PREFACE

PURPOSE

This publication provides military forces, civilians, and volunteer organizations with information pertaining to humanitarian assistance (HA) operations where the size or extent of the assistance requires the formulation of a US military joint task force (JTF).

SCOPE

This publication provides common definitions, principles, and types of operations associated with HA. It describes the roles and functions of the military, civilian agencies, private voluntary organizations, and international organizations involved with HA at strategic, operational, and tactical levels.

This publication provides techniques for operational coordination between a JTF and other organizations at the operational and tactical levels. It suggests connectivity between the military and civilians involved with foreign humanitarian operations. HA provides the JTF commander, his staff, and supporting components with information to assist in planning and executing HA operations. It provides nonmilitary agencies supporting HA operations with information regarding military HA operations.

APPLICABILITY

All units supporting a humanitarian assistance JTF should use this publication for planning and training purposes. This publication applies to operations conducted by multiservice forces in a joint, interagency, or multinational environment. It can be useful to nonmilitary agencies or foreign military units participating in coalition HA operations. The techniques and procedures presented are generic and apply worldwide.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Participating major service command offices of primary responsibility (OPRs) will review this publication for joint procedural information. Once they validate the information, OPRs should reference and incorporate it in the following service manuals, regulations, and curricula.

ARMY

The Army will incorporate the procedures in this publication in US Army doctrine and training publications as directed by the commander, US Army Training and Doctrine Command.

MARINE CORPS

The Marine Corps will incorporate the procedures in this publication in US Marine Corps doctrinal and training publications as directed by the commanding general, US Marine Corps Combat Development Command.
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The Air Combat Command will incorporate the procedures according to Air Force Regulation 5–8 and HQ ACC/XPJ OI 5-1 (OPR: HQ ACC/XPJ). USAFE and PACAF will validate and incorporate appropriate procedures in accordance with applicable major command and other governing directives.

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