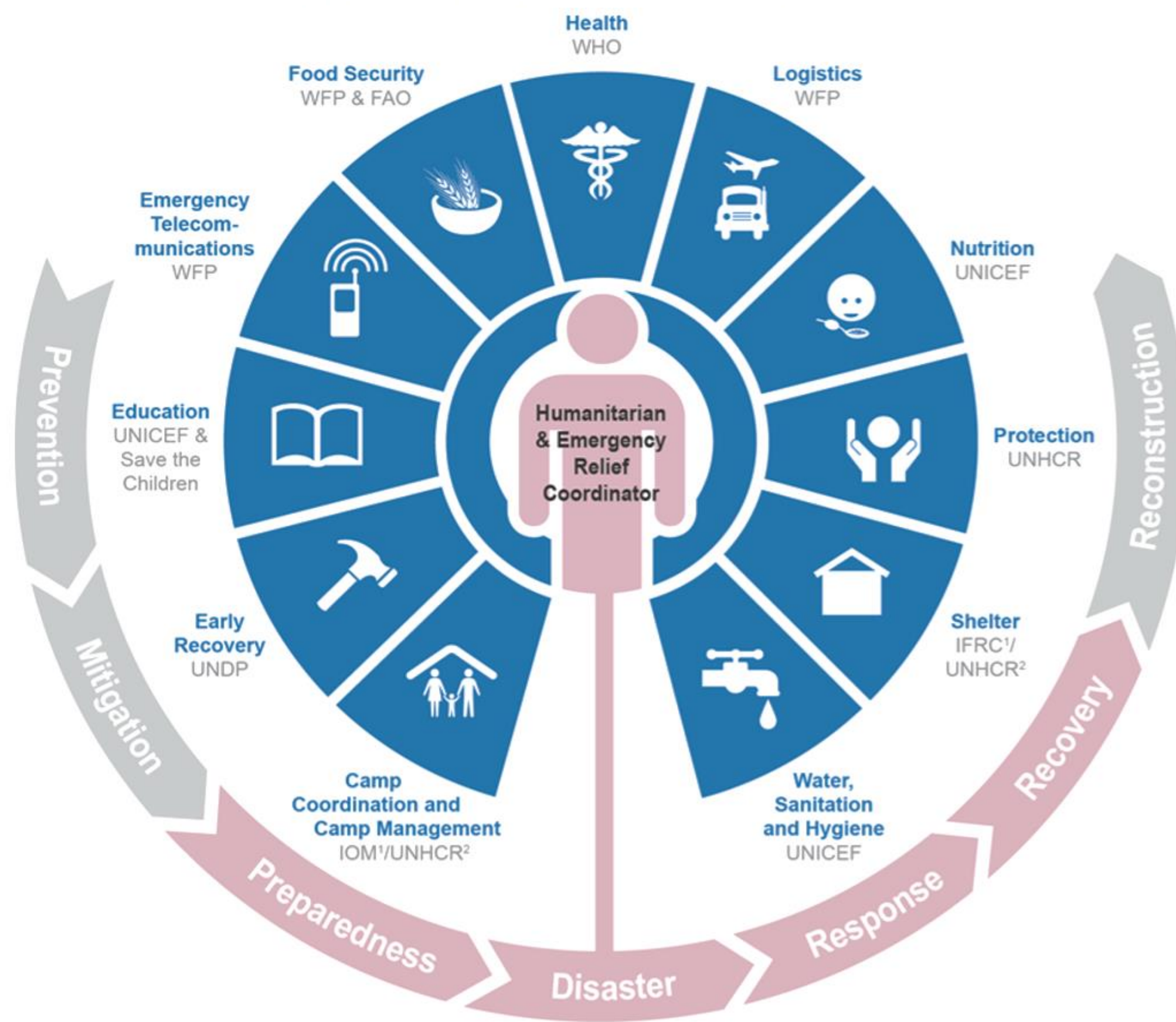


Cluster Approach in Humanitarian Response

Cluster categories



Background

4 Pillars of Humanitarian Reform Agenda, 2005, initiated by Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Emergency Relief Coordinator

Humanitarian Coordination System

Humanitarian Financing

Cluster Approach

Partnership among all humanitarian actors

Abstract

The cluster approach is a system of coordination which ensures that international responses to humanitarian emergencies are predictable, accountable and have sufficient global capacity to overcome complex crises and natural diseases. It also aims to improve strategic field-level coordination and prioritization.

Global Level

- Reports to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator;
- Standards and policy-setting;
- Building response capacity;
- Operational support.

Cluster Activation

Global level - permanently active.
Country level - only activated when a national government's capacity to respond to an emergency is limited.

Cluster levels

Country Level

- Supporting service delivery;
- Communication with HC/ HCT;
- Planning and implementing strategies;
- Monitoring and evaluating;
- Building national capacity;
- Supporting robust advocacy.

Cluster Deactivation

Clusters are deactivated when the gap no longer exists.

Conclusion

Cluster approach aims to improve humanitarian assistance through global guidance and support by enhancing predictability, accountability and partnership.



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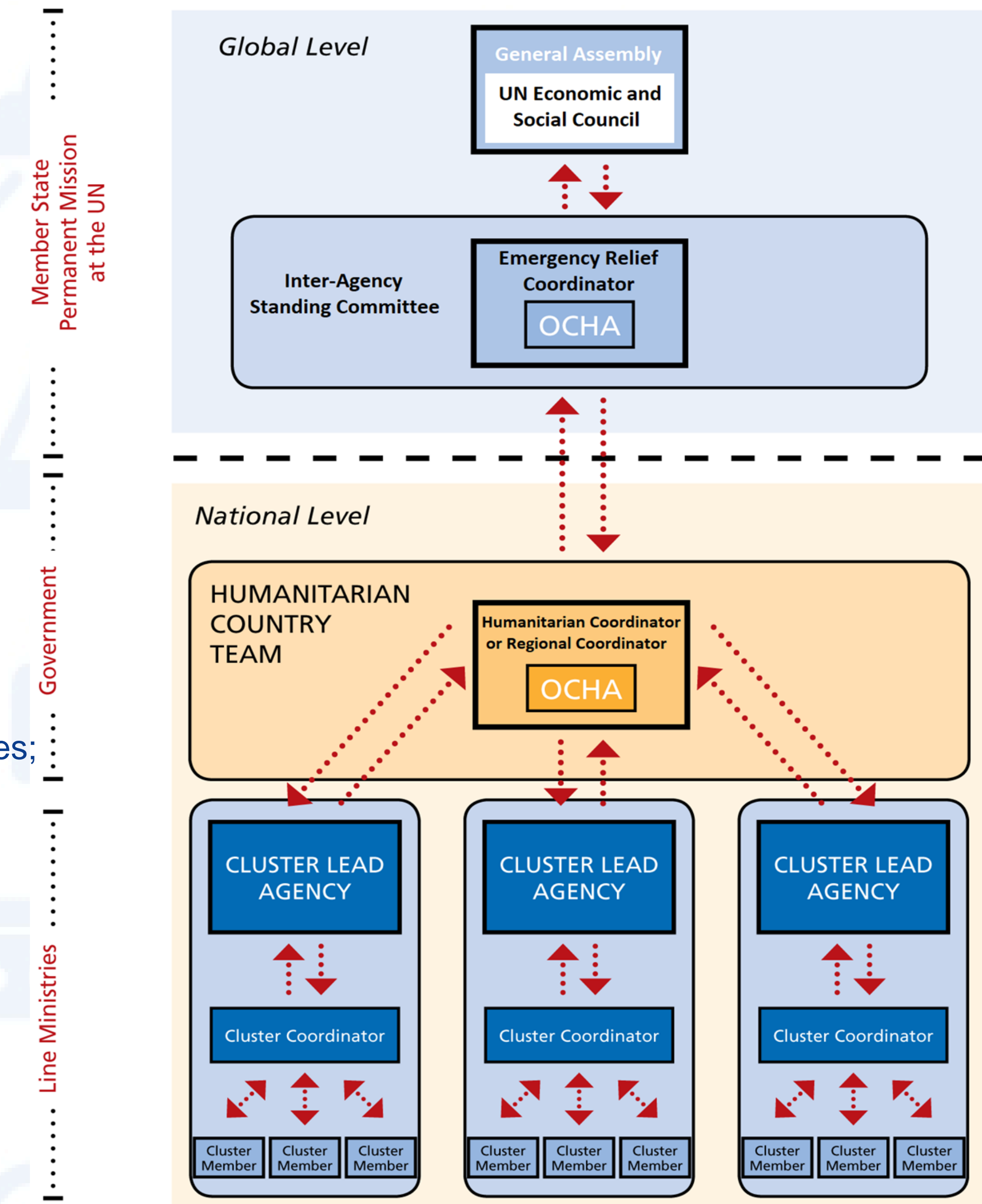


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