

# Criteria for calculating risk impact and likelihood

## TOOL 10

### RISK IMPACT

Descriptor	Score	Impact operations and staff or beneficiaries
<b>INSIGNIFICANT</b>	<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact on operations</li> <li>• No impact on staff or beneficiaries</li> <li>• Complaint unlikely</li> <li>• Contractual or criminal risk remote</li> <li>• Remote risk to adherence to humanitarian principles</li> </ul>
<b>MINOR</b>	<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slight impact on operations</li> <li>• Slight impact on staff or beneficiaries</li> <li>• Complaint possible</li> <li>• Contractual or criminal risk possible</li> <li>• Possible risk to adherence to humanitarian principles</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some operational disruption</li> <li>• Potential for adverse reputational risk, avoidable with careful handling</li> <li>• Complaint probable</li> <li>• Contractual or criminal risk probable</li> <li>• Probable risk to adherence to humanitarian principles</li> </ul>
<b>MAJOR</b>	<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations disrupted</li> <li>• Adverse reputational risk unavoidable (local media)</li> <li>• Complaint probable</li> <li>• Contractual or criminal risk probable</li> <li>• Major risk to adherence to humanitarian principles</li> </ul>
<b>EXTREME/ CATASTROPHIC</b>	<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations interrupted for significant period of time</li> <li>• Major adverse reputational risk unavoidable (national media)</li> <li>• Major contractual or criminal risk expected</li> <li>• Loss of beneficiary confidence</li> <li>• Extensive risk to adherence to humanitarian principles</li> </ul>

### RISK LIKELIHOOD

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