## OCHA

### Brief description of the organisation

OCHA is the part of the UN Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies. OCHA mobilizes and coordinates effective and principled humanitarian actors in order to alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergencies. OCHA also advocates the rights of people in need, promotes preparedness and facilitates sustainable solutions.

### Mission

To promote the collection, analysis and dissemination of humanitarian data on a single platform for evidence based decision-making.

### Fields of Activity /Statistics

Humanitarian data including pre-crisis and human development statistics, operational statistics, financial data and geospatial data.

### Mandate

OCHA has the mandate to develop, coordinate and align to common international standards for the exchange of data in order to facilitate better preparedness and respond to emergencies.

### Statistical work programme

1. **Data collection**
   Creation and maintenance of a single platform that brings together a common humanitarian dataset from multi-sourced data domains. Pre-crisis data comes from sources such as the World Bank, UNICEF, WHO and other trusted partners.

2. **Data standards**
   Development of tools to ensure the completeness, relevance, accuracy, comparability and consistency of curated data.

3. **Data systems and exchange architecture**
   Creation and maintenance of a data hub under the CKAN platform.

4. **User interface**
   Creation and maintenance of a user interface for the analysis and visualization of trends and statistical analysis.
### Number of staff
The statistics unit is under the umbrella of the Communications and Information Service Branch (CSIB) which is responsible for oversight of OCHA’s information management efforts and its global communications. 1 Statistician and about 150 Information Management Officer distributed in more than 24 locations.

### Flagship Publications
The World Humanitarian Data and Trends 2013 and the forthcoming Data and Analysis Project platform.

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http://unocha.org/

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