

## Legislative tools

**Introduction to the Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance** (2008, rev. 2011)

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**Annotations to the Draft Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance** (2007)

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**Model Act for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance** (with commentary) (2013)

with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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<http://bit.ly/1wlBYMv> (Myanmar)

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**Draft Model Emergency Decree for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery** (consultation version) (2014)

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**Checklist on law and Disaster Risk Reduction** (pilot version) (2015)

with UNDP

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## Global reports

**Effective law and regulation for disaster risk reduction: a multi-country report** (2014)

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**Better laws, safer communities? Emerging themes on how legislation can support disaster risk reduction** (2013)

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**Law and legal issues in international disaster response: a desk study (2007)**

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**International disaster response laws, principles and practice: reflections, prospects and challenges (2003)**

<http://bit.ly/12SNdji>

**International Disaster Response Law: A Preliminary Overview and Analysis of Existing Treaty Law, summary (2003)**

<http://bit.ly/1dT4gbF>

## Regional reports

### Africa

**Disasters in Africa: The case for legal preparedness (2011)**

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**Regional Survey of Disaster Response Laws, Policies and Principles (2007)**

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**IDRL in the Southern African region (2003)**

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### Americas

**Disasters in the Americas: The case for legal preparedness (2011)**

<http://bit.ly/1cjDvLB>

### Asia and the Pacific

**Disasters in Asia: The case for legal preparedness (2010)**

<http://bit.ly/19PyLfH>

### Europe and Central Asia

**Analysis of Law in the EU and a Selection of Member States pertaining to Cross-Border Disaster Relief (2010)**

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

<http://bit.ly/1dSxozL> (synthesis report and recommendations)

<http://bit.ly/17IsBDW> (full report),

**The Regulatory Framework for Disaster Response Established within the European Union: a focus on humanitarian aid and civil protection (2005)**

with Austrian Red Cross

<http://bit.ly/1ck7jYG> (executive summary)

<http://bit.ly/14b0X8o> (full report)

**International legal mechanisms regulating disaster response in countries of the Mediterranean region (2003)**

with French Red Cross

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**Afghanistan: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Afghanistan - a study for strengthening the legal and policy framework for international disaster response in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (2013)**

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**Argentina: Reporte preliminar del estudio sobre preparación legal para una respuesta internacional en caso de desastre en Argentina (2013)**

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**Australia: Legal preparedness for international disaster response in Australia Laws, Policies, Planning and Practices (2010)**

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**Austria: Analysis of Law in Austria pertaining to Cross-border Disaster Relief (2010)**

Austrian Red Cross

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**Belgium: International legal framework relevant to disaster preparedness and disaster response applicable to Belgium, summary (2004)**

Belgian Red Cross

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**Bolivia: Legal Issues from the International Response to the 2007 Floods in Bolivia (2008)**

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**Botswana: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Botswana (2013)**

with Botswana Red Cross

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**Brazil: Analysis of legislation related to disaster risk reduction in Brazil (2012)**

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**Bulgaria: Normative Requirements for Receipt, Origination and Transit of Disaster Relief through the Territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (2010)**

prepared by Interlex Ltd for Bulgarian Red Cross

<http://bit.ly/17mgh8l>

**Cambodia: Legal Preparedness for Responding to Disasters and Communicable Disease Emergencies (2009)**

<http://bit.ly/14aBdcm>

**Colombia: A study on legal preparedness for international disaster assistance in Colombia – towards the application of the IDRL Guidelines (2012)**

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**Cook Islands: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in the Cook Islands – a study on legal preparedness for facilitating and regulating international disaster assistance** (2012)

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**Dominican Republic: Analysis of legislation related to disaster risk reduction in the Dominican Republic** (2012)

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**Ecuador: Estudio sobre Preparativos Legales para la Asistencia Internacional en Caso de Desastre en Ecuador** (2013)

with Ecuador Red Cross

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**Ethiopia: How Law and Regulation Supports Disaster Risk Reduction** (2013)

<http://bit.ly/19Pu5Xi>

**Fiji: Laws, Policies, Planning and Practices on International Disaster Response** (2005)

<http://bit.ly/1872E9f>

**France: Analysis of law in France pertaining to Cross-border Disaster Relief** (2010)

French Red Cross

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**Germany: Analysis of Law in Germany pertaining to Cross-Border Disaster Relief** (2010)

German Red Cross

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**Guatemala: Legal Issues from the International Response to Tropical Storm Stan in Guatemala** (2007)

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**Guatemala: Cómo la Ley y la Normativa Apoyan la Reducción de Riesgo de Desastre, Estudio de Caso** (2014)

<http://bit.ly/1sJg9tl> (Spanish)

**Haiti: IDRL in Haiti – a study on the legal framework for the facilitation and regulation of international disaster response in Haiti** (2012)

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**Indonesia: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Indonesia – an analysis of the impact and implementation of Indonesia’s legal framework for international disaster assistance (2014)**

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**Indonesia: Legal issues from the international response to the tsunami in Indonesia (2006)**

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<http://bit.ly/142bRmr>

**Jamaica: International Disaster Response Law, Rules and Principles in Jamaica (2013)**

Jamaica Red Cross

<http://bit.ly/1j6WmQ3>

**Kazakhstan: Legal Preparedness for International Disaster Response in Kazakhstan (2013)**

With Kazak Red Crescent

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**Laos: Legal Preparedness for Responding to Disasters and Communicable Disease Emergencies (2009)**

<http://bit.ly/1fla1wD>

**Madagascar: How Law and Regulation Supports Disaster Risk Reduction, Country Case Study: Report (2014)**

<http://bit.ly/1p5eLeI>

**Malawi: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Malawi (2015)**

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**Mozambique: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Mozambique – an analysis of the legal preparedness of Mozambique for facilitating and regulating international disaster response operations (2012)**

with Mozambique Red Cross

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**Netherlands: Legal Aspects of International Disaster Response in Dutch Emergencies and Crisis Situations (2010)**

Netherlands Red Cross

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**New Zealand: How Law and Regulation Support Disaster Risk Reduction, Country Case Study: Report (2014)**

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**Pakistan: International disaster response law (IDRL) in Pakistan - a desk review of the legal framework for facilitating and regulating international disaster assistance (2014)**

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**Peru: Informe sobre los preparativos legales en casos de ayuda internacional para situaciones de desastre en el Perú (2013)**

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**Philippines: Legal and regulatory issues: Typhoon Bopha (2013)**

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<http://bit.ly/17qbpz6>

**Poland: International legal mechanisms regulating disaster response in Poland (2003)**

Polish Red Cross

<http://bit.ly/19SaOo5>

**Sierra Leone: International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) in Sierra Leone – legal preparedness study for strengthening the legal and policy framework for foreign disaster response (2012)**

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**South Africa: Analysis of legislation related to disaster risk reduction in South Africa (2012)**

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**Sri Lanka: Legal issues from the international response to the tsunami in Sri Lanka (2006)**

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**Thailand: Legal issues from the international response to the tsunami in Thailand**  
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**Turkey: International Disaster Response Law: 1999 Marmara earthquake case study**  
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Turkish Red Crescent

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**Uganda: International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Uganda – an analysis of Uganda’s legal preparedness for regulatory issues in international disaster response**  
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**United Kingdom: Analysis of Law in the United Kingdom pertaining to Cross-Border Disaster Relief** (2010)

British Red Cross and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

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**Vanuatu: International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles (IDRL) in Vanuatu – a study on Vanuatu’s legal and policy framework for managing foreign disaster response** (2011)

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**Viet Nam: Legal Preparedness for Responding to Disasters and Communicable Disease Emergencies** (2009)

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**Viet Nam: How Law and Regulation Support Disaster Risk Reduction, Country Case Study: Report** (2014)

<http://bit.ly/1pyYVKj>

## Conference papers and reports

**Expert Meeting on Accelerating Progress in the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Response** (2015)

- Here-Geneva, The Impact of Regulatory Problems and the Gains from Legal Preparedness in Recent Response Operations <http://bit.ly/1OM4s0k>

**31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent** (2011)

- Progress in the implementation of the Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance <http://bit.ly/19SwUqD>
- Law and disaster risk reduction at the community level <http://bit.ly/17o47d3>
- Addressing regulatory barriers to providing emergency and transitional shelter in a rapid and equitable manner after natural disasters <http://bit.ly/19SwZKZ>  
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**International Dialogue on Strengthening Partnership in Disaster Response: Bridging national and international support** (2011)

with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the International Council of Voluntary Agencies and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

- Building Trust: Challenges for national authorities and international aid agencies in working together in times of disasters  
<http://bit.ly/18pSWOn>
- Regional and International Initiatives  
<http://bit.ly/1dWFTd2>
- Best Practice Experience at the National Level  
<http://bit.ly/1a5jDyA>

**The right aid at the right time: Progress report on the Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance** (2009)

<http://bit.ly/1Lg3dnF>

**30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent** (2007)

- Strengthening the Legal Frameworks for International Response to Disasters  
<http://bit.ly/17o4m81> (English)  
<http://bit.ly/1cnq1yC> (French)

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**Legislative Issues in Disaster Management and Epidemic Response** (2011)

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**Legislative Advocacy for Disaster Risk Reduction** (2013)

<http://bit.ly/1WKRxwW> (English, French, Spanish)

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- Working Paper No. 4: [Giovanni Sciacaluga, "Climate change-related disasters and human displacement: towards an effective management system"](#)
- Working Paper No. 3: [Mireille Le-Ngoc, "Normative frameworks' role in addressing gender-based violence in disaster settings"](#)

### 2012

- Working Paper No. 2: [Luca Corredig, "Effectiveness and Accountability of Disaster Risk Reduction Practices: An Analysis Through the Lens of Informal International Lawmaking"](#)

### 2009

- Working Paper No. 1: [Dr. Bradley J. Condon & Dr. Tapen Sinha, "The Effectiveness of Pandemic Preparations: Legal Lessons from the 2009 Influenza Epidemic"](#)



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### 2015

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- David Fisher, “Foreword”, in Basilavecchia et al, eds., [Tax Implications of Natural Disasters and Pollution](#) (Wolters Kluwer 2015)

### 2012

- David Fisher, “The Future of International Disaster Response Law,” [German Yearbook of International Law](#), Vol. 55 (2012)

### 2011

- Elyse Mosquini, “[Are Lawyers Unsung Disaster Heroes? The Importance of Well-Prepared Domestic Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Effective Disaster Response](#),” *Emory Law Journal*, Vol. 25, Issue 3 (2011)

### 2010

- Leonard Blazeby and David Fisher, [Promoting international humanitarian law and international disaster response laws, rules and principles within the Commonwealth Commonwealth Law Bulletin](#), Vol. 36, Issue 4, pp. 709-715 (2010)
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- David Fisher, “[The right to humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons](#),” chapter 3 in [Walter Kaelin et al, eds., Incorporating the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement into Domestic Law: Issues and Challenges](#) (Brookings Institution-ASIL, 2010)
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- David Fisher, [“Law of International Disaster Response: Overview and Ramifications for Military Actors.”](#) *Israel Yearbook on Human Rights*, Vol. 38 (2008)

**2007**

- David Fisher [“Domestic Regulation of International Humanitarian Assistance in Disasters and Armed Conflict: A Comparative Analysis,”](#) *International Review of the Red Cross*, No. 866, pp. 345-72 (2007)
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