AFGHANISTAN: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, ASSESSMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING GAPS SURVEY

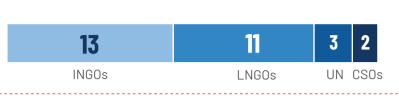## SUMMARY FINDINGS - GENERAL PROTECTION

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.
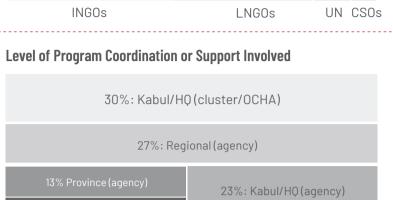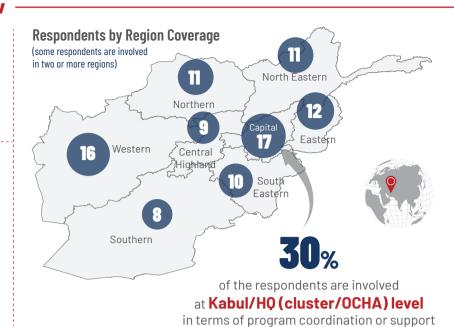
Respondents Overview

30 Total Number of Respondents

67% Male

33% Female

Respondents by Agency Type

13	11	3	2
INGOs	LNGOs	UN	CSOs

Level of Program Coordination or Support Involved

- 30%: Kabul/HQ (cluster/OCHA)
- 27%: Regional (agency)
- 13% Province (agency)
- 6% Regional (cluster/OCHA)
- 23%: Kabul/HQ (agency)

Respondents by Region Coverage
(some respondents are involved in two or more regions)

- 11 North Eastern
- 11 Northern
- 9 Central Highland
- 17 Capital
- 12 Eastern
- 16 Western
- 10 South Eastern
- 8 Southern

30% of the respondents are involved at **Kabul/HQ (cluster/OCHA) level** in terms of program coordination or support

Information Management

Information Management Gaps and Challenges

modern, participate, needs, migrants, monitoring, sharing, access, platform, building, reliability, availability, timely, personal, training, humanitarian, protect, assessment, beneficiary, capacity, data, wised, funding, equipment, software, risk, sector, collection, presumptive, level, IM, shortages, system, initial, checklist, program, tools, candidate, need, online, cluster, coverage, analysis, skills, tool, full

- **100%** agencies use both quantitative & qualitative data to support programmes
- **70%** are highly dependent on primary/secondary humanitarian data
- **63%** participate in data exchange and different active coordination mechanisms
- **23%** Data and information are not timely
- **69%** cannot share information or data due to its sensitivity
- Programmes & Coordination are mostly dependent on data and IM
- **66%** collects some of their own data, but also depends on other data sources
- **50%** identified province (organization level) coordination in terms of IM gaps and access concerns
- **80%** Finds the coordination and received data relevant to their operations
- OCHA Clusters, REACH and OCHA are mostly sources of data and info.

Assessments

Top 3 Challenges in Conducting Assessments Last Year

- **34%** Gender-based restrictions
- **28%** Lack of cooperation from authorities
- **14%** Lack of interest in joining

Coordination Level Gaps

39%	18%	18%	14%	11%
Provinces (organization level)	Regional (cluster level)	Regional (organizational level)	Kabul (organization level)	Kabul (cluster level)

Preferred Data Collection Methods

32% Structured surveys	24% Key-informant interviews
25% Focus group discussions	19% Observation

Assessment Gaps and Challenges

COMMUNITY, COVERAGE, CAPTURE, OPPORTUNITIES, SENSITIVITY, DEDICATED, AUTHORITIES, BASED, EXPERTISE, CREATION, FINANCIAL, FAKE, BETTER, GENDER-BASED, DONORS, STAFF, RESOURCES, SHARING, COORDINATION, COOPERATION, AREA, IRRELEVANCY, ACCESS, GENDER-RESTRICTIVE, CULTURE, WORK, NUMBER, CAPACITY, WRONG, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT, HIGH, BUDGET, ANALYSIS, INSUFFICIENT, TIMELY, FIELD, LOAD, LOW, BUILDING, KNOWLEDGE, LACK, RESTRICTIONS, FEMALE, GENDER, DATA, TOOLS, INTERFERING, LESS, ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION, SKILL, DFA, SUPPORT, REMOTE, RECEIVING, POOR, TIME, IDPS, INTERRUPTION, NORMS, INTERRUPTION

Capacity Building

71% presence of an IM/assessment team/focal person

60% Intermediate knowledge level in handling protection-sensitive data

36% Female **64%** Male

70% prefer face-to-face capacity building modality

63% prefer practical and hands-on capacity building approach

Capacity Building Setbacks

- Gender concerns
- No funding
- No technical expertise
- Limited acess of staff in the field
- No existing modality

Lowest Data Analysis/IM Capacity at Coordination Level

Provinces (organization level)	47%
Regional (organization level)	20%
Kabul (organization level)	17%
Did not answer	7%
Regional (cluster level)	7%
Kabul (cluster level)	3%