The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team is part of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the international emergency response system for sudden-onset emergencies. UNDAC was created in 1993. It is designed to help the United Nations and governments of disaster-affected countries during the first phase of a sudden-onset emergency. UNDAC, as a tool of OCHA, also assists in the coordination of incoming international relief at national level and/or at the site of the emergency.

In 2018, the UNDAC team will celebrate its 25th year anniversary highlighting UNDAC’s invaluable role in sudden-onset emergencies over the course of its history. It’s the year to celebrate the contribution of all the members from all the regions, particularly national disaster management experts that are part of the UNDAC roster and who remain strongly committed and actively engaged in the UNDAC system.

The response to the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in 2004/2005 and other missions saw the longest deployment period ever, peaking at 3,266 days in 2005.

### Top Five Deployments

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*includes Indonesia, Maldives, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Thailand deployments; **includes Bahamas, Haiti and Jamaica deployments; ***includes Dominican Republic deployment.

### Deployments by Gender and Year

- **Total by gender:**
  - Female: 358 (22%)
  - Male: 1,239 (78%)

### Deployments by Days and Year

#### Indian Ocean: Earthquake and Tsunami (2005)
- Highest deployment period: 3,266 days in 2005

#### Caribbean: Hurricane Matthew (2016)
- Maximum deployment: 24

#### Pakistan: Earthquake (2005)
- Maximum deployment: 23

#### Haiti: Earthquake (2010)
- Maximum deployment: 23

#### Philippines: Typhoon Haiyan (2013)
- Maximum deployment: 23

#### Peruvian Floods (2017)
- Maximum deployment: 26
The 2004/2005 period was the busiest in UNDAC’s history, recording the most emergencies (31 in total) in a two year period, and the largest single emergency by staff deployed (the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami).

The largest UNDAC mission in 2017 was in response to Hurricane Irma, combining four deployments of 19 UNDAC members to the Eastern Caribbean states (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda and British Virgin Islands), Haiti, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos. The longest mission last year was the Peru floods response with a combined total of 271 days of deployment by UNDAC members.

Of the 281 missions since 1993, flooding has been the leading cause of UNDAC deployment (77 missions). There have also been 33 disaster response preparedness missions, including two in 2017 (Jordan and Zimbabwe).