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**CLUSTER APPROACH**

The aim of the cluster approach is to strengthen partnerships and ensure more predictability and accountability in international responses to humanitarian emergencies, by clarifying the division of labour among organisations and better defining their roles and responsibilities within the key sectors of the response.

Cluster leads have been appointed to facilitate the work of the clusters, each of which include a large number of NGOs and UN agencies with relevant expertise and capacity. The full list of participants is available on the humanitarian reform website.

**CLUSTERS IN ACTION**
*www.humanitarianreform.org*

**KEY TOOLS**
The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS): www.gdacs.org
The Financial Tracking System (FTS): www.reliefweb.int/fts/
The Humanitarian portal ReliefWeb: www.reliefweb.int
Who Does What Where (3W): http://3w.unocha.org
The Consolidated Appeal: http://humanitarianappeal.net
The Inter-Agency Standing Committee: http://humanitarianinfo.org/iasc/
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KEY ACTORS

The United Nations General Assembly has established the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to assist governments in mobilizing international assistance when the scale of the disaster exceeds the national capacity. OCHA manages a number of tools to facilitate coordination of multiple actors and resources. In particular it chairs a forum of the most experienced relief agencies and prepares common humanitarian action plans and joint appeals with them.

HOW CAN I HELP?

DONATE CASH.
- To the UN global pooled fund for emergencies, the CERF - http://cerf.un.org
- To humanitarian organizations which are presenting their requirements in consolidated appeals: http://humanitarianappeal.net
- To the affected government.
- To the beneficiaries directly.

Cash is Best: it is easy to transport and allows relief agencies to purchase exactly what the victims need immediately.

DONATE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
- Corporate Collective Action through the World Economic Forum Humanitarian Relief Initiative. It facilitates partnerships where companies engage in standby resource commitment to the humanitarian clusters.
- Bilateral partnerships with relief agencies

OTHER WAYS TO HELP?

REPORT YOUR CASH DONATIONS
- Report your cash and in-kind contributions to the United Nations at fts@reliefweb.int. The UN maintains a global humanitarian aid database accessible to the public to help you make your funding decisions.

PROMOTE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
- The Business Roundtable’s Partnership for Disaster Response provides useful tools to help you protect your business operations and employees.

LEARN
- For more details, visit our online business guide: http://ochaonline.un.org/businesscontributions