

Quick Guide to Crises and Humanitarian Responses:

Want to know how the United Nations is responding to a specific crisis? Here are some sources of information.



Department of Peacekeeping

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/index.asp>

DPKO provides background on peacekeeping operations. The list titled “current missions” connects to specific current peacekeeping mission websites, which include mandate and leadership details. Information is also available on past missions.

Political and Peacebuilding Missions

<http://www.un.org/peace/ppbm.pdf>

These missions take on many different roles and are used before and after Peacekeeping Missions. This document is updated frequently and is in pdf format (which requires Adobe Acrobat to open).

UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

<http://www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home>

World Food Programme

<http://www.wfp.org/>

Consolidated Appeal Process for Crises

<http://www.un.org/depts/ocha/cap/>

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) works with UN agencies and non-governmental organizations to create a consolidated appeal to crisis situations.

Relief Web

<http://www.reliefweb.int/>

Relief Web links most of the major humanitarian agencies in the world and provides coverage of different situations, including news background. It is administered by OCHA and has good maps and analysis.

UN News Center

<http://www.un.org/News/>

The News Centre usually has good information about different world situations. The stories are written by UN staff, and provide links to further information.