iMMAP Provision of Information Management Support to Humanitarian Sectors in Ethiopia

Over the past decades, Ethiopia has experienced cycles of natural disasters, typically stemming from the El-Niño and La-Niña phenomena, which often leave the country in either severe droughts or devastating flooding situations. Regardless of the nature of the event, these always equate to the destruction of crops and livestock, famine, displacement of populations and disease outbreaks.

Ethiopia

Water-borne disease outbreaks and new humanitarian needs caused by the conflict in Oromia and Somali regions, have added to the already high number of people in need (estimated at 8.9 million).

Source: HNO 2019

iMMAP Ethiopia

Since May 2017, iMMAP has been supporting the Humanitarian community in Ethiopia with information management, mapping, and analysis to assist decision-makers in planning and implementing the emergency response.

The main goal of this project is to support the response to the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia by strengthening the IM capacity of sectors' members in their response, advance the mechanism for regularly identifying needs of populations, and provide better data to the inter-sectoral coordination mechanism led by OCHA.

Years of presence in Ethiopia: **Since 2017**
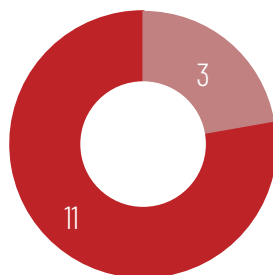
Donor: **USAID OFDA**

Current project: **iMMAP Provision of Information Management Support to Humanitarian Sectors in Ethiopia**
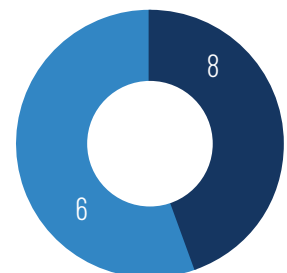
Project budget: **1,150,000 USD**

Number of partners iMMAP currently supports: **6**

14 Number of staff

- Women — 3
- Men — 11

- National — 8
- International — 6

Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes

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Health Support (WHO)

During the public health disease outbreaks of 2017, primarily in the Somali region, iMMAP provided surge capacity to support the efforts of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) as well as the Ethiopian Health Cluster, comprised of international, national and governmental partners. iMMAP facilitated the implementation of routine data collection systems and analysis for activities including public health outbreak alert investigations, monitoring and supportive supervision assessments, partner activity and capacity mapping, and epidemiological trend analysis. iMMAP has provided continued support to WHO and the Health Cluster with the introduction and implementation of Public Health Information Services (PHIS) standards.
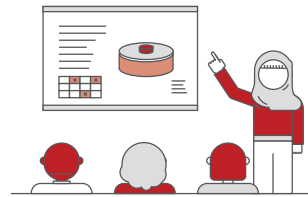
Sector Support

Along with the dedicated health sector support, in May 2018, iMMAP initiated a Humanitarian Information Management Sector Support and Capacity Strengthening project in Ethiopia. Modeled on the successful implementation in Nigeria, iMMAP is currently supporting five sectors within Ethiopia with expert international and national Information Management Officers (IMOs). To date, Somali flood analysis, West Guji - Gedeo conflict displacement analysis, 4W partner activity and capacity mapping, 4W partner and funding gap analysis, as well as field deployments, have been completed, providing consistent and timely information management products and support to the humanitarian community.

63 **Humanitarian organizations supported by iMMAP**

Capacity Building

As part of the national capacity strengthening, all supported sectors completed a Training Needs Assessment (TNA) of international, national and governmental partners. The TNA identifies information management needs to help plan and implement the training required to enhance the information flow from the partners operating in the field, ultimately supporting decision-makers to prioritize resources to those in most need.

Outcomes

• The project increased the availability and quality of critical data to inform programming. It enabled humanitarian responders to work with improved analysis to make evidence-based, life-saving humanitarian response decisions as seen during the HNO process.

• Another achievement of this program is the overall improvement in the capacity of partners to identify needs, plan the response, monitor their interventions, cross-compare and report on progress in a timely manner. New tools, platforms, methods and techniques of data capture, processing, and analysis have been a core part of the information management support services provided to the sectors.

Sectors supported

Agriculture	Coordination	Protection
Health	Shelter	