

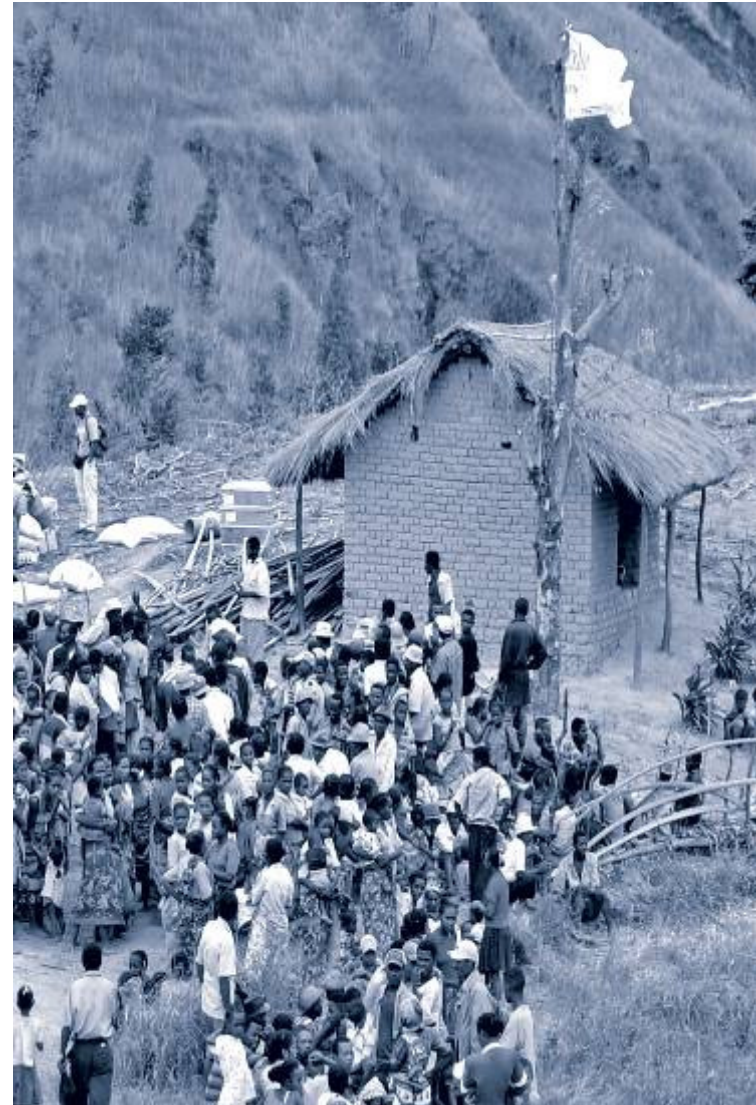
Strengthening Humanitarian Coordination & Action

***The Cluster
Approach:
Making it Work
in Practice***



The Cluster Approach: Some Challenges!

- (1) Accountability
- (2) Inter-cluster coordination
- (3) Multi-sectoral needs
- (4) Sudden-onset response capacity
- (5) Humanitarian alone?



Strengthening Accountability

- Agency/cluster dichotomy
- Realities of 'coordination by consent'
- Who 'reports' to whom in the system?



Inter-Cluster Coordination

- In-country coordination system
- Humanitarian Country Teams
- Linking the strategic and operational levels



Multi-Sectoral Needs

- Multi-sectoral needs and cluster-specific concerns?
- Potential dangers of cluster 'silo'ing'
- Inclusion of cross-cutting issues in the response
- A holistic response?



Capacity to Respond

- Ensuring cluster coordination capacity in large-scale sudden-onset disasters
- Resource constraints, multiple emergencies
- Senior/experienced people?



Preparedness-Response- Development

- (1) Importance of strengthening preparedness
- (2) What happens after the emergency?
- (3) Cluster transition/exit strategies
- (4) Challenges (presence, capacity, resources)

