



Acronyms

Disasters and Health: The International Context
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Acronym	Meaning
ALNAP	Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action
CDC	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CRED	Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters
CRID	Regional Disaster Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean
DIMRC	Disaster Information Management Research Center (NLM)
DRR	Disaster risk reduction
DRM	Disaster risk management
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HHS/ASPER	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
HPG/ODI	Humanitarian Policy Group/Overseas Development Institute
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IASC	U.N. Inter-agency Standing Committee
ICLEI	Local Governments for Sustainability
ICMH	International Center for Migration and Health
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IM	Information management
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
IOM	International Organization for Migration
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders)
NDMS	U.S. National Disaster Medical System
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NHC	U.S. National Hurricane Center
NLM	U.S. National Library of Medicine
NOAA	U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OCHA	U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OFDA/USAID	Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance/U.S. Agency for International Development

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PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
TEC	Tsunami Evaluation Coalition
UCLG	United Cities and Local Governments
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Program
WADEM	World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization