

# ReliefWeb – a tool for knowledge sharing

28 February, 2008

helga leifsdottir, coordinator, ReliefWeb

forum for democratic governance and  
economic growth

## MAP CENTRE >>



Ecuador: Floods (as of 22 Feb 2008) - Location Map

[See all Maps](#)

## ABOUT RELIEFWEB

ReliefWeb is the global hub for non-critical humanitarian information on complex emergencies and natural disasters.



United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

## OTHER OCHA SITES

[OCHA Online](#)

[IN](#)

[DACs](#)

[Virtual OSOCC](#)

[edHum](#)

[Humanitarian Reform](#)

[ERF](#)

[NDAC](#)

[SARAG](#)

[Inter-Agency Standing](#)

## COUNTRIES & EMERGENCIES >>

- [Afghanistan >>](#)
- [Central African Republic >>](#)
- [Chad >>](#)
- [Democratic Republic of the Congo >>](#)
- [Kenya >>](#)
- [Iraq >>](#)
- [Occupied Palestinian Territory >>](#)
- [Somalia >>](#)
- [Sudan >>](#)
- [Southern Africa Floods >>](#)

See all Countries, Emergencies & Natural Disasters:

[Africa](#) | [Americas](#) | [Asia](#) | [Europe](#) | [Oceania](#)

## LATEST NATURAL DISASTERS

- [Philippines: Floods and Landslides - Feb 2008 >>](#)
- [Madagascar: Cyclone Ivan - Feb 2008 >>](#)
- [Ecuador: Floods - Feb 2008 >>](#)
- [Great Lakes: Earthquake - Feb 2008 >>](#)

[more >>](#)

## APPEALS & FUNDING >>

- [CAP: 2008 Humanitarian Appeals >>](#)
- [Current Funding Status of Humanitarian Appeals >>](#)
- [By Country/Emergency >>](#)
- [Central Emergency Response Fund \(CERF\) >>](#)
- [UN Foundation CERF Donation Page >>](#)
- [Good Humanitarian Donorship >>](#)
- [Business: Contributions to UN Emergency Relief Efforts >>](#)

## POLICY & ISSUES >>

- [Delivering Better Aid: An Opportunity for European Union Leadership in the Fight Against Global Poverty >>](#)
- [Why we Need to Look Hard at the NGOs' Flaws >>](#)
- [Exploring the Science of Complexity >>](#)

[more >>](#)

## HEADLINES

- [How to send us information >>](#)
  - [Kosovo: Will divorce from Serbia be better than forced marriage? >>](#)
  - [Sudan: Darfuri IDPs feel tangible benefits from Chinese assistance >>](#)
  - [Iraq: Dire state of health system must take priority >>](#)
  - [Israel-OPT: 'Dramatic consequences' for civilians on both sides - UN humanitarian chief >>](#)
  - [Many Kenyan refugees in Uganda too scared to return >>](#)
  - [Cameroon: Movement of refugees to Maltam camp ongoing, over 5,500 relocated >>](#)
  - [Ecuador: Providing assistance to flood victims - IOM >>](#)
- [← click to save](#)      [go to Latest Updates](#)

## FROM OUR PARTNERS

(These links will take you to external sites.)

- [Stop TB Partnership >>](#)
- [UNICEF Humanitarian Action Report 2008 >>](#)
- [PreventionWeb >>](#)

## SPECIAL FOCUS

- [ReliefWeb User Statistics 2007 >>](#)
- [OCHA in 2008: Activities and Extra-budgetary Requirements >>](#)
- [Guiding Principles for Public-Private Collaboration for Humanitarian Action >>](#)
- [Global Symposium +5: Information for Humanitarian Action >>](#)
- [Latest OCHA Annual Report >>](#)
- [Avian Influenza Resources >>](#)
- [Evaluation of ReliefWeb >>](#)

# authorities

**1991 GA Resolution 46/182.** Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations – Defines information role of Emergency Relief Coordinator. Annex 1, Section VI, paragraph h

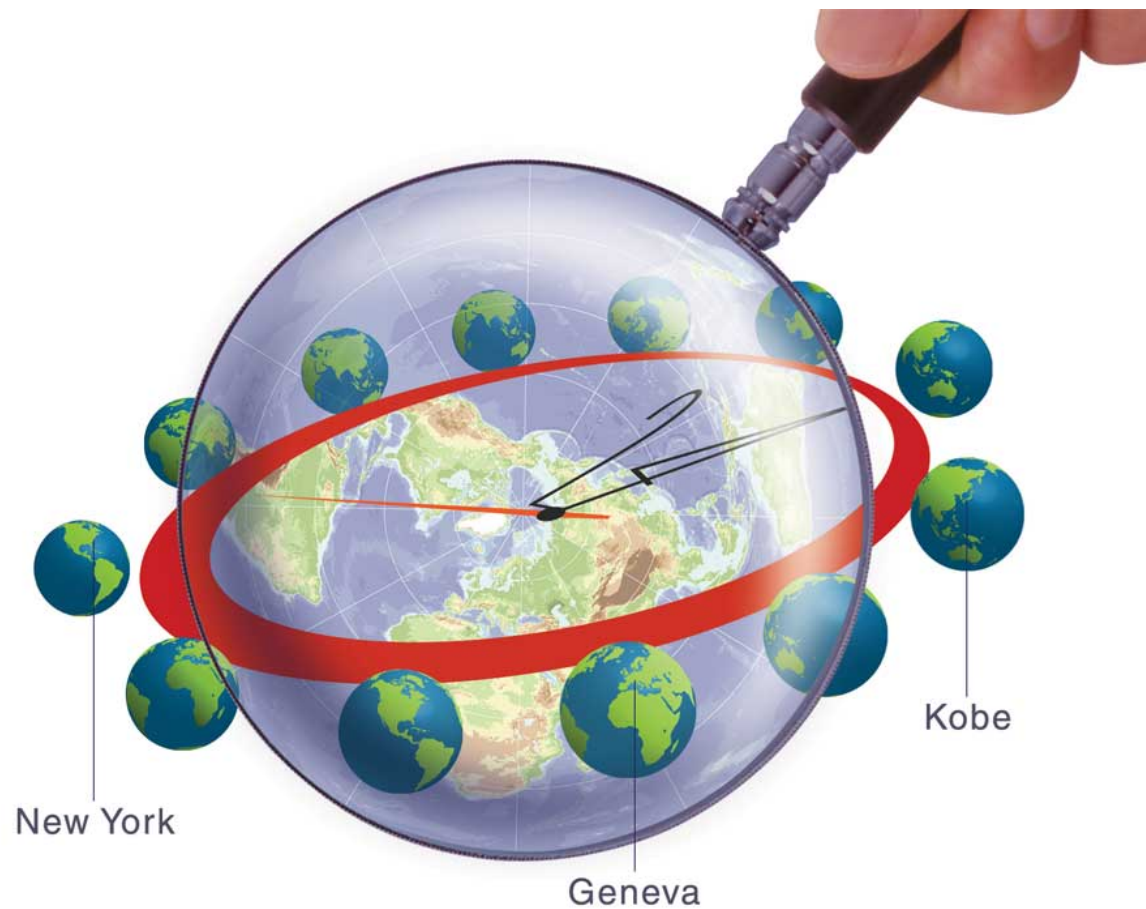
**ReliefWeb mandate:**

*“Strengthen the response capacity of the international humanitarian community through the timely dissemination of reliable information”  
(OCHA RW 1996)*

**1997 GA Resolution 51/194.** Endorsed ReliefWeb’s creation and requested information sharing through ReliefWeb by all governments, relief agencies and NGOs – Para 13

**2003 GA Resolution 57/153.** Emphasized importance of sharing information in emergencies, underlined importance of taking advantage of services like ReliefWeb – Para 10

# 24-hour coverage – three offices





# info partners



# humanitarian info network

- information for humanitarian action
- community of practice - build knowledge - best practice
- statement = 13 principles
- recommendations = 8 themes

## global symposium + 5

13 principles:

Accessibility

Inclusiveness

Inter-operability

Accountability

Verifiability

Relevance

Objectivity

Humanity

Timeliness

Sustainability

**Reliability**

**Confidentiality**

**Reciprocity**

## **themes**

- 1. Strategic use of Information and Analysis**
- 2. Standards**
- 3. Collaboration and Partnerships**
- 4. Communications with Affected Communities**
- 5. Preparedness**
- 6. Professionalization**
- 7. Technology/Innovation**
- 8. Capacity Building**



# Links

- [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)
- [www.reliefweb.int/symposium](http://www.reliefweb.int/symposium)
- `submit@reliefweb.int`
- `helga.leifsdottir@un.org`

### ReliefWeb Posting by Year

