOVER

- To Government entities
  - Coordination meetings preparation
  - Draft Govt document for request for international assistance
- To the UN Country Team
  - International contact desk at operations room
  - Sectoral follow up
  - A handover document

