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.

**SUMMARY FINDINGS - NUTRITION CLUSTER**

**Respondents Overview**

- **Total Number of Respondents:** 48
- **Male:** 83%
- **Female:** 17%
- **Respondents by Agency Type:**
  - INGOs: 20
  - UN: 3
  - Cluster (1)

**Level of Program Coordination or Support Involved**

- 46%: Kabul/HQ (agency)
- 21%: Kabul/HQ (cluster/OCHA)
- 17%: Regional (agency)
- 10%: Regional (cluster/OCHA)
- 6%: Provincial (agency)

**Respondents by Region Coverage**

- 16% of the respondents are involved in two or more regions
- 20%: Northern
- 15%: Central
- 16%: South
- 22%: Western
- 17%: Southern

**Information Management Gaps and Challenges**

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

**Coordination Level Gaps**

- Financial (organization level): 30%
- Total (organization level): 22%
- Regional (cluster level): 20%
- Kabul (cluster level): 15%

**Preferred Data Collection Methods**

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

**Top 3 Challenges in Conducting Assessments Last Year**

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

**Assessments**

- Financial (organization level): 30%
- Total (organization level): 22%
- Regional (cluster level): 20%
- Kabul (cluster level): 15%

**Capacity Building**

- Female: 29%
- Male: 71%

- Intermediate knowledge level in handling protection-sensitive data: 56%
- Prefer face-to-face capacity building modality: 71%
- Prefer practical and hands-on capacity building approach: 58%
- No existing modality: 29%
- No funding: 58%
- Limited access of staff to the field: 71%

**Analysis**

- Women are highly dependent on primary-secondary humanitarian data for their operations
- Find the coordination and received data relevant to their operations

**Capacity Building Setbacks**

- No funding: 58%
- No technical expertise: 71%
- Limited access of staff to the field: 71%

**Assessment Gaps and Challenges**

- Financial (organization level): 30%
- Total (organization level): 22%
- Regional (cluster level): 20%
- Kabul (cluster level): 15%

**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%

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