Section 3: The Context of Coordination

The context in which coordination takes place is essential when considering how NGO coordination might or might not work. The context is often what helps to push the creation of NGO coordination. NGO coordination may come about because of gaps in the existing coordination architecture; because of a desire to improve the response in terms of principled action, quality of response, or accountability to populations; because of a need to find ways to better access populations in need; or because of frustrations with the way the response is taking place.

The diagram below identifies elements related to the 5 main factors that define the requirements for humanitarian coordination:

- Emergency Type
- Government Strength
- Emergency Size
- Impact Type
- Government Stance

Each will have an impact on whether and how NGO coordination will take place.