SUMMARY FINDINGS - CHILD PROTECTION - AREA of RESPONSIBILITY (CP-AoR) SUB-CLUSTER

The following highlights provide a summary of the survey conducted in February 2023, which aimed to identify gaps in Information Management (IM), Assessments, and Capacity-Building among humanitarian partners, clusters, sub-clusters, and working groups involved in the response efforts in Afghanistan. The feedback gathered during the survey was analyzed to generate crucial evidence that will support advocacy for optimizing humanitarian information management and assessment capacities in the country. This includes improving data exchange mechanisms, assessment priorities, and capacity strengthening efforts.

Respondents Overview

Respondents by Agency Type
- 18 CSOs
- 15 INGOs
- 3 UN
- 2 NGOs

Level of Program Coordination or Support Involved
- 37%: Kabul/HQ (agency)
- 26%: Regional (agency)
- 9%: Provincial (agency)
- 18%: Kabul/HQ (cluster/OCHA)

Respondents by Region Coverage
- 14%: North Eastern
- 10%: Central Highlands
- 9%: Northern
- 9%: South Eastern
- 8%: Eastern
- 7%: Western
- 6%: Southern
- 37% of the respondents are involved at Kabul/HQ (agency) level

Information Management Gaps and Challenges

- Agencies use both quantitative & qualitative data to support programmes
- 72% are highly dependent on primary/secondary humanitarian data
- 74% collects some of their own data, but also depends on other data sources
- 74% finds the coordination and received data relevant to their operations
- 59% of programs and coordination are mostly dependent on data and IM
- 22% data and information are not timely
- 22% data are not valid
- 22% data are not relevant

Assessments

Top 3 Challenges in Conducting Assessments Last Year
- Gender-based restrictions: 33%
- Lack of cooperation from authorities: 25%
- Insecurity & access constraints: 15%

Coordination Level Gaps
- 33%: Provincial (organization level)
- 23%: Regional (cluster level)
- 18%: Provincial (organization level)
- 18%: Kabul/HQ (cluster level)

Assessment Gaps and Challenges

Prefered Data Collection Methods
- 33%: Structured surveys
- 23%: Key-informant interviews
- 25%: Focus group discussions
- 19%: Observation

Capacity Building Setbacks
- 74%: No funding
- 74%: No technical expertise
- 63%: Limited access of staff to the field
- 25%: Interim knowledge level in handling protection-sensitive data
- 25%: Female
- 75%: Male

Lowest Data Analysis/IM Capacity at Coordination Level
- Provinces (organization level): 44%
- Regional (organization level): 23%
- Regional (cluster level): 12%
- Kabul (organization level): 9%
- Kabul (cluster level): 7%
- Did not answer: 5%