

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY

## Public Health Expertise in Emergencies

### BY THE NUMBERS

**51** 

There are over 51 million refugees, asylum-seekers, and internally displaced people worldwide

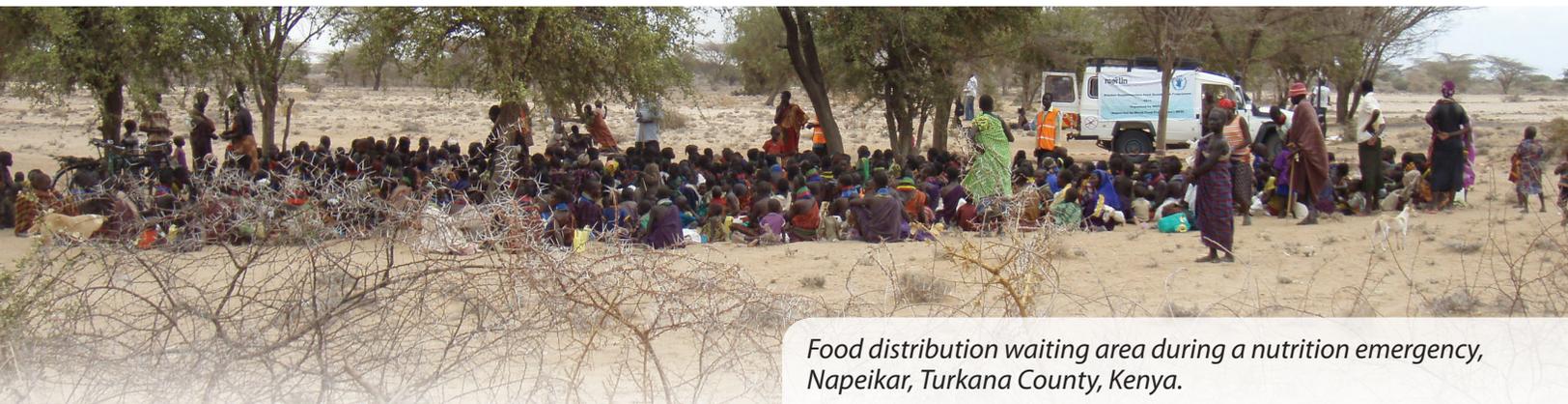
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We respond to an average of 50 humanitarian crises each year

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Over 30 technical staff provide expertise in all critical areas of emergency response

{ From setting up surveillance systems within days after a major earthquake, to developing mass immunization campaigns, to evaluating feeding programs in post-conflict settings, we are on the scene. }



*Food distribution waiting area during a nutrition emergency, Napeikar, Turkana County, Kenya.*

### ON THE SCENE

We travel the world to work with populations in emergency situations. We coordinate and implement CDC's international responses as requested by the U.S. government, United Nations agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. CDC's Emergency Response and Recovery experts have a longstanding commitment to building public health capacity during—and after—humanitarian emergencies like war, famine, civil strife, natural disaster, displacement, and genocide.

### HOW WE DO IT

**We respond.** When disaster strikes, we bring evidence-based expertise in health, nutrition, infectious diseases, mental health, reproductive health, surveillance, coordination, logistics, and water, sanitation, and hygiene. Our Global Rapid Response Team is ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

**We rebuild.** We provide support to countries in post-emergency settings, such as after the Haiti earthquake and in the countries most affected by Ebola. Our Health Systems Recovery Team responds to post-emergency situations and supports countries without basic public health systems whenever and wherever we are needed.



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