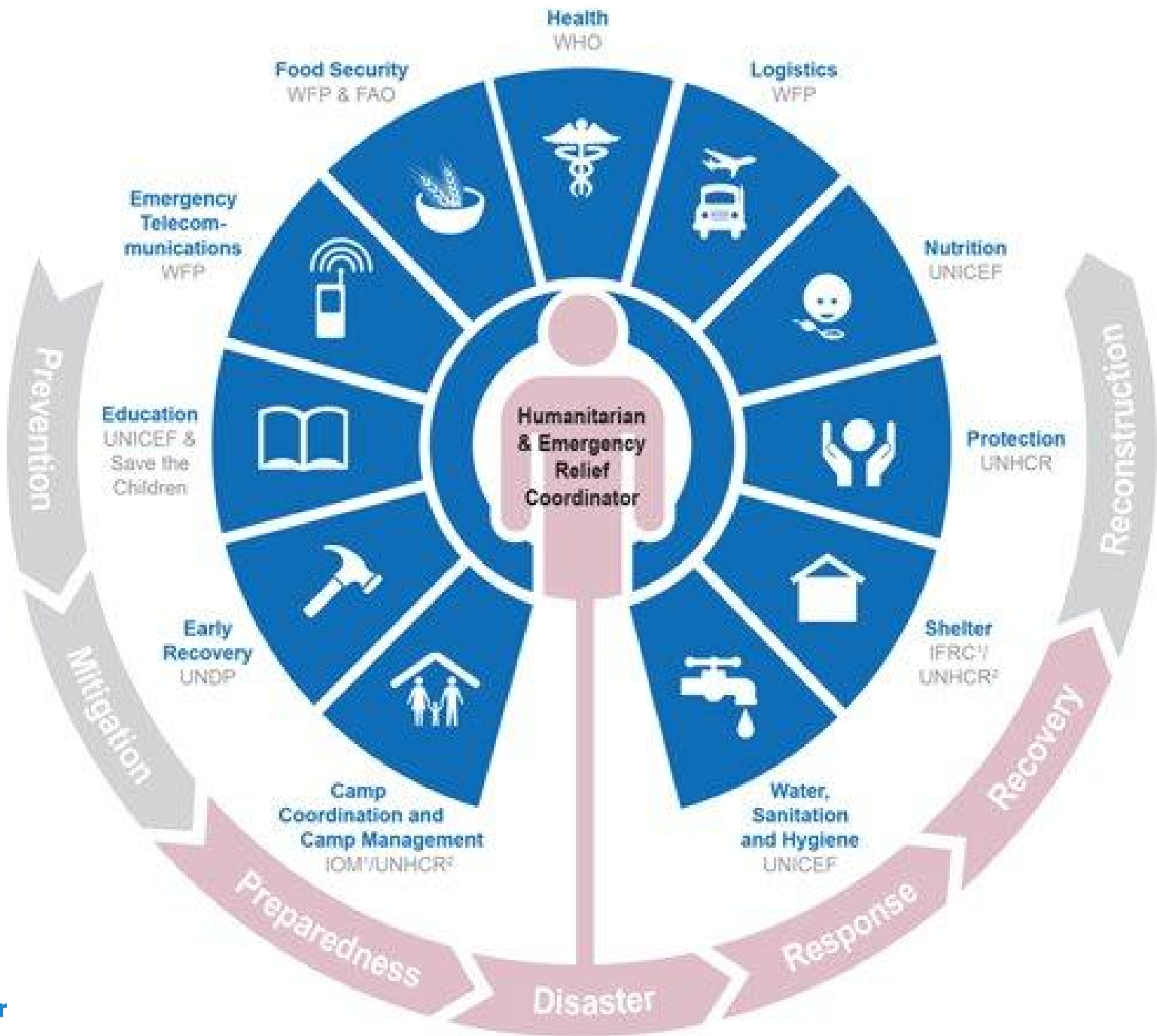


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Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms

Why Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms?

- In most emergencies, humanitarian needs exceed the capacity of a single humanitarian organisation to bear.
- Efficient, cost effective and successful operations require humanitarian coordination between all actors involved in the delivery of assistance (government departments/authorities, Local/National NGOs, INGOs, UN, private sector, military).
- Humanitarian Coordination mechanisms help to enhance complementarities, identify gaps in assistance, mobilise funding and create a space for conducting humanitarian advocacy.
- Participation in coordination mechanisms is often a donor requirement – important for local NGOs to participate actively as part of the localisation agenda.
- Because of time constraints and limited personnel, it is not always feasible to participate in all coordination mechanisms – in which case, it's important to prioritise.



6 Core Functions of Cluster at Country

- Supporting service delivery
 - Informing strategic decision-making of the HCT/HC for the humanitarian response
 - Planning and strategy development
 - Advocacy
 - Monitoring and reporting – on implementation of cluster strategy / results
 - Contingency planning, preparedness and capacity building
- HOWEVER** – It's a shared responsibility!

For more information...

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/about-clusters/what-is-the-cluster-approach>