The Surge Capacity Section (SCS) is responsible for managing OCHA’s corporate surge mechanisms. SCS deploys experienced personnel to support OCHA field operations to respond to new and protracted emergencies*.

**DEPLOYMENTS IN 2017**

**133 SURGE DEPLOYMENTS TO 30 COUNTRIES**

**DEPLOYMENTS BY SURGE MECHANISM**

50
ERR
Emergency Response Roster

48
SBPP
Stand-By Partnership Programme

35
ASP
Associate Surge Pool

**DEPLOYMENTS BY GENDER**

51 females
38 males
62%
38%
82%

**DEPLOYMENTS BY EMERGENCY TYPE**

109
Complex emergency

23
Natural disaster

1
Other

**DEPLOYMENTS BY SURGE MECHANISM**

BY EMERGENCY TYPE

Total 19,368

2,815 SBPP
8,119 ASP
8,434 ERR

**DEPLOYMENTS BY REGION & COUNTRY**

**Africa II: 44**
Western and Central Africa

**MENA: 34**
Middle East and North Africa

**CAPALAC: 24**
Central Asia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Latin America and Caribbean

**Africa I: 18**
Eastern and Southern Africa

**Asia/Pacific: 13**

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IMO: Information Management Officers are skilled in information management, archival and record keeping and GIS/cartography.

PIO: Public Information Officers are skilled in communications approaches, tools and methodologies essential to planning and executing effective campaign strategies and programmes.

CMCoord: Civil Military Coordination Officers provide a dedicated link to engage military actors in dialogue in order to mutually deconflict activities, make appropriate use of capacities and support adherence to humanitarian principles.

Other specialized profiles: Cash Coordinators, Communication with Communities Officers, Environmental Field Advisors, Camp Coordination and Camp Management Officers, and Humanitarian Analysts.

**BREAKDOWN OF SURGE MECHANISMS**

**MECHANISM**

**ERR**
Emergency Response Roster
Launched in 2008

OCHA’s internal surge mechanism, the ERR, consists of approximately 45 staff from a range of functional profiles and duty stations. They are placed on standby for a six month period, for deployments of between 6 weeks and 3 months.

**SBPP**
Stand-By Partnership Programme
Launched in 2000

OCHA maintains agreements with 14 standby-partner organisations which provide skilled gratis external personnel for deployment to emergencies at short notice, for up to 6 months.

**ASP**
Associates Surge Pool
Launched in 2010

ASP members are experts who deploy for OCHA on temporary appointments to fill critical surge needs and/or bridge the gap until longer-term staff arrive. They can deploy for three to six months with the flexibility to extend for up to 364 days.

**PROFILES**

- **ADMIN**: Administrative Officers/Assistants lead the administrative, Human Resources and financial portfolio in OCHA field offices.
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- **ICT**: Information and Communications Technology Officers implement, support and maintain ICT infrastructures and services in field locations and support humanitarian partners on the ground.
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