



# *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*

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Military and Civil Defence Unit (MCDU)*





# United Nations Offices





# *United Nations System*

## *6 Principal Organs of the United Nations*

<b>International Court of Justice</b>	<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>Economic and Social Council</b>	<b>Security Council</b>	<b>Trusteeship Council</b>	<b>Secretariat</b>
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*More than 50 Agencies, Programs, Funds  
and other entities*





# *United Nations Development Program Early Warning and Preventative Measures Process*

- 1. Analyse key causes***
- 2. Prioritise sectors***
- 3. Define specific operational objectives***
- 4. Identify potential preventive measures***
- 5. Assess UN comparative advantage***
- 6. Determine required combination of measures***
- 7. Integrate agency participation***
- 8. Coordinate operational implementation***
- 9. Monitor actions and determine exit criteria***





## Secretariat

**OSG**

Office for the Secretary General

**OIOS**

Office of Internal Oversight Services

**OLA**

Office of Legal Affairs

**DPA**

Department of Political Affairs

**DDA**

Department for Disarmament Affairs

**DPKO**

Department of Peacekeeping Operations

**OCHA**

Office for the Coordination of  
Humanitarian Affairs

**DESA**

Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**DGAACS**

Department of General Assembly Affairs  
and Conference Services

**DPI**

Department of Public Information

**DM**

Department of Management

**UNSECOORD**

Office for the United Nations Security  
Coordinator

**UNOG**

United Nations Office at Geneva

**UNOV**

United Nations Office at Vienna

**UNON**

United Nations Office at Nairobi



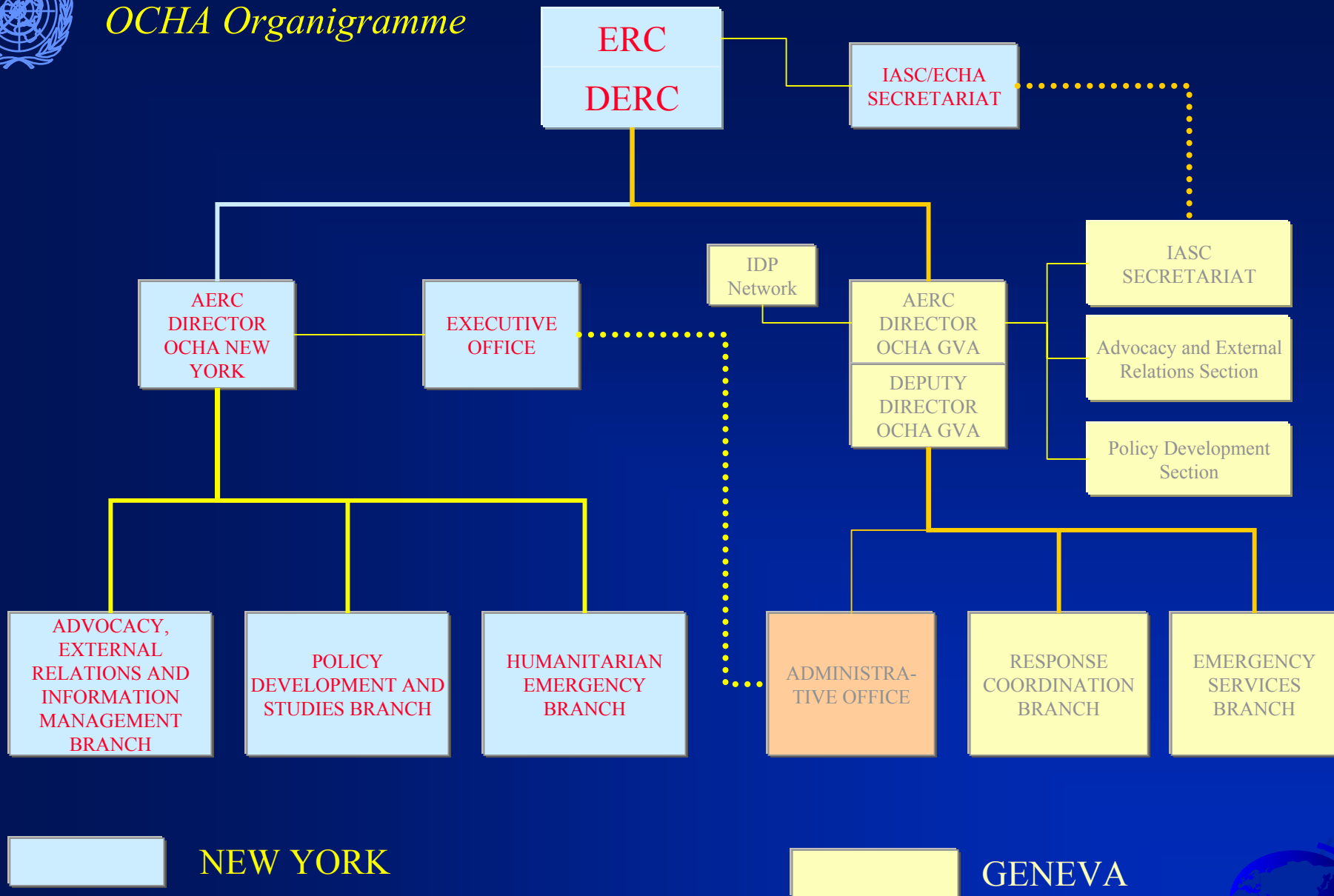
## **OCHA Mission Statement:**

*OCHA's mission is to mobilise and **coordinate** the collective efforts of the international community, in particular those of the UN system, to meet in a coherent and timely manner the needs of those exposed to human suffering or material destruction in disasters and emergencies. This involves reducing vulnerability, promoting solutions to root causes, and facilitating the smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation and development.*





# OCHA Organigramme



NEW YORK

GENEVA

*Emergency Services Branch / OCHA Geneva*



# Regional Desks

- 👁 The Regional Desks are the core of the response system.
- 👁 The primary function of RCB Regional Desks is the management of OCHA's Emergency Response System







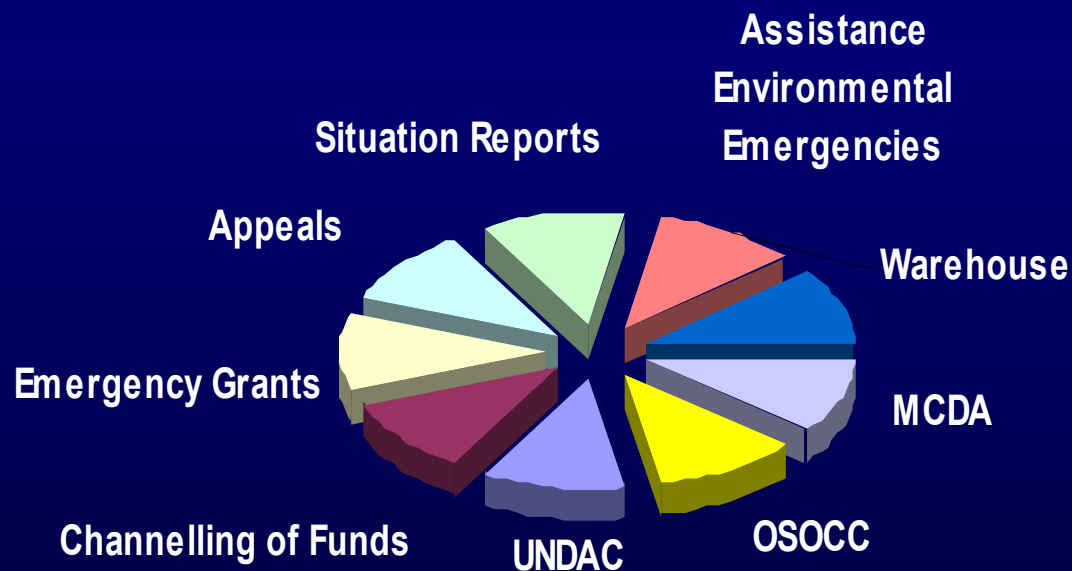
# Regional Desks





# RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

## OCHA Tools





**Need for Assistance**

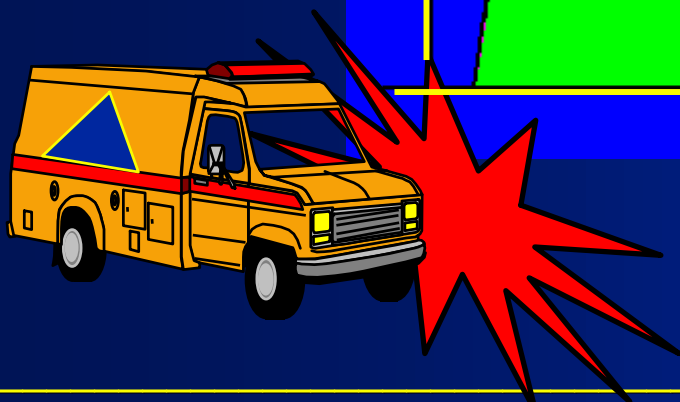


Military and Civil Defence Assets

“Normal” Disaster Relief

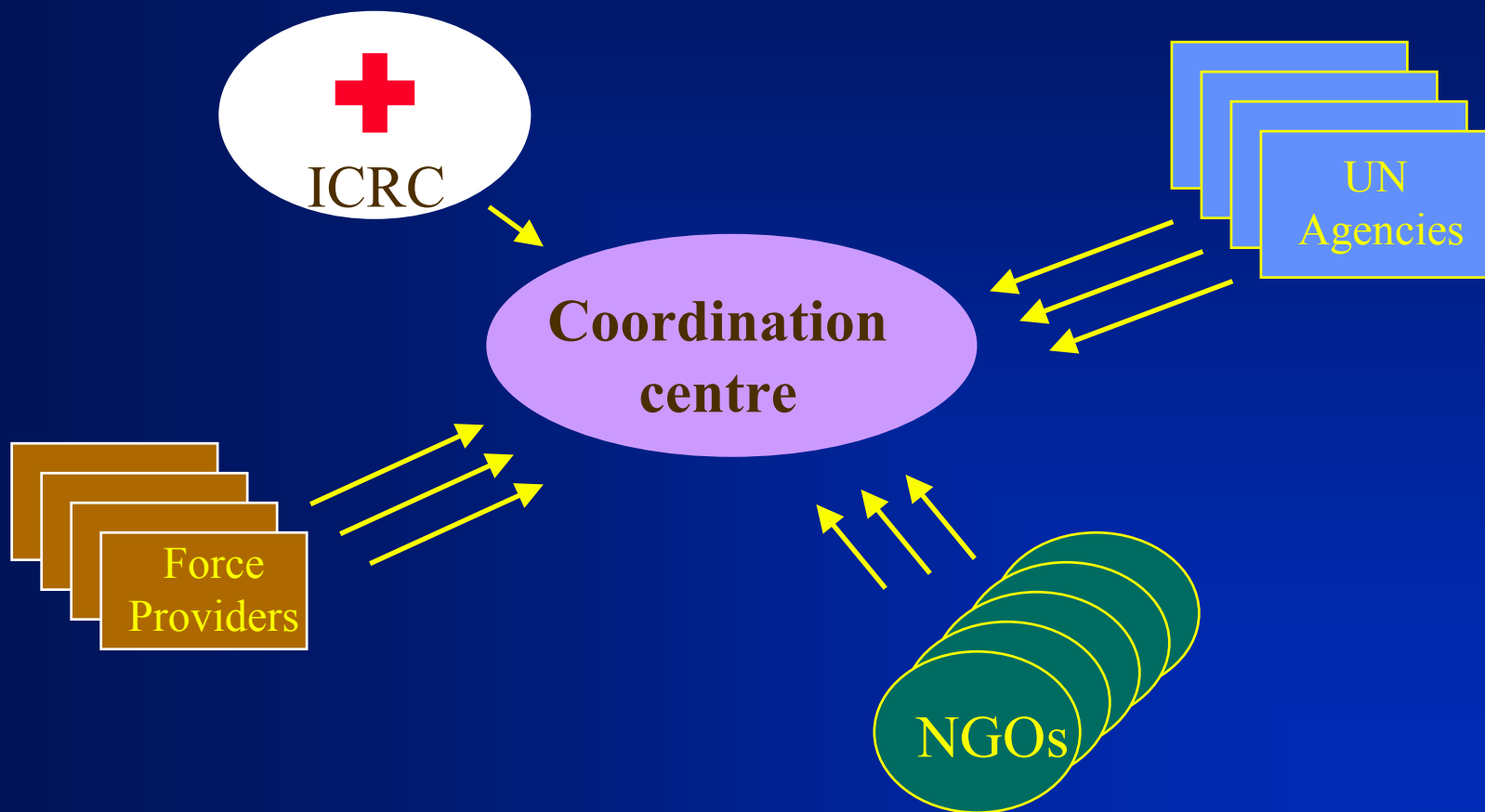
Reconstruction

Time





# A model for coordination?





# The Duty System

- Operational 24 hours/day,  
365 days/year
- Emergency telephone no.:

**(+41-22) 917 20 10**





# The Desks Alert and Mobilize the International Community

*Situation reports sent by fax to more than 600 addressees*





# For More Information...

- [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int) →
- OCHA online →
- Emergency Response and Relief Coordination





# Summary

- OCHA is a department in the UN Secretariat
- New York and Geneva presence
- Regional Desks are the core of the disaster response system, with assistance from support services (MCDU, LTU, FCSS)
- 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week readiness system







**THANK YOU**



