Common Operational Datasets

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For a humanitarian response to be effective, everyone involved needs to agree on certain basic information, such as the name and location of affected areas and the people who live there. Having a common baseline allows responders to better plan, prioritize and coordinate their work.
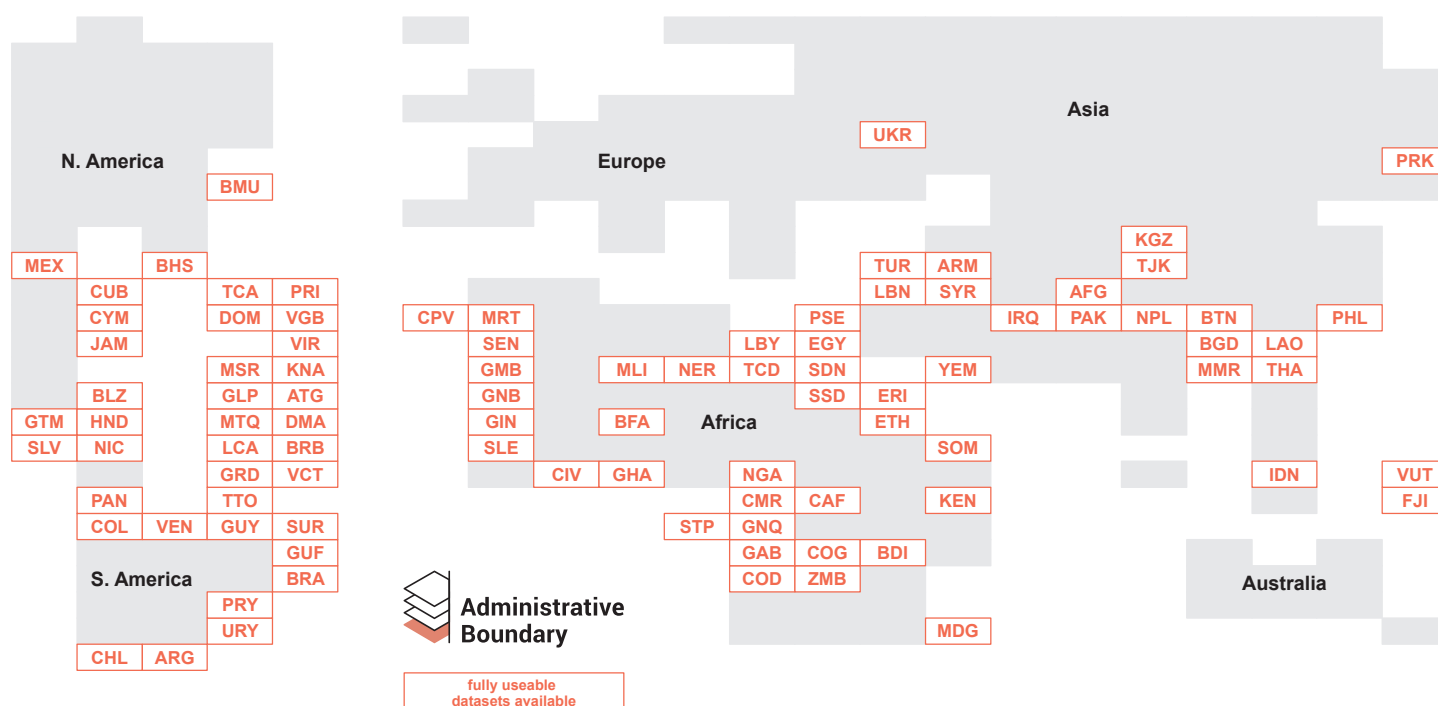
Common Operational Datasets (CODs) are authoritative reference data that provide this framework. OCHA works with partners to prepare accurate CODs covering: administrative boundaries and population statistics for all at-risk countries; humanitarian caseloads when emergencies happen; and country-specific CODs that are tailored to local contexts.

COD RECENT MILESTONES

2015	December 2016	April 2017	June 2017	July to December 2017	December 2017
HDX becomes the official home of CODs	IMWG agrees on new COD guidance	Inter-agency workshop developes technical specifications	Stakeholders agree on enhanced COD governance and standards	Intensive COD development by Country and Regional IMOs, ITOS*, and FIS	Administrative boundary CODs completed for all operational and high-risk countries

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STATUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY CODS

In 2017 OCHA information managers and agency partners had established fully usable administrative boundary CODs in 94 countries.
See HDX: data.humdata.org/cod