

## IOM Classification of Level 1 and Level 2 Emergencies

The following provides the Organization's definitions for Level 1 and Level 2 emergencies, as well as general roles and responsibilities of the IOM Country Office (CO), Regional Office (RO), and Headquarters (HQ), for each respective emergency. For Level 3 emergency classification, please refer to the L3 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

<b>Level 1 Emergency:</b> National Emergency Response where IOM Country Office can respond to the crisis counting on its own staff, funding or fundraising mechanisms, along with usual support from the RO and HQ. Any CO with an active emergency response portfolio is in effect at de facto L1 response status unless otherwise officially communicated that it has been elevated to a higher level of institutional involvement. There is no formal declaration of a Level 1 emergency, as such framework does not entail a variation in reporting lines and management responsibilities from normal practice.		
<b>CO Responsibilities</b>	<b>RO Responsibilities</b>	<b>HQ Responsibilities</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide leadership to the emergency response and, if activated, those clusters IOM may lead on the ground, with particular focus on CCCM.</li><li>2. Coordinate the collection, analysis and dissemination of essential information on human mobility/displacement risks, needs and response.</li><li>3. Provide technical expertise appropriate to the needs of the emergency.</li><li>4. Provide internal and external situation reports on a timely basis (to be determined between CO and RO).</li><li>5. Ensure sufficient enabling function capacity (e.g. administration, logistics, finance &amp; grant management) to achieve them.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide technical support to the CO through an appointed Focal Point (usually the DOE Regional Thematic Specialist).</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide back-up technical support to the CO and RO, depending on requirements.</li></ol>

**Level 2 Emergency:** corresponds to either of two potential scenarios:

1. Regional Emergency Response where the scale and nature of IOM's response needs are such that the CO is not in a position to respond adequately within its existing resources and capacity thereby requiring support from other parts of the Organization (RO, HQ, other COs)<sup>1</sup>;
2. The nature and scope of forced displacement resulting from the disaster or conflict is such that there must be a regional dimension to the IOM emergency response, which cannot be handled entirely within the bounds of a single CO, regardless of the strength of its resources and capacities<sup>2</sup>.

In L2 emergencies, the concerned RO is expected to lead the coordination of the emergency response. Some of the mechanisms that are in place for a Level 3 emergency response, such as the mobilization of the Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM), the establishment of a dedicated Emergency Management Team (EMT) and the deployment of a Rapid Response Team (RRT), can be activated for L2s based on the specific needs of the affected CO(s), but there is no change in reporting lines.

L2 emergencies are subject to a formal declaration by the DG, upon advice from the Director of DOE and in coordination with the concerned Regional Director, via staff advisory. L2 emergencies are in principle activated for 3-month periods, subject to extensions.

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<sup>1</sup> Examples would include IOM's response to the floods in Malawi and to Tropical Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, both locations with limited IOM presence and emergency response expertise prior to the onset of the disaster. It would also likely apply to IOM's response to the recent earthquake in Nepal, a disaster of such a scale that the mission could not be expected to mount a full response within existing resources, necessitating significant remote support from both the RO and HQ.

<sup>2</sup> Examples of Level 2 emergency in this instance would include the emergency response to Libya in 2014 and the Nigeria crisis in 2014, where both emergencies had large scale displacement affecting the region.

<p>basis (to be determined between CO and RO).</p> <p>5. Ensure sufficient enabling function capacity (e.g. administration, logistics, finance &amp; grant management) to achieve them.</p>	<p>reprogramming) resources at regional level.</p> <p>6. Manage and report on projects/grants passing through RO.</p>	
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