



# The Humanitarian Programme Cycle

Improving the delivery of aid through a better joint response

IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee

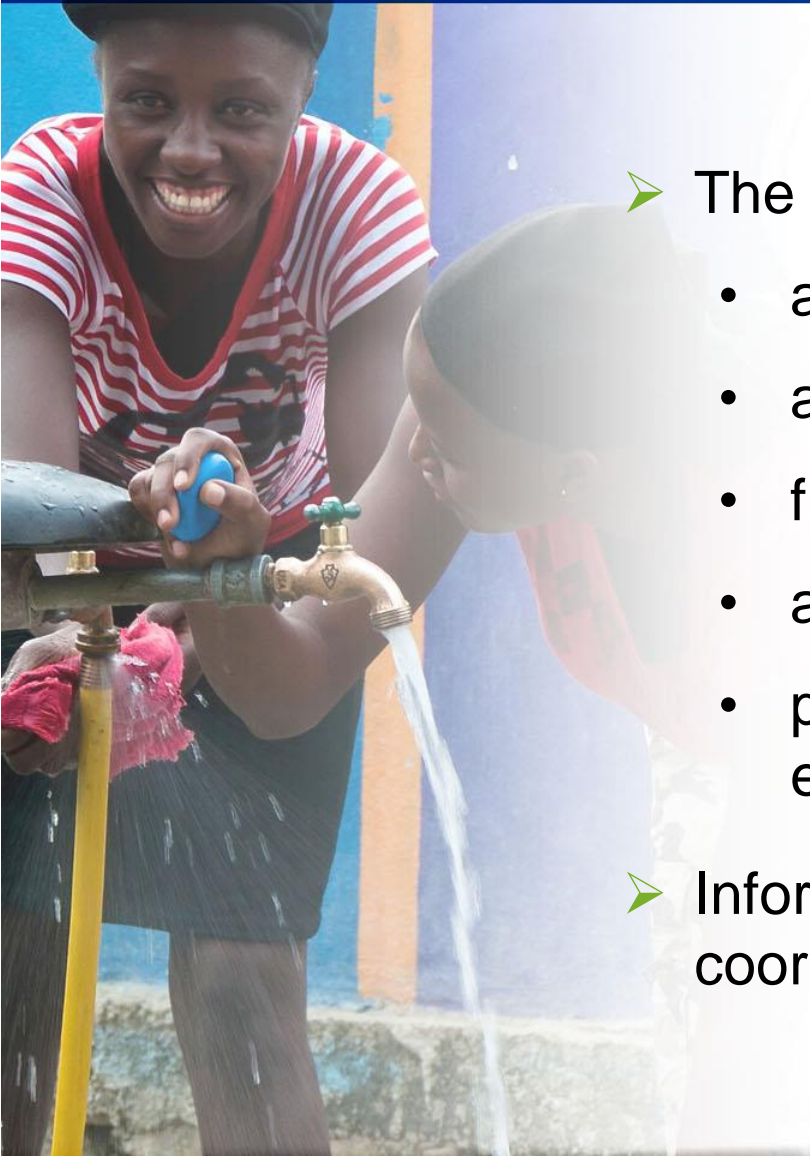


# Session Objectives



- Familiarise with the purpose of the humanitarian programme cycle and its distinct steps
- Appreciate that humanitarian coordination and information management are the essential enablers of the humanitarian programme cycle

# Key Messages



- The humanitarian programme cycle:
  - achieves collective results
  - a more focused way of working
  - flexibility to adapt
  - an inclusive strategic process
  - plan based on joint analysis and evidence
- Information management and humanitarian coordination are the enablers for the HPC

# Accountability for collective results

## The Three Pillars of the Transformative Agenda

Leadership



Coordination

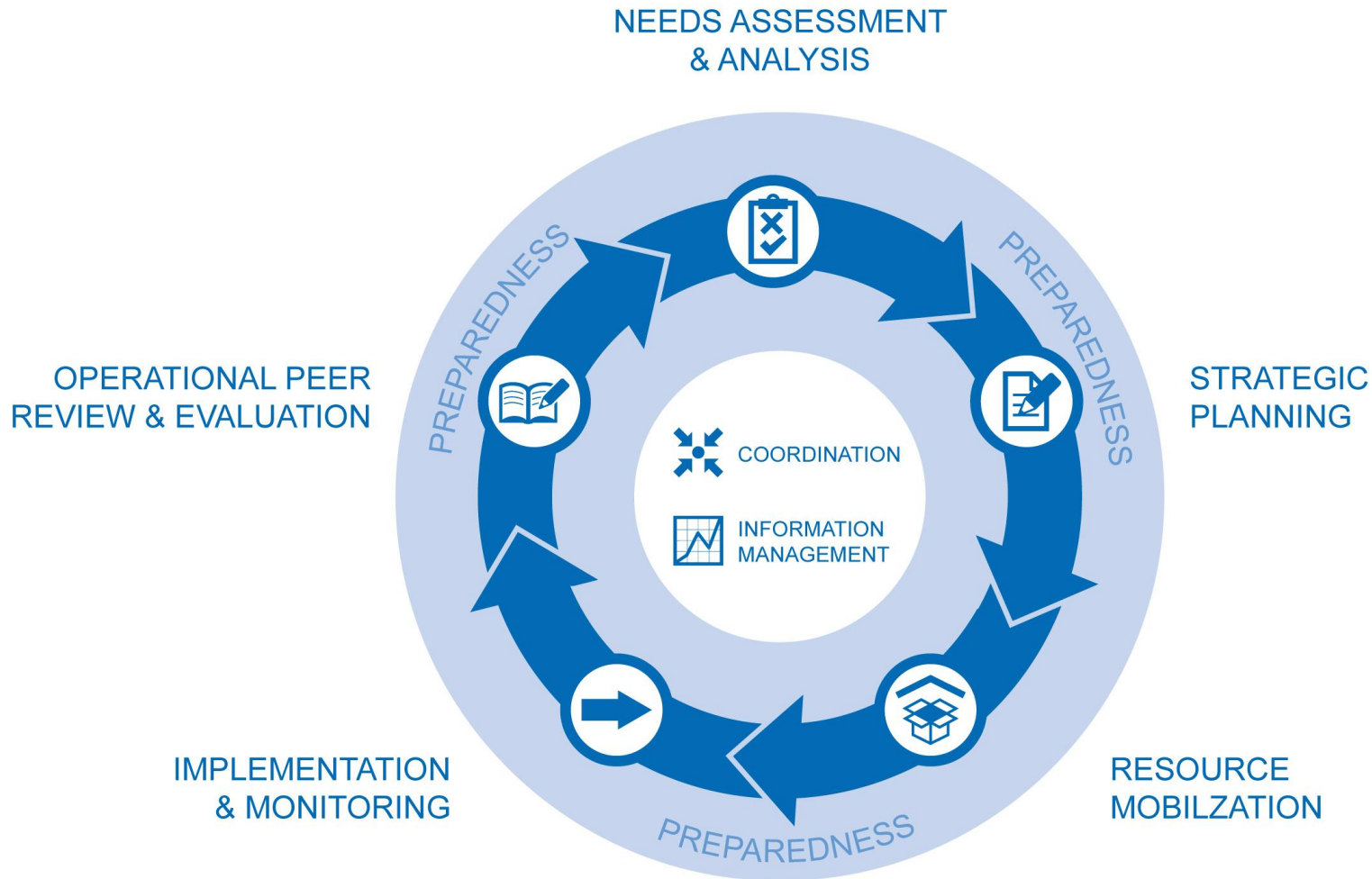


Accountability



Common humanitarian  
programme cycle to  
achieve collective results

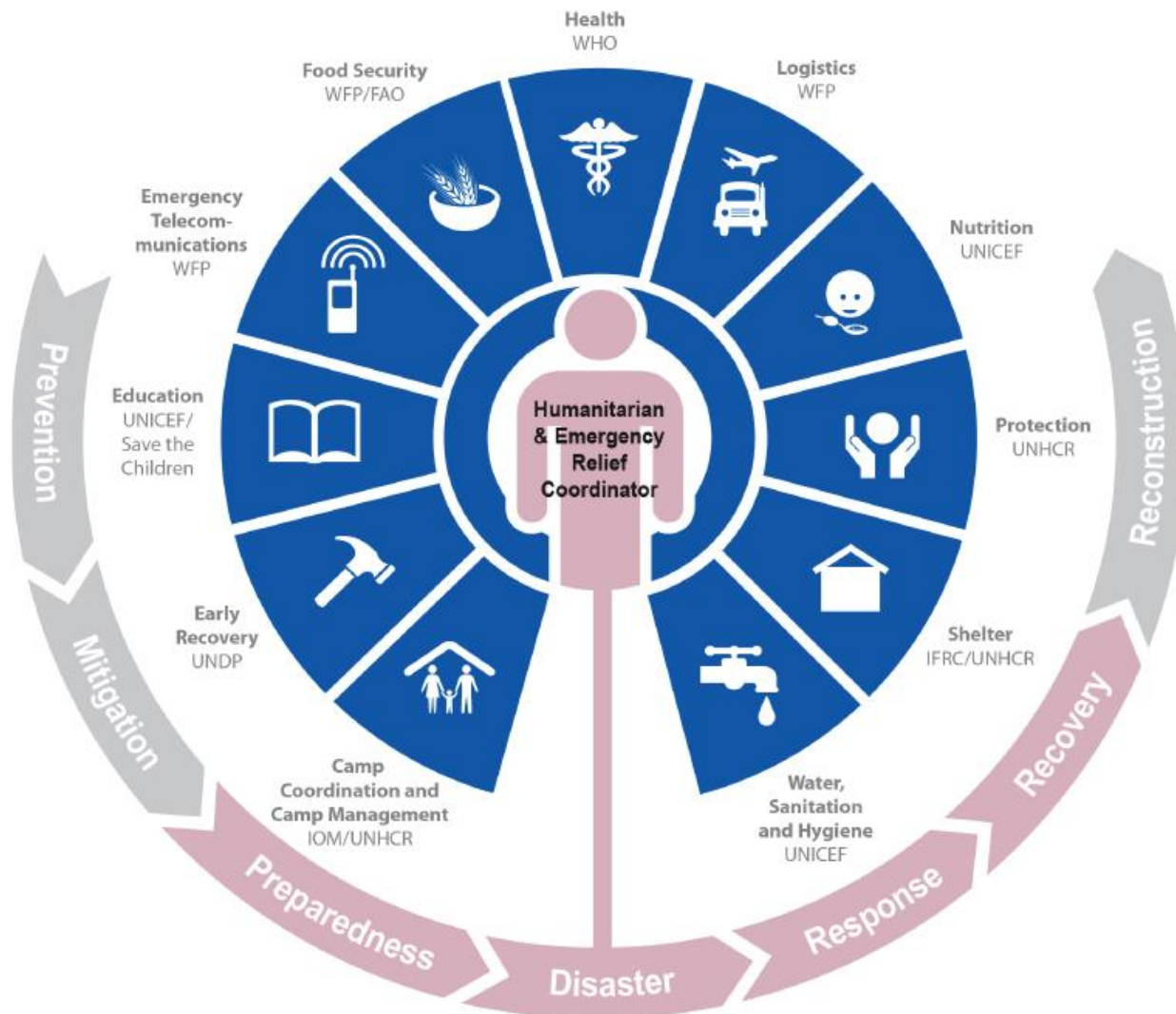
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# Humanitarian Coordination at Field Level

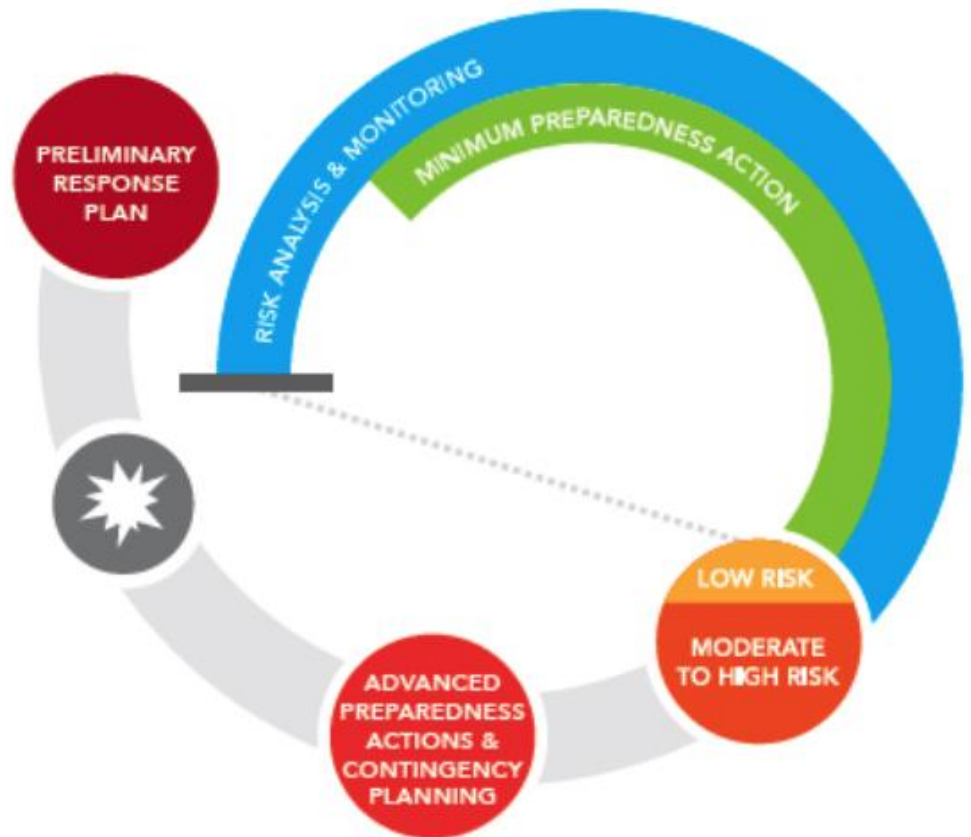


# The Cluster System





# Preparedness







# Joint Needs Assessment and Analysis

*A coordinated approach with a joint analysis which forms the evidence base for response planning*

- Assessments are planned and carried out by humanitarian actors in partnership to identify the needs of the affected population
- Document a consensus and shared understanding on priority needs
- Output of inter-agency/cluster process which collectively analysis existing humanitarian needs is the **Humanitarian Needs Overview**
- Following new rapid-onset emergencies a joint multi-cluster needs assessment may be undertaken, e.g. MIRA





# Humanitarian Response Planning

## A shared vision: What we are trying to achieve and how

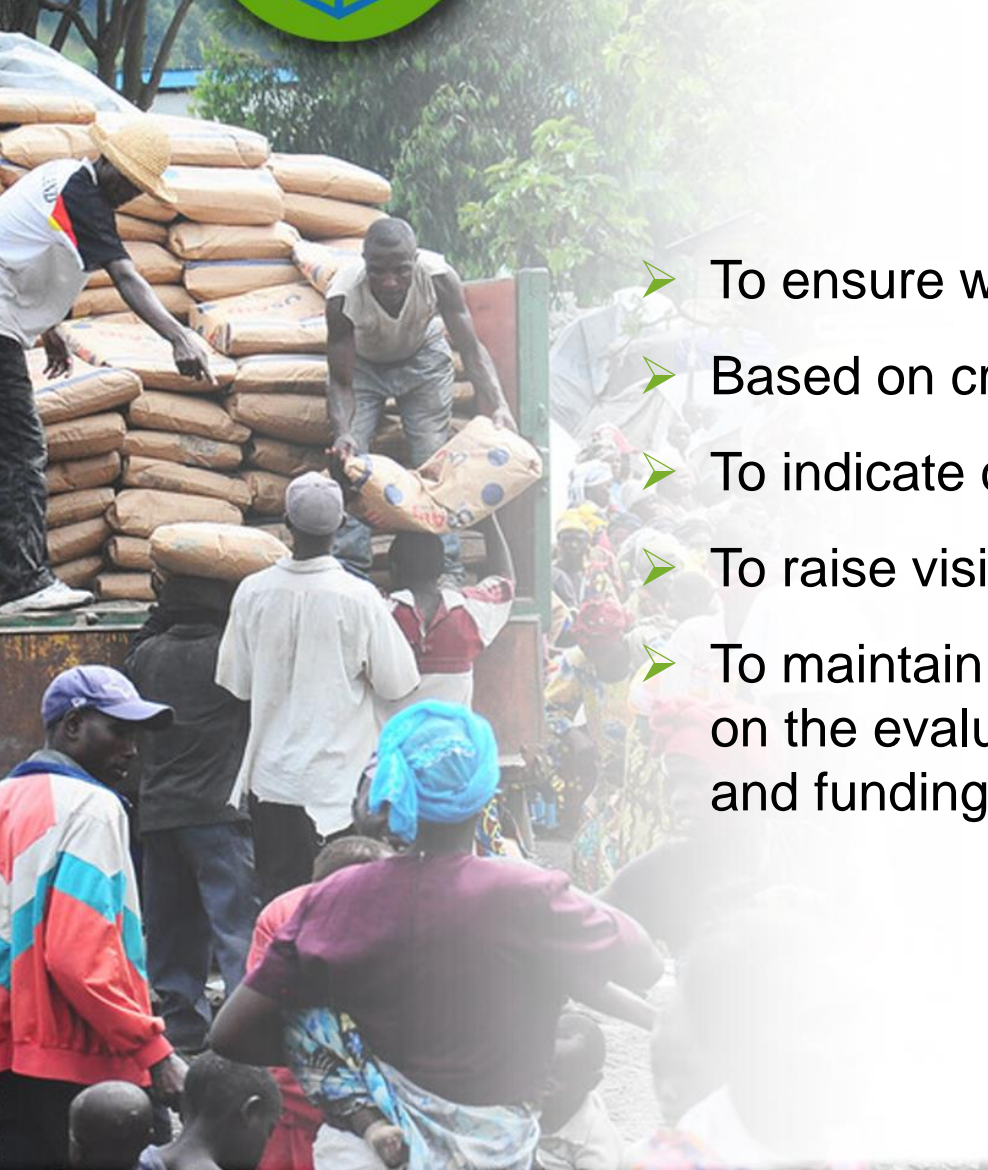


- Strategic objectives: what are we going to do to address agreed priority needs?
- Scope/boundaries defined (what are we not going to do?)
- Priorities within the plan: tough decisions
- 2 parts: country strategy & cluster activities
- Informs individual organisation's programming



# Resource Mobilization

- To ensure well-funded activities
- Based on credible assessment & analysis
- To indicate collective funding priorities
- To raise visibility of a crisis
- To maintain on-going dialogue with donors on the evaluation of needs, results achieved and funding received



# Joint Response Monitoring

***A tool for the HC and HCT to:***  
**‘Identify if the humanitarian community has done what it committed to do in the strategic response plan, and if not, why, and what should be done to address those shortcomings’.**

**Response Monitoring tracks inputs, outputs and outcomes.**



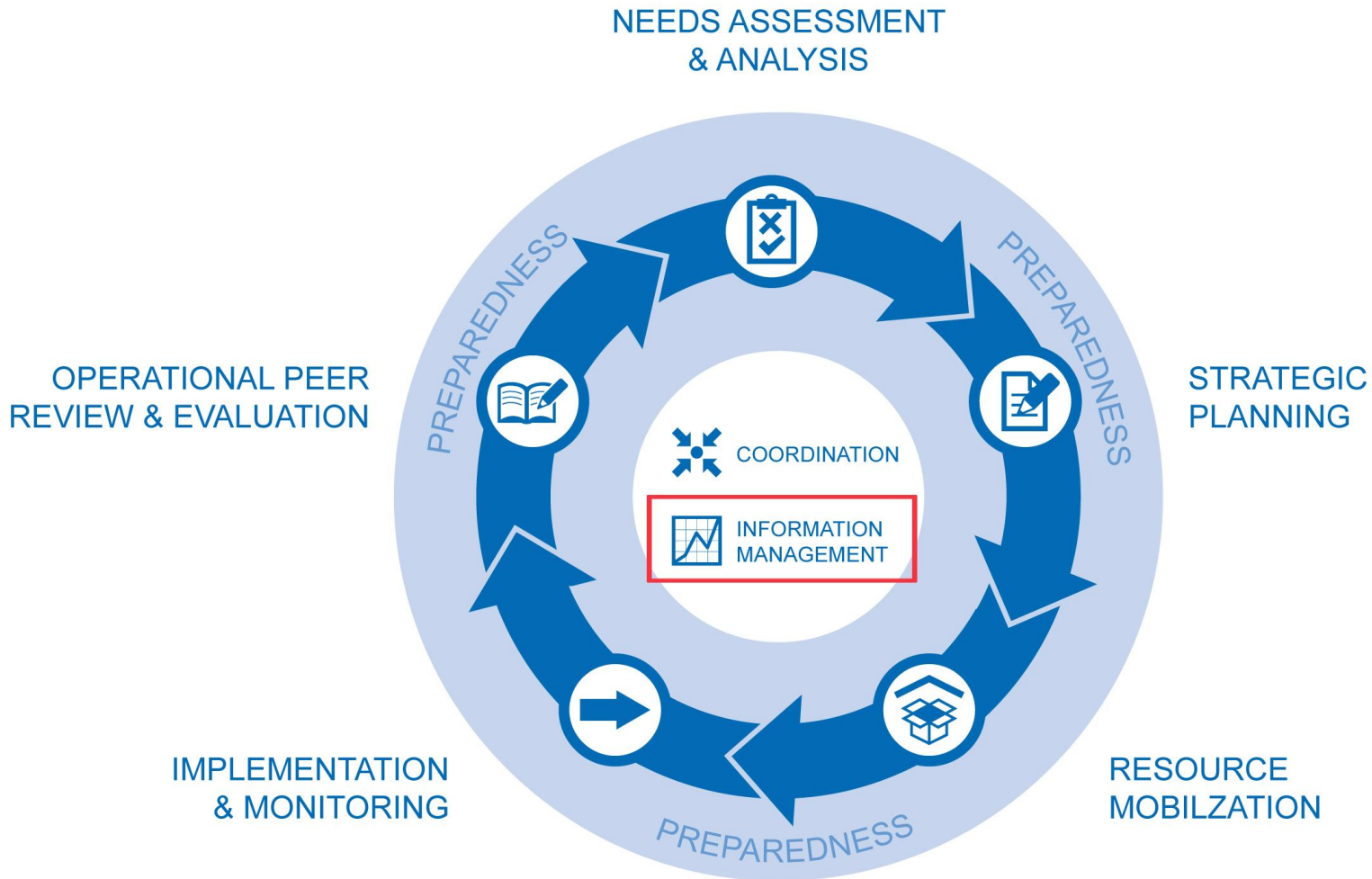


# Operational Peer Review: Learning Lessons



- Triggered by a request from the HC/HCT, the Emergency Directors Group or the IASC Principals
- Mandatory the first 90 days of a L3 declaration
- To recommend adjustments to the response as necessary and to identify good practice or learning

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# Ensuring quality and principled humanitarian action

**Protection**

**Minimum standards**

**Environment**

**Gender, age, diversity**

**Early recovery**

**Accountability to affected populations**



# Recap



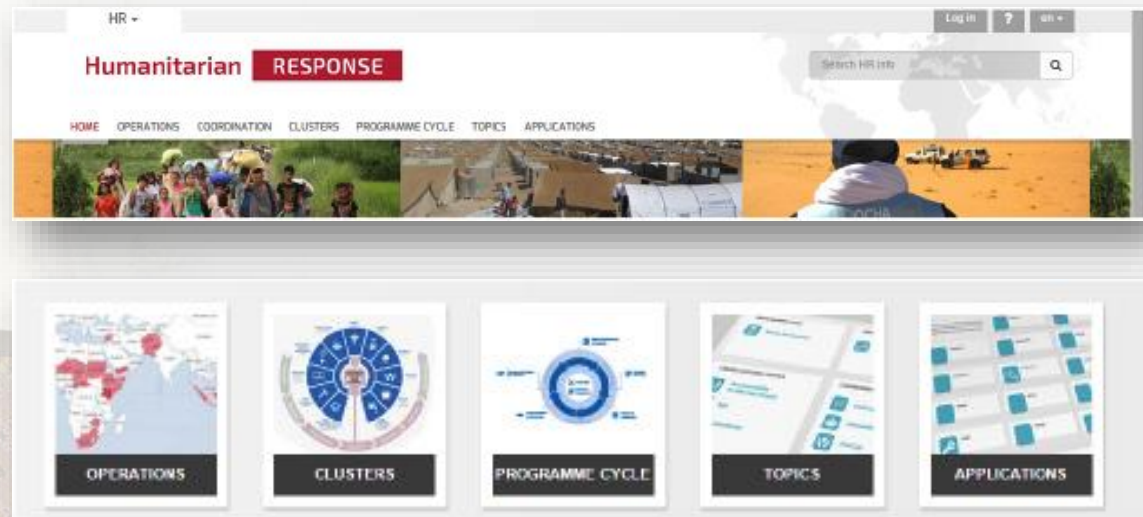






# Find Relevant Tools and Guidance

- IASC Humanitarian Program Cycle Reference Module
- Humanitarianresponse.info
- BuildingaBetterResponse.org e-learning module



# Questions & Comments

