PHIS - PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES

The Global Health Cluster (GHC), led by the World Health Organization (WHO), is a partnership of more than 40 agencies that provides a platform for global coordination of the response to crises with public health consequences.

The Public Health Information Services (PHIS) function of activated health clusters (HC) provide timely, reliable and robust information during humanitarian response operations, supporting decision-makers in assessing and monitoring the health status and risks faced by the affected population, the availability and actual functionality of health resources, and the performance of the health system.

CAPABILITIES

PHIS Information Management Products

iMMAP supports the health sector by developing a wide range of PHIS information management products, such as activity mapping (4W), Situation Reports (SitReps), Access to Health for Affected Population and Epidemic Trends analysis.

Training and Capacity Building

iMMAP has developed the PHIS Training Needs Assessment toolkit, and the PHIS Training Needs Assessment for Health followed by training missions across multiple countries in Africa.

iMMAP’s innovative approach to capacity building makes the acquisition of knowledge and skills more efficient, effective & appealing. We ensure the quality of trainings and workshops by determining learning needs, and defining objectives of instruction in collaboration with relevant partners.

Emergency Deployments

iMMAP maintains a roster of rapidly deployable information management experts, to provide surge capacity support in emergency operations. When an expert is deployed in support of the Health Cluster, iMMAP provides training on PHIS standards to ensure the all Public Health Information Services provided by iMMAP are of high-quality.
DIFFERENTIATORS

Cross-sector presence enabling successful and sustainable information management (IM) systems.

Customized technology including proprietary and open source, spatial and non-spatial, new and existing tools.

Long-term and diverse experience addressing technical and political challenges in humanitarian crisis settings.

Functional expertise including health, food security, environmental science, social science, security and protection, disaster response and recovery, and humanitarian coordination.

PAST PERFORMANCE

As a member of the Information Management Task Team, iMMAP contributed to developing the Standards for Public Health Information Services in Activated Health Clusters and other Humanitarian Health Coordination.

iMMAP assisted in developing the Learning Needs Assessment (LNA) of skills, services, and tasks required to implement and maintain Public Health Information Services in the humanitarian context.

Developed the PHIS Information Management Framework, outlining all duties, tools, and deliverables required to information management officers working in support of health clusters in the humanitarian setting.

Contributed to the Health Cluster Capacity Mapping (HC CM) to assess the capability to provide the information management services described in the Standards for PHIS in Activated Health Clusters.

Key partner in the PHIS Rollout in the Horn of Africa and DRC, supported by UNICEF, CDC, and OFDA.