



Appendix 1: Rapid Reports Summary

Title and link to report	Scope
Confronting New Realities: Actions and Priorities for the International Community in Afghanistan	<p>The Afghanistan Strategic Learning Initiative (ASLI) was launched in 2021 to explore the adaptation and innovation of aid delivery in Afghanistan following the Taliban's rapid takeover of the country. This involved a programme of workshops delivered by leading international development think tanks, bringing together over 150 Afghan and international experts. Each workshop focused on a key area, considering evidence-based policy options for engagement and appropriate aid provision in Afghanistan.</p>
Enabling the local response: Emerging humanitarian priorities in Ukraine	<p>Humanitarian Outcomes conducted a rapid review of the humanitarian response in the initial stages of the crisis in Ukraine. Through interviews with national and international humanitarian aid groups and donor governments, the report produced a snapshot of the first three months of the crisis and emerging humanitarian challenges. It identified urgent areas for action on how the global humanitarian system can better complement and support the humanitarian response, which the Ukrainian civil society is leading.</p>
Floods in Pakistan: Rethinking the humanitarian role	<p>The scale of the flooding in Pakistan in 2022 was immense, affecting an estimated 33 million people, with 7.9 million displaced and an estimated US\$30 billion in combined losses and damages. However, evidence from the report shows that the international relief response failed to keep up with need; the need; funding was inadequate, and there was focus on debt- based financing, rather than large-scale humanitarian and grant-based support.</p> <p>The report explores the role of the international humanitarian system in middle-income countries with substantial government, civil society and disaster management capacity and how the international response</p>

	<p>can better complement and support national systems in these contexts.</p>
<p>Slipping Away? A review of Humanitarian Capabilities in cholera response</p>	<p>Over the past two years, numbers of cholera outbreaks and deaths have increased significantly. The greater number of countries experiencing cases, combined with an unusual geographical distribution of outbreaks and unacceptably high case fatality rates, has raised concerns about the capacity for cholera response and control.</p> <p>The report shows that the number of cholera cases is not unprecedented, compared with figures over the past decade. However, for a manageable disease, the apparent rise in case fatality rates signals serious gaps in humanitarian response.</p> <p>The report looks at the complex causes behind the increase in cholera deaths, and areas where the humanitarian sector can better coordinate and invest to prevent and respond to outbreaks.</p>
<p>Solidarity at Scale: Local responder perspectives and learning from the first week of the earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye</p>	<p>The report provides a snapshot of issues and challenges humanitarian responders faced during the first ten days of the response following the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that affected southern Turkey and northwest Syria on 6 February 2023.</p>
<p>Navigating Ethical Dilemmas for Humanitarian Action in Afghanistan</p>	<p>In Afghanistan, the international aid sector faces a wrenching decision: uphold universal human rights values by refusing to comply with the Taliban's edicts against employing women, or prioritise the humanitarian imperative to continue providing what aid they can to millions in need.</p> <p>The ban on employing women in the humanitarian response violates many of the values and principles invoked by humanitarian actors. International organisations have been left to grapple with these issues individually, with limited leadership or guidance from the international diplomatic or donor community.</p> <p>A rapid review was conducted on these issues, involving 250 interviews with humanitarian providers and recipients in Afghanistan, an opinion survey of Afghan women, and a review of humanitarian ethics literature.</p>

<p>Can Famine be averted in Somalia? (in progress)</p>	<p>The review will aim to analyse the state of the current humanitarian response in Somalia and whether the system has the tools, capacities, resources and right approach to be able to mount the sort of response that the IPC analysis shows is needed. It will have a particular focus on the themes of displacement, the counterinsurgency, marginalization and resilience.</p>
<p>Global Surge Capacity Review (in progress)</p>	<p>This review will examine how the surge capacities of key organisations within the system are adapting to new commitments and growing demands and how effectively different parts of the system are collaborating and coordinating to provide appropriate surge capacity.</p> <p>The review will aim to inform debate within the humanitarian system about options for supporting effective surge capacity that fulfils commitments to more directly support local and national actors and enables expanded capacities to meet growing demands on the system.</p>