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 humanitarians 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 2022

- Closing data gaps in priority humanitarian operations. According to our latest State of Open Humanitarian Data report, we estimate that 69% 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 OCHA Data Responsibility Guidelines.
- 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, Bangkok, 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.