



CRITERIA FOR CALCULATING RISK IMPACT AND LIKELIHOOD VALUES

TOOL 5

RISK IMPACT

Descriptor	Score	Impact operations and staff or beneficiaries
INSIGNIFICANT	1	No impact on operations
		No impact on staff or beneficiaries
		Complaint unlikely
		Contractual or criminal risk remote
		Remote risk to adherence to humanitarian principles
MINOR	2	Slight impact on operations
		Slight impact on staff or beneficiaries
		Complaint possible
		Contractual or criminal risk possible
		Possible risk to adherence to humanitarian principles
MODERATE	3	Some operational disruption
		Potential for adverse reputational risk, avoidable with careful handling
		Complaint probable
		Contractual or criminal risk probable
		Probable risk to adherence to humanitarian principles
MAJOR	4	Operations disrupted
		Adverse reputational risk unavoidable (local media)
		Complaint probable
		Contractual or criminal risk probable
		Major risk to adherence to humanitarian principles
EXTREME/	5	Operations interrupted for significant period of time
CATASTROPHIC		Major adverse reputational risk unavoidable (national media)
		Major contractual or criminal risk expected
		Loss of beneficiary confidence
		Extensive risk to adherence to humanitarian principles

RISK LIKELIHOOD

Descriptor	Score	Impact on operations and staff or beneficiaries
REMOTE	1	May only occur in exceptional circumstances
UNLIKELY	2	Expected to occur in a few circumstances
POSSIBLE	3	Expected to occur in some circumstances
PROBABLE	4	Expected to occur in many circumstances
HIGHLY PROBABLE	5	Expected to occur frequently and in most circumstances