

The OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data is focused on increasing the use and impact of data in humanitarian response.

Our vision

We want to create a future where everyone involved in a humanitarian response can access the data they need, when and how they need it, to make informed and responsible decisions.

Our workstreams



DATA SERVICES

We manage the **Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX)**, OCHA's open platform for sharing data across crises and organizations. We promote data standards such as the **Humanitarian Exchange Language** and the **International Aid Transparency Initiative**.



DATA RESPONSIBILITY

We develop **guidance and processes for managing sensitive data** in a safe, ethical and effective way. We coordinate global inter-agency forums to increase awareness and adoption of responsible data practices in the humanitarian sector.



DATA LITERACY

We offer **in-person and remote training opportunities** to improve the data skills and expertise of humanitarian workers in technical and non-technical roles.



PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

We **develop and evaluate predictive models** to support anticipatory action in humanitarian crises. We manage a peer review process to ensure models can be understood and trusted by all stakeholders.

Our priorities in 2021 and 2022

- Closing data gaps in priority humanitarian operations. According to our latest **State of Open Humanitarian Data** report, we estimate that just 50% of relevant, complete data is available across 27 locations with humanitarian crises.
- **Developing trigger mechanisms** to support OCHA's anticipatory action pilots in over ten countries.
- Helping OCHA offices to create response-wide information sharing protocols in line with the **IASC Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action**.
- Promoting **data visualization guidelines** and **offering training courses** to make your data work easier.

Our locations

The Centre is based in the Netherlands in **The Hague Humanity Hub**, a co-working space for organizations focused on social impact. The Centre has a small number of staff in The Hague and is further supported by geographically-distributed teams in Dakar, Jakarta, Nairobi, Geneva and New York, among other locations.

The Centre will help humanitarians to make informed and responsible decisions to meet people's most urgent needs.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Contact us

We are here to help! **Let us know** how we can support your data work. We offer free services to the humanitarian community ranging from data cleaning to assessing disclosure risk of sensitive data or creating custom data visualizations.

Get involved



Visit **HDX** to find and use humanitarian data, or **sign up for an account** to make your organization's data accessible to partners around the world.



Support the technical and ethical review of predictive models by **joining our reviewer pool**.



Apply to our **Data Fellows Programme** which takes place in June and July each year.