



INSARAG Guidelines 2026

Appendix 4.8: IEC/R Mentor Assessment Report

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Abbreviations

BoO	Base of Operations
ERS	Emergency Response Section
EMT	Emergency Medical Team
GDACS	Global Disaster Awareness and Coordination System
GRG	Guidelines Review Group
HNPW	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week
HNS	Host Nation Support
IEC	INSARAG External Classification
IER	INSARAG External Reclassification
IMTST	Information Management Technical Support Team
IRNAP	INSARAG-Recognised National Accreditation Process
INSARAG	The International Search and Rescue Advisory Group
ISG	INSARAG Steering Group
LEMA	Local Emergency Management Authority
NAP	National Accreditation Process
NGOs	Non-governmental organisations
OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OSOCC	On-Site Operations Coordination Centre
RDC	Reception and Departure Centre
RSB	Response Support Branch
UCC	USAR Coordination Cell
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue
UN	United Nations
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
VOSOCC	Virtual On-Site Operations Coordination Centre



IEC/R Mentors Assessment Report

TEAM NAME: _____

LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION: MEDIUM ☐ HEAVY

MENTOR: _____

CONTACT DETAILS:

TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF REPORT: _____

1 Introduction

1. **(Insert USAR team name)** requested **(Insert mentors name)** to facilitate an assessment of its USAR team capacity with the aim of making recommendations for the team to achieve a **(Insert level of classification)** classification/reclassification as per the INSARAG Guidelines and the IEC/R Manual and associated annexes.
2. This initial assessment was conducted from **(Insert date from – to)** at **(Insert location)**.

2 Level of Engagement to Date

Provide a brief description on your contact and engagement with the USAR team to date.

3 Scope of Assessment

Suggested Note for Mentors to Input in this segment:

The aim of the mission was to provide a snapshot to the **USAR team name** on the current state of preparedness of their international Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team. The assessment was based on the five components of a USAR team as required by the INSARAG Guidelines which includes Management, Logistics, Search, Rescue and Medical.

The Assessment involved a series of interviews with key stakeholders and visited several strategic sites as well as observing a skills demonstration in compiling its findings. The Assessment paid particular attention to the systems and procedures required in accordance with the INSARAG Guidelines on international disaster response mission cycle i.e. Preparedness, Mobilisation, Operations, Demobilisation and Post Mission Activities and also taking reference of the INSARAG IEC/R Checklist of (see Guidance Notes under IEC and IER subcategories – Checklists category).

4 Findings

- Management
 - (Insert here)
- Training
 - (Insert here)
- Logistics
 - (Insert here)
- Search & Rescue
 - (Insert here)
- Medical
 - (Insert here)

5 Conclusion

Include pertinent **challenges in the conclusion**.

Based on my independent, unbiased observation as Mentor of the **(Insert USAR team name)**, I recommend / do not recommend that the team is added to the queue for classification/reclassification).

Signed by Mentor: _____

Date: _____

Refer to the IEC/R Manual and see **IEC Two-year Planning Timeline, Annex F** for guidance planning, preparing for and the timing of an IEC/R.

Please send the Report to the attention of the INSARAG Secretariat at insarag@un.org