



Introducing the Humanitarian Data Exchange

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BANGKOK

THAILAND

OCHA's Centre is a global team

Our Ambition

The goal of the Centre is to increase the **use** and **impact** of data in humanitarian response.

Our Workstreams

1

DATA SERVICES

Making humanitarian data easy to find and use for analysis, closing data gaps and facilitating data processing at scale.

2

DATA RESPONSIBILITY

Ensuring the safe, ethical and effective management of personal and non-personal data for operational response.

3

DATA SCIENCE

Conducting advanced analysis and creating insight to anticipate and respond to needs arising from predictable shocks.

4

LEARNING & PRACTICE

Increasing the confidence of humanitarians to engage with data and make effective use of analysis.

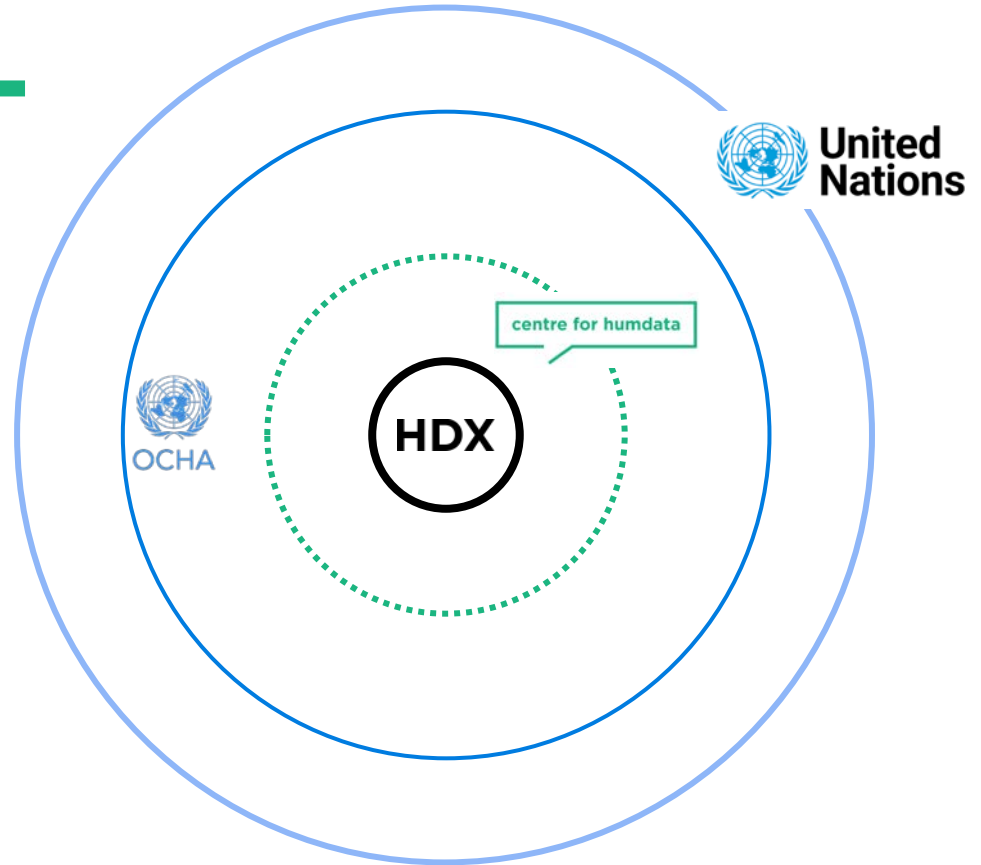


HDX

Our position within the UN

The Centre is part of UN OCHA

Within the Information Management Branch of UN OCHA sits the Centre for Humanitarian Data. At the core of the Centre is HDX.

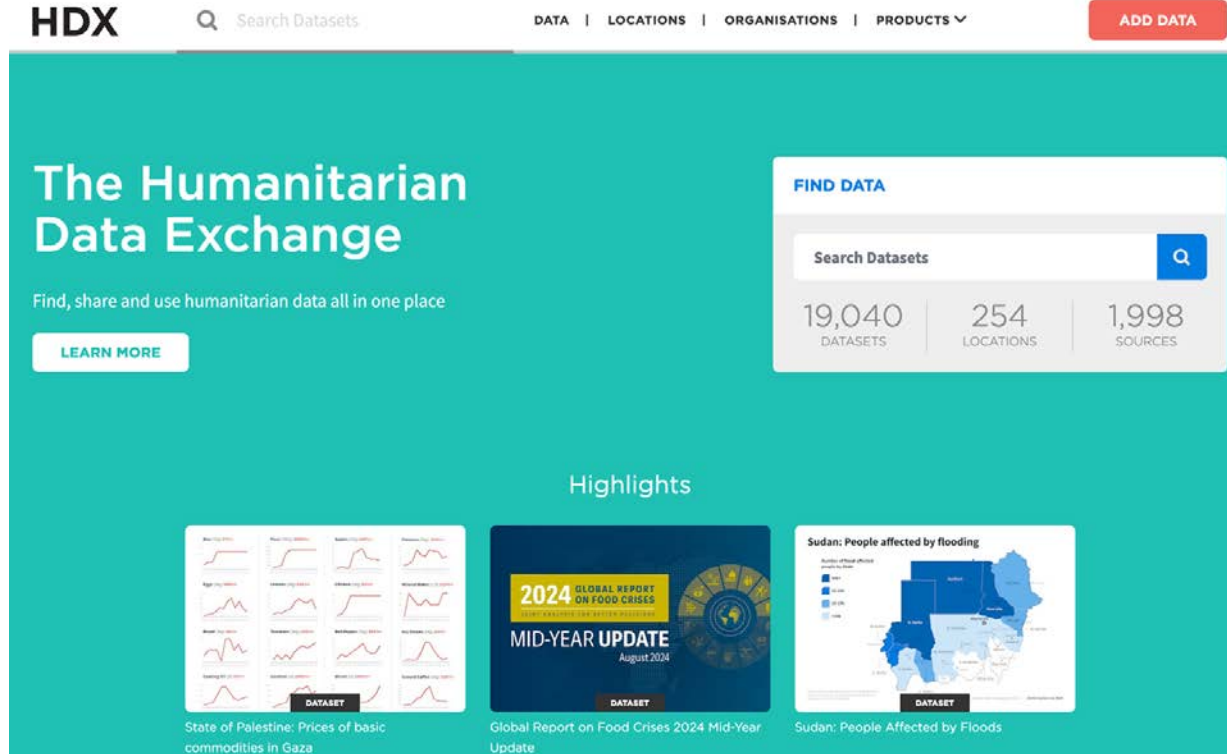


The Humanitarian Data Exchange

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OCHA's open platform for sharing data.

The goal of the the Humanitarian Data Exchange is to **make humanitarian data easy to find and use for analysis.**



The screenshot displays the HDX website interface. At the top, the 'HDX' logo is on the left, followed by a search bar labeled 'Search Datasets'. To the right are navigation links for 'DATA', 'LOCATIONS', 'ORGANISATIONS', and 'PRODUCTS', along with a red 'ADD DATA' button. The main heading reads 'The Humanitarian Data Exchange' with the tagline 'Find, share and use humanitarian data all in one place' and a 'LEARN MORE' button. A 'FIND DATA' section features a search bar and statistics: 19,040 DATASETS, 254 LOCATIONS, and 1,998 SOURCES. Below this is a 'Highlights' section with three featured datasets: 'State of Palestine: Prices of basic commodities in Gaza' (a grid of line charts), 'Global Report on Food Crises 2024 Mid-Year Update' (a report cover for August 2024), and 'Sudan: People affected by flooding' (a map of Sudan showing affected areas).

HDX in Numbers

1.4m

USERS
IN 2023

2.7m

DOWNLOADS
IN 2023

200+

ACTIVE
ORGS

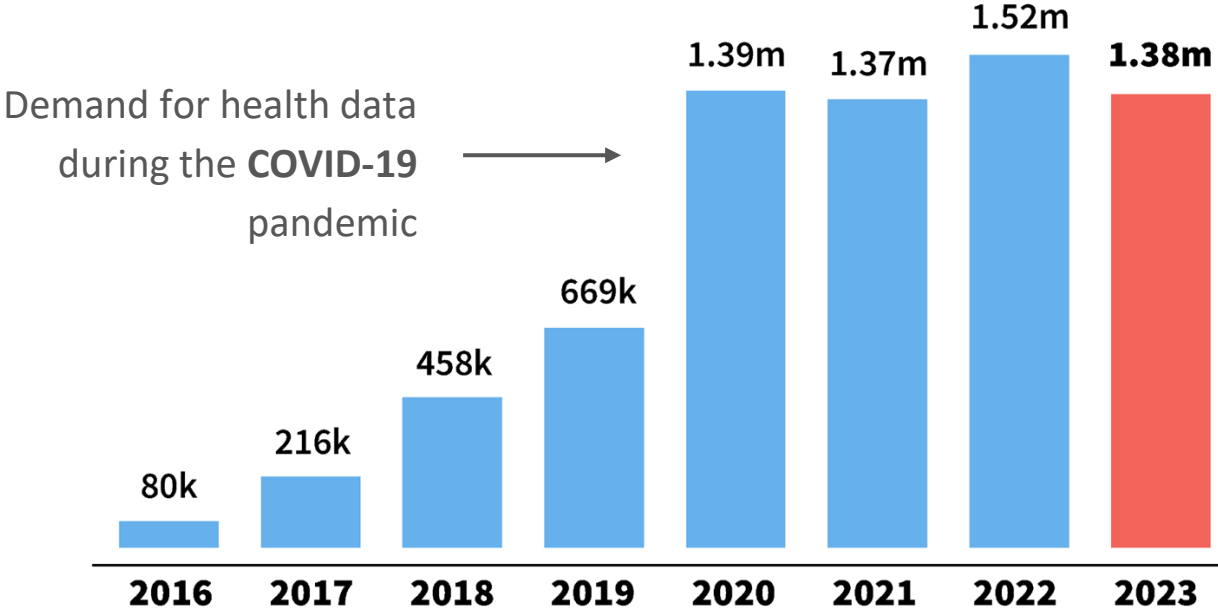
20k+

DATASETS
SHARED



25% increase
from 2022!

HDX Unique Users 2016-2023



millions | Creation date: 04 January 2024

Humanitarian Data Categories

1.

Baseline data

Data about the context
of the
crisis

2.

Situational data

Data about the people
affected and their needs

3.

Response data

Data about the
humanitarian response

We welcome any type of data on HDX that can support a humanitarian response,
especially satellite and climate related data.

Humanitarian Data Formats

1.

A PDF file is not data!

It's difficult to extract data from PDFs. If you wish to share PDFs, like situation reports, visit [ReliefWeb](#).

2.

We love CSV and Excel!

We love tabular data. Easy for analysis and compatible with tools for data processing.

3.

For Geodata we like SHP, GeoJSON

Essential for mapping and GIS applications. For raster data (like Satellite Imagery) we like GeoTIFF files.

Sample of orgs sharing data on HDX



Type of data shared on HDX and by whom



Geodata such as roads, airports, populated places and many more



Population Density Data



Displacement Data (DTM)



Refugee Data, Needs Assessment Data



Conflict Data



Satellite Imagery for Disaster Response



Population Statistics Data



Humanitarian Needs Data, Operational Presence

United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)

- UNOSAT have been a trusted partner of HDX for 10 years!
- Over 1,000 damage assessment maps on HDX
- Around 900 unique users visit the UNOSAT page each month
- Average 540 downloads per month



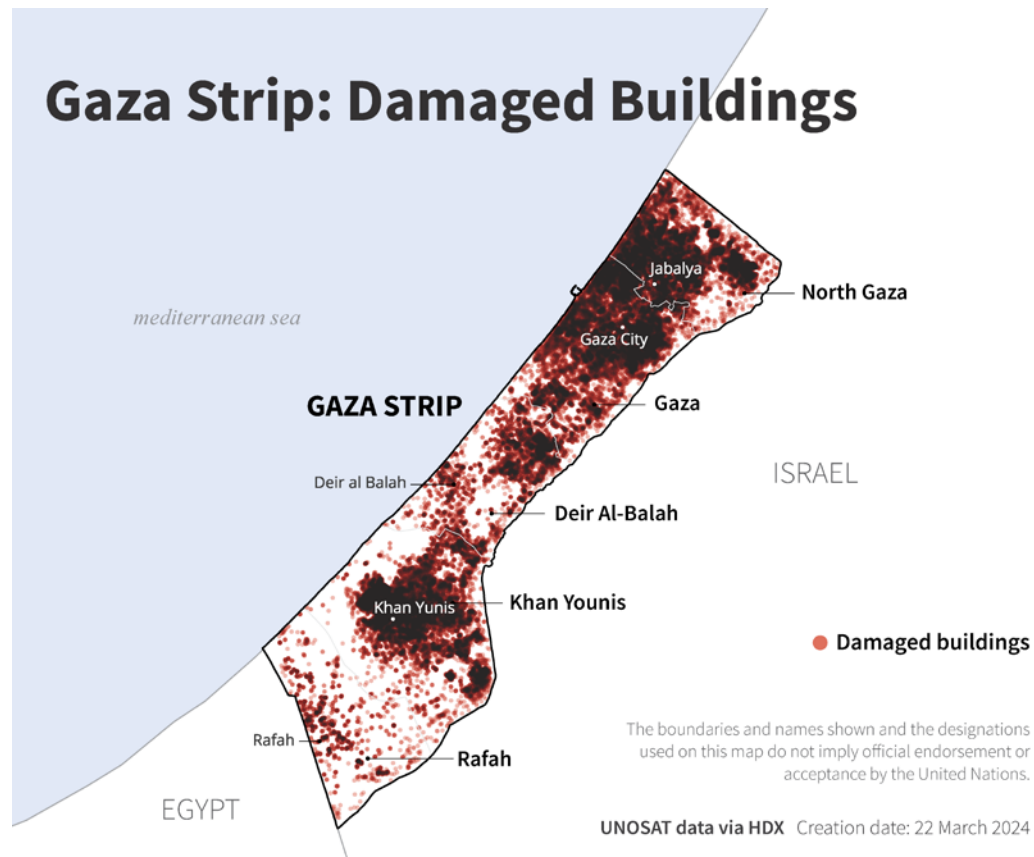
The screenshot shows the HDX profile for UNOSAT. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HDX' and a search bar. Below this, the profile name 'United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)' is displayed in blue, along with statistics: '7 MEMBERS | 1346 FOLLOWERS | VISIT WEBSITE'. A sub-header indicates 'Member since 9 January 2015'. The main bio text states: 'The United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT) it is part of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), with a mandate to provide United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies with satellite analysis, training and capacity development, at their request, as well as to support Member ... More'. To the right is a banner image with the logos for 'unitar' and 'UNOSAT'. Below the bio are tabs for 'Datasets', 'Activity Stream', and 'Stats'. The 'Datasets' tab is active, showing a list of datasets. The first dataset is titled 'Satellite detected water extents between 26 and 30 October 2024 over South Sudan' by 'United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)'. It includes a 'Time Period of the Dataset' of 'November 01, 2024-November 01, 2024' and a 'More' link. The description states: 'UNOSAT code: FL20240425SSO This map illustrates cumulative satellite-detected water using VIIRS in South Sudan between 26 to 30 October 2024 compared with the period from 20 to 24 October 2024 . Within the cloud free analysed areas of about 630,000 km², a total of about 43,000 km² of lands appear to be affected with flood waters. Water extent appears to have ... More'. Below the description are icons for 'GEODATABASE', 'SHP', 'XLSX', and a document icon. The second dataset is titled 'Satellite detected water extents in Camarines Sur Province as of 29 October 2024' by 'United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)'. It includes a 'Time Period of the Dataset' of 'October 31, 2024-October 31, 2024' and a 'More' link. The description states: 'UNOSAT code: TC20241028PHL, GDACS ID: 1001115 This map illustrates a satellite-detected surface waters in Camarines Sur Province, Bicol Region, Philippines acquired on 29 October 2024 at 17:58 local time (09:58 UTC). Within the boundary of Camarines Sur Province of about 5,300 km², a total of about 130 km² of land appears to be affected by flood waters, with around ... More'. Below the description are icons for 'GEODATABASE', 'SHP', and a document icon.

The Importance of Sharing Satellite Imagery

Timely satellite imagery is crucial for effective crisis response, especially when access is an issue in the early days of a crisis.

Space data provides vital insights on damage, access constraints, and response prioritization.

Sharing space data on HDX can make a real difference, and we welcome more partners to contribute!



HDX Crisis Pages

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When a crisis occurs, there's high demand for data related to the event.

Crisis pages bring together all relevant information in one place for users to easily find, download and use.



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- State of Palestine - Subnational Administrative Boundaries**
OCHA occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)
6600+ Downloads
Time Period of the Dataset [?]: March 10, 2021-September 09, 2024 ... More
This dataset updates: Every year
This dataset is part of the data series [?]: COD - Subnational Administrative Boundaries
- occupied Palestinian territory - Requirements and Funding Data**
OCHA Financial Tracking System (FTS)
6500+ Downloads
Time Period of the Dataset [?]: September 08, 2024-September 08, 2024 ... More
This dataset updates: Every day
This dataset is part of the data series [?]: OCHA FTS - Requirements and Funding Data
- Attacks on Health Care in Countries in Conflict (SHCC) Data**
Insecurity Insight
4600+ Downloads
Time Period of the Dataset [?]: January 01, 2016-December 31, 2023 ... More
This dataset updates: As needed

Each card includes a 'SPECIAL NOTE' or description, a list of download formats (e.g., XLSX, SHP, GEODATABASE, EMP, GEOSERVICE), and a share icon.

HDX Crisis Pages

We recently set up a new crisis page for the **Lebanon Crisis**.

Here you can find core datasets such as:
Admin boundaries, displacement data and conflict events.



The screenshot shows the HDX (Humanitarian Data eXchange) interface for the Lebanon Crisis. At the top, the HDX logo is on the left, and navigation links for DATA, LOCATIONS, ORGANISATIONS, and PRODUCTS are on the right. A red 'ADD DATA' button is also visible. Below the navigation, the page title 'Lebanon Crisis' is displayed. A search bar and filter options are present. The main content area lists three datasets:

- Lebanon (LBN): Attacks on Aid Operations, Health Care and IDP/Refugee Camps** by Insecurity Insight. It has 1000+ downloads and covers the period from January 01, 2016, to October 24, 2024. It updates every week. Download options include XLSX and PDF.
- Lebanon - Subnational Administrative Boundaries** by OCHA Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA). It has 6600+ downloads and covers the period from June 20, 2017, to June 20, 2017. It updates every year. Download options include XLSX, EHP, EMF, and a network icon.
- HDX HAPI Data for Lebanon** by HDX. It has 40+ downloads and covers the period from January 01, 2001, to December 31, 2024. It updates every day. Download options include CSV and a network icon.

Core datasets you will find on a HDX Crisis Page

Subnational Administrative Boundaries - OCHA Field Information Services Section (FISS)

Subnational Population Statistics - UNFPA

Requirements & Funding Data - OCHA Financial Tracking System (FTS)

All Infrastructure Data (roads, railways, ports, airports, health & education facilities) - Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT)

Satellite imagery (especially for sudden onset crisis) - United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)

Population Density - WorldPop, Kontur

Sub-national Poverty Data - Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative

Conflict Events - Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

The HDX Humanitarian API

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The HDX Humanitarian API (HAPI) provides access to standardized indicators from multiple sources to automate workflows and visualizations.



HAPI Data Availability

This table displays the available data by administrative level for each subcategory and country included in HAPI.

Filter by:

Priority Humanitarian Countries only

All Priority Humanitarian Countries

Data Availability by Administrative Level:

- 0 National level
- 1 1st subnational level
- 2 2nd subnational level
- No data

	Affected People				
	Humanitarian Needs Go to API Sandbox	Internally-Displaced Persons Go to API Sandbox	Refugees & Persons Of Concern Go to API Sandbox	Returns Go to API Sandbox	Conflict Ever Go to API Sandb
AFGHANISTAN	0 1 2	0 1 2	0	0	2
BURKINA FASO	0	0 1 2	0	—	2
CAMEROON	0 1	0	0	0	2
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0 2	0	0	0	2
CHAD	0	0 1 2	0	0	2
COLOMBIA	0 1	—	0	0	2
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	0	0	0	0	2
EL SALVADOR	0	0 1	0	0	0

HDX Signals

HDX Signals

A new product that monitors key datasets and generates automated emails when significant, negative changes are detected.

Choose your datasets of interest and locations of interest.



Step 1: Datasets of interest *

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

- Conflict-driven displacement - IDMC
- Disaster-driven displacement - IDMC
- Armed conflict - ACLED
- Food insecurity - IPC/CH
- Agricultural hotspots - JRC ASAP
- Market monitoring - WFP

Step 2: Locations of interest *

[Select all](#) [Select all HRP locations \(?\)](#) [Clear all](#)

Asia and the Pacific

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

- All locations in the region
- Afghanistan
- Myanmar

Latin America and the Caribbean

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

- All locations in the region
- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Europe

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

- All locations in the region
- Ukraine

Middle East and North Africa

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

- All locations in the region
- State of Palestine
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Yemen

Final Words: Why Joining HDX Matters

Why join HDX?

HDX

1. Amplify Your Impact! Data saves Lives
2. Data Access, Visibility and Influence
3. Contribute to a Trusted Source of Crisis Data
4. Join a Supportive Data Community
5. Use HDX's Tools and Resources (Signals and HAPI)

Final Words

We are always on the lookout for new partnerships and new data sources. Let's connect over the coming days if you are interested in joining **the HDX community!**

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Thank you!

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