AFGHANISTAN: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, ASSESSMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING GAPS SURVEY

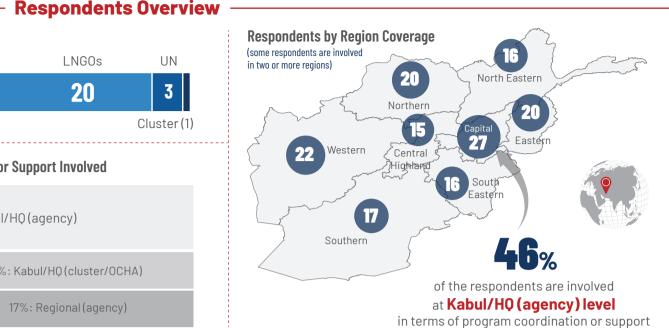## SUMMARY FINDINGS - NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

48 Total Number of Respondents

83% Male
17% Female

Respondents by Agency Type

INGOs	LNGOs	UN	Cluster (1)
20	20	3	

Level of Program Coordination or Support Involved

- 46%: Kabul/HQ (agency)
- 10%: Regional (cluster/OCHA)
- 21%: Kabul/HQ (cluster/OCHA)
- 6%: Province (agency)
- 17%: Regional (agency)
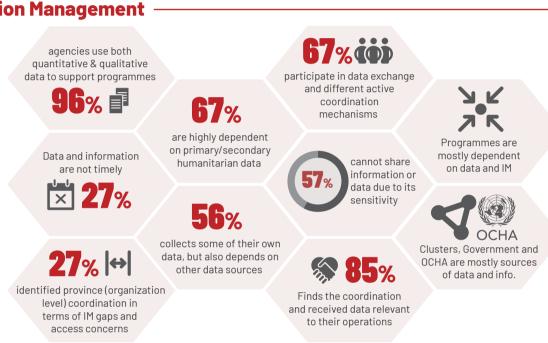
Respondents by Region Coverage
(some respondents are involved in two or more regions)

- 16 North Eastern
- 20 Northern
- 20 Eastern
- 15 Central Highland
- 27 Capital
- 22 Western
- 16 South Eastern
- 17 Southern

46% of the respondents are involved at **Kabul/HQ (agency) level** in terms of program coordination or support

Information Management

Information Management Gaps and Challenges

data, access, date, HSM, one, report, time, WOAA, important, DHIS, credible, information, rapid, wised, reputable, making, coordination, funding, field, fund, system, needs, analyze, HMIS, ReliefWeb, technical, either, accurate, monitoring, software, tracking, humanitarian, online, planning, tools, timely, need, collection, update, increase, reliable, informed, sharing, reporthub, shortages, level, analysis, decision, training, platform, sector, HERAMS, building, capacity, cluster, share, progress, checklist, assessment, e-tools

- **96%** agencies use both quantitative & qualitative data to support programmes
- **67%** are highly dependent on primary/secondary humanitarian data
- **67%** participate in data exchange and different active coordination mechanisms
- Programmes are mostly dependent on data and IM
- **27%** Data and information are not timely
- **56%** collects some of their own data, but also depends on other data sources
- **57%** cannot share information or data due to its sensitivity
- **27%** identified province (organization level) coordination in terms of IM gaps and access concerns
- **85%** Finds the coordination and received data relevant to their operations
- **OCHA** Clusters, Government and OCHA are mostly sources of data and info.

Assessments

Top 3 Challenges in Conducting Assessments Last Year

- **31%** Gender-based restrictions
- **25%** Lack of cooperation from authorities
- **16%** Insecurity & access constraints

Coordination Level Gaps

Provinces (organization level)	Kabul (organization level)	Regional (organizational level)	Kabul (cluster level)	Regional (cluster level)
30%	22%	20%	15%	13%

Preferred Data Collection Methods

30% Structured surveys	**23%** Focus group discussions
25% Key-informant interviews	**19%** Observation

Assessment Gaps and Challenges

RESTRICTIONS, RESOURCES, BUDGET, LACK, KNOWLEDGE, ASSESSMENT, COORDINATION, AUTHORITIES, FINANCIAL, CAPACITY, LOW, BASED, GENDER-BASED, DATA, REDUCED, ASSESSMENTS, TIME, POOR, UNAVAILABILITY, COLLECTION, PARTNERS, WOMEN, AREA, PRESENCE, AD, FACT, TECHNIC, LEVEL, AVAILABILITY, TEAM, EXPERT, LUCK, VALID, INSUFFICIENT, SUPPLY, LESS, COST, WORK, COVERAGE, METHODS, FUNDING, INTER-AGENCY, DONOR, NEED, STANDARD, RELATED, PEOPLE, COOPERATION, SURVEY, SAY, SUFFICIENT, RIGHT, TOOLS, PLAN, CONSUMING, INSECURITY, DEFICIT, LOAD, RELEVANT, DEDICATE, ANALYSIS, EDUCATION, HIGH, STAFF, DONE, REGULAR, GENDER, HOC, REMOTE, SUPPORT, UNTIMELY, RESTRICTION, BIGGEST, PROVINCIAL, GAPST, CONDUCTING, INTERPRETATION

Capacity Building

- **70%** presence of an IM/assessment team/focal person
- **29%** Female | **71%** Male
- **56%** Intermediate knowledge level in handling protection-sensitive data
- **58%** prefer face-to-face capacity building modality
- **71%** prefer practical and hands-on capacity building approach

Capacity Building Setbacks

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

Lowest Data Analysis/IM Capacity at Coordination Level

Provinces (organization level)	38%
Kabul (organization level)	19%
Regional (organization level)	17%
Regional (cluster level)	15%
Kabul (cluster level)	6%
Did not answer	6%