

UNJLC- Geospatial Information access and dissemination capabilities - UNSDI expectancies.

Arrangements & components *Limitations*

Inter-agency agreements on data sharing; membership to the Geographic Information Support Team (GIST) and associated ITOS data repository.

In-country liaison with national cartographic agencies during operations.

Accessing available data is not usually a problem. However the availability of adequately detailed and affordable vector data is.

Organizational side
Technical side

Internal Geospatial Information Access

Data accessed from secure online data repository (ITOS) using their own gateway.

Arrangements & components *Limitations*

UNJLC website; UNJLC established as logistics data focal point during emergencies where it is deployed.

Organizational side
Technical side

Geospatial Information Dissemination to partners

UNJLC Content Management System (Plone)

Currently data is served as zipped shapefiles on our website. We are in the process of designing and implementing an Online Geodatabase for transport data (in collaboration with WFP).

Arrangements & components *Limitations*

Membership to inter-agency GIS working groups (GIST, SIM...) to facilitate liaison and collaborative working arrangements.

Organizational side
Technical side

External Geospatial Information Access

Data is shared via email, website, ftp or on CD/DVD support.

UNSDI expectancies:

SERVICES

Serve as first gateway to data sources.
Compile and maintain list of most reliable/relevant data sources to be accessed from UNGIWG website.
Implement an online global geo-database with Web Feature Service to which members can contribute data according to UNSDI standards and structure.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Establish a data-sharing code of conduct
Secure agreements with commercial data providers for discounted rates.