

The Field Network

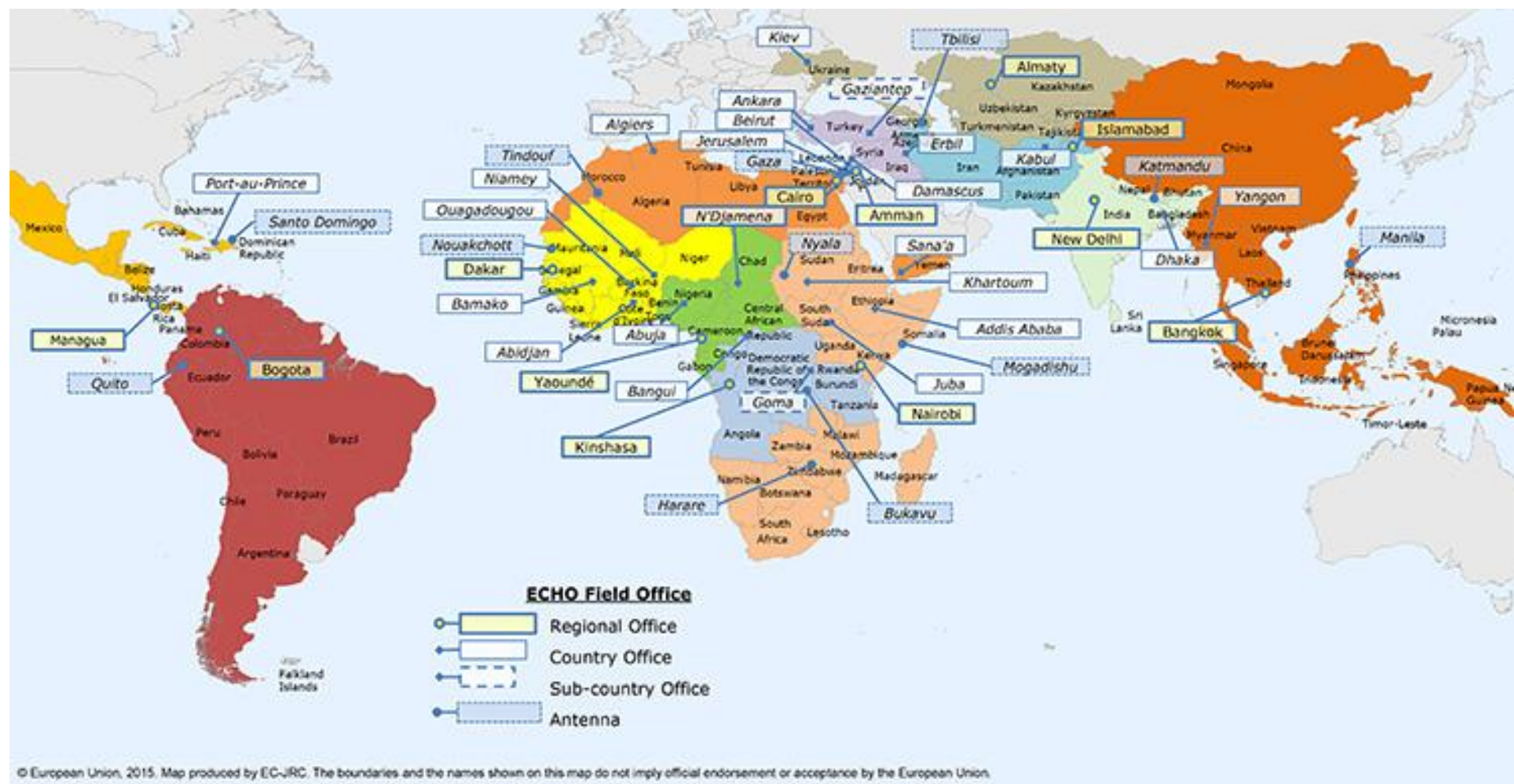
The European Commission carries out its humanitarian aid operations with the help of Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department's (ECHO) **global network of field offices**.

The network is composed of different types of offices at country, sub-country and regional level. **Country Offices** are located in crisis zones where EU-funded relief aid is being delivered. For very large countries, and when humanitarian actions are necessary in a specific area, additional **sub-country offices** may be opened. The **regional offices** provide technical and administrative support and ensure overall regional co-ordination for all offices and antennae in their region. They also coordinate operations that are funded on a regional basis, and arrange for rapid deployments of humanitarian experts when there is a new emergency. There are also smaller, temporary offices called **antennae**, which are often run by national staff. Staff in these offices monitor operations and provide logistical and administrative support.

In this worldwide network, humanitarian experts (Technical assistants) provide **up-to-date information and analysis on humanitarian situations as they unfold**, which feeds into the development of strategies and policies on how best to respond to a given emergency. They also provide **technical support to operations funded by the European Union** and **monitor** their progress. Having these highly qualified experts on the ground allows donors to better coordinate interventions in a crisis. Some experts cover specific thematic areas such as food, health, water and sanitation, shelter or gender. These **thematic coordinators** help develop and implement humanitarian policies and operations by making sure that the perspective from the ground is taken into account. They also take part in thematic working groups with humanitarian organisations and support ECHO's advocacy and coordination efforts with partners on the ground.

As of September 2015, around 160 international humanitarian experts and 320 local staff members were in place in 48 offices, of which 12 regional offices.

Annex 1: ECHO Field Network on 1/09/2015



RO	Country	Town	Type			
Almaty	Kazakhstan	Almaty	RO			
Almaty	Ukraine	Kiev	CO			
Almaty	Georgia	Tbilisi	AN			
Amman	Jordan	Amman	RO			
Amman	Irak	Erbil	CO			
Amman	Lebanon	Beirut	CO			
Amman	Palestine	Jerusalem	CO			
Amman	Palestine	Gaza	AN			
Amman	Syria	Damascus	CO			
Amman	Turkey	Ankara	CO			
Amman	Turkey	Gaziantep	SO			
Bangkok	Thailand	Bangkok	RO			
Bangkok	Myanmar	Yangon	CO			
Bangkok	Philippines	Manila	AN			
Bogota	Colombia	Bogota	RO			
Bogota	Ecuador	Quito	AN			
Cairo	Egypt	Cairo	RO			
Cairo	Algeria	Algiers	CO			
Cairo	Algeria	Tindouf	AN			
Cairo	Yemen	Sana'a	CO			
Dakar	Senegal	Dakar	RO			
Dakar	Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	CO			
Dakar	Ivory Coast	Abidjan	CO			
Dakar	Mali	Bamako	CO			
Dakar	Niger	Niamey	CO			
Dakar	Mauritania	Nouakchott	AN			
Islamabad	Pakistan	Islamabad	RO			
Islamabad	Afghanistan	Kabul	CO			
Kinshasa	DRC	Kinshasa	RO			
Kinshasa	DRC	Goma	SO			
Kinshasa	DRC	Bukavu	AN			
Managua	Nicaragua	Managua	RO			
Managua	Haiti	Port-au-Prince	CO			
Managua	Dominican Rep.	Santo Domingo	AN			
Nairobi	Kenya	Nairobi	RO			