Since May 2017, iMMAP has been supporting the humanitarian community in Ethiopia with information management (IM), mapping, and analysis services 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.

However, as of November 2019, partners estimated that close to 2 million people are facing some form of displacement due to conflict or climate drivers. Conflict and climatic shocks negatively impacted people’s daily lives, livelihoods and their ability to meet their basic needs. This has resulted in an estimated number of 8.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance for 2020.

The past three years witnessed major changes in Ethiopia’s governance landscape. The transformations, stemming from calls for greater economic and political reforms, upended the political status quo. At the peak of the displacement crisis between January and April 2019, conflict and climate shocks left some 3.2 million people displaced.

2.1 million conflict-induced IDPs were returned, integrated and relocated by end of May 2019, according to Government sources.

During the public health disease outbreaks of 2017, primarily in the Somali region, iMMAP provided surge capacity to support 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 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.
Progress

Building on the support provided during the years 2017/2018, the information management products and services have helped to inform partners’ geographical operational presence across all iMMAP supported clusters, resulting in a better coordinated response that minimized duplication of efforts, and prevented unnecessary concentration of humanitarian assistance in the same location. The support has also enabled the improvement of data sharing across the humanitarian landscape, the delivery of quality reports for better planning, response monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

Cluster Support

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, iMMAP has supported the humanitarian clusters in systematic and consistent collection of response data and generating a number of informative products such as monthly HRP monitoring dashboard, partner operational presence maps, gap analysis and mapping humanitarian access.

Such products have been proved instrumental for informing decision making within in the humanitarian community.

Outcomes

• The project increased the availability and quality of critical data to inform programming, enabling 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 clusters.

Capacity Building

As part of the national capacity strengthening, all cluster IMOs have conducted training to the cluster partners in the field. As a result, there has been an overall improvement in the quality of 5Ws data across all the iMMAP supported clusters after our IMOs delivered training to their respective cluster partners, who now understand and appreciate the added-value of regularly and timely submitting response activities data to improve the response.

Clusters supported

- Agriculture
- Coordination
- Protection
- Health
- Shelter

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