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Promoting data responsibility is a priority for OCHA. OCHA's Strategic Plan 2023-2026 states that OCHA will "coordinate and facilitate system-wide standards for data responsibility to ensure the safe, ethical and effective management of data in humanitarian response." The Guidelines reflect the latest global guidance and policy instructions within the United Nations (UN) Secretariat and the broader humanitarian system, including:

- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility[3]

- Data Protection and Privacy Policy for the Secretariat of the United Nations[4]

- The Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation[5]

- The Secretary-General's Data Strategy[6]

The Guidelines address how OCHA should implement the IASC Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility.[7] The Operational Guidance applies to both personal and non-personal data for operational response that is generated and/or used in humanitarian action, and is applicable to all humanitarian actors engaged in a response. It does not replace or supersede organizational policies and guidance, nor account for specific organizational mandates or relevant national or regional laws.

The Guidelines also address how OCHA's operational data management should align with the UN Secretariat Data Protection and Privacy Policy. This policy places mandatory obligations on OCHA and requires OCHA to report, through the USG, on its implementation. The policy applies to all OCHA's management of personal data and 'non-personal data in a sensitive context'.

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[3] Inter-Agency Standing Committee, **Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action** (2023).

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