WHAT IS A RAPID RESPONDER AND WHO CAN APPLY?
During humanitarian emergencies, Irish Aid’s standby partners request technical experts to fill specific roles, and assist ‘in the field’ as Rapid Responders.

Rapid Responders have an understanding of, and commitment to, humanitarian principles and standards.

Corps members are drawn from a broad range of professional backgrounds, with all having expertise and experience applicable to humanitarian work, as well as a commitment to fulfilling humanitarian needs.

HOW TO APPLY:
Full details of any upcoming recruitment campaigns as well as our recruitment procedures are available on our website:

www.irishaid.ie/get-involved/rapid-response-corps/
Who are our partners?

OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency)
UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
WFP (World Food Programme)

Where does the Rapid Response Corps work?
Members have previously been deployed to humanitarian emergencies in many countries, including Somalia, Iraq, DRC, Central African Republic, Pakistan, and Myanmar.

How does deployment work?
In response to a request from our standby partners to a humanitarian incident, Responders are notified and invited to submit their application, with their CV. The standby partner selects the most suitable candidate from the CVs received. Once selected, the member is then deployed by Irish Aid to the specific emergency, and will undertake their assignment for a period of three to six months.

WHAT DO RAPID RESPONDERS DO IN THE FIELD?

Reconstruction or rehabilitation of shelter and other infrastructure
Assessing the needs of beneficiaries
Protecting the most vulnerable and ensuring aid reaches them
Information management and communications
Delivering essential supplies via air road and sea operations

Training
Irish Aid arranges a mandatory induction training course which includes:
• General orientation on humanitarian response
• The role and mandate of Irish Aid and its standby partners
• Humanitarian principles and standards
• Respect for diversity and cultural awareness
• Personal security

Support offered to Rapid Responders
• Daily stipend during deployment
• Daily subsistence allowance to cover food and accommodation
• Visas, vaccines, and insurance cover
• Pre-departure check-up, and in-the-field medical care
• End-of-deployment debrief