

# Global Surge

## European Union Humanitarian Surge Support (EUHSS)

### Donor

European Commission - DG ECHO

### Project Duration

24 months

### Thematic Sector

Standby Partnership Program and Surge Support

### Team Composition

2 personnel, home based

### Budget

EUR 680,000 for iMMAP's budget only

### Project End Date

31 August 2027

### Partners

NORCAP as Project Lead

### Context and Rationale

Humanitarian crises are growing in frequency, scale, and complexity. When emergencies strike, the ability to deploy the right expertise – fast – is often the difference between an effective response and a missed one. Yet the humanitarian system continues to face persistent gaps in surge capacity, particularly in information management, health, logistics, coordination, and cash programming. To address this, the European Union launched the EU Humanitarian Surge Support initiative – an initiative designed to reinforce the humanitarian community's ability to respond rapidly, coherently, and predictably to crises worldwide. Implemented jointly by NORCAP and iMMAP, the initiative works in close collaboration with established mechanisms – including the Standby Partnership (SBP) Network and the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) system, strengthening what exists rather than creating parallel structures.

### Project Overview

Across its two-year period, the project aims to support ten emergency responses with no geographic restrictions, deploying experts wherever needs emerge. A Joint Planning Group comprising ECHO, NORCAP, and iMMAP provides strategic oversight, ensuring deployments are timely, relevant, and directly responsive to the operational challenges partners face on the ground. Within the scope of this project, as a target for the successful project implementation NORCAP has assigned 15 deployments and iMMAP has 10 deployments respectively assigned for a total of 150 joint deployments months.

### Expected Outcomes

- Ensure a better coordinated and efficient response to surge needs; and enhancing the provision of suitable expertise to fill operational, technical and coordination gaps through surge personnel;
- Facilitate continued and improved engagement and liaison with partners requesting surge personnel;
- The project is in line with the ECHO capacities' objective to support humanitarian partners with services and operational capabilities, facilitating the quick delivery of humanitarian assistance and ensure greater effectiveness and complementarity;
- Improve humanitarian response and enhance the visibility of the EU, being a European initiative.

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