



# Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CMCoord) Mission in Nigeria

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# UN-CMCoord Definition

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*“is the **essential dialogue** and interaction between civilian and military actors in humanitarian emergencies that is necessary **to protect and promote humanitarian principles**, avoid competition, minimize inconsistency, and when appropriate pursue common goals. The key elements are information sharing, task division and planning.”*



## III. Aim of UN-CMCoord

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- Improve dialogue, communication and interaction
- Facilitate coherent and consistent approach across humanitarians
- Ensure appropriate and timely use of foreign military assets
- Ensure coherence of relief efforts to avoid duplication
- Ensure appropriate relationship in a given context
- Help preserve humanitarian freedom to operate by maintaining a clear distinction of identities, functions and roles of humanitarian and military actors

## Primary tasks of the UN-CMCoord function:

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1. Establish and sustain dialogue with military forces
2. Establish mechanisms for information exchange and interaction with military forces and other armed actors
3. Support development and dissemination of country/context-specific guidelines
4. Monitor activities conducted by military forces
5. Assist in negotiating issues in critical areas of coordination

## CMCoord mission - Purpose

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- Conduct an assessment of the civil-military operating environment
- Propose concrete recommendations and/or solutions that will feed into the CMCoord strategy, in order to facilitate humanitarian activities

## CMCoord mission - Scope

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- Interaction mechanisms between military and humanitarian
- Information sharing and coordination mechanisms between humanitarian and military actors.
- Decision-making process and clearly defined criteria for the use of armed escorts.
- Development of Country-Specific guidelines
- Capacity of OCHA country office to undertake humanitarian civil-military coordination and provide related coordination services, including training

## CMCoord mission – Outcomes

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- Consolidate concerns and challenges identified by the humanitarian community
- Develop an outline for a re-adjusted CMCoord strategy
- Recommend key CMCoord tasks and activities
- Conduct a one-day workshop
- Identify areas of potential CMCoord support to protection and access activities
- Provide key recommendations to strengthen existing CMCoord mechanisms including humanitarian notification mechanisms for deconfliction

# Questions?