AFGHANISTAN: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, ASSESSMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING GAPS SURVEY

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 by Agency Type**
- **LNGOs:** 57
- **INGOs:** 54
- **UN:** 8
- **CSDs:** 5
- **Clusters:** 2

**Respondents by Sector**
- PSC: 72
- WASH: 72
- Health: 55
- Food: 48
- Fire: 43
- Eng: 40
- Dev: 40
- LG: 31
- Aid: 14
- Other: 8

**Respondents by Region Coverage**
- Northern: 58
- Central: 41
- South-Eastern: 35
- Southern: 47
- North-Eastern: 51
- Kabul/HQ (agency level): 55

**Respondents Overview**
- **Total Number of Respondents:** 150
- **Gender:**
  - Male: 80%
  - Female: 20%
- **Age:**
  - 17%: 18-24
  - 33%: 25-35
  - 32%: 36-45
  - 16%: 46-55

**Information Management Gaps and Challenges**
- **Top 3 Challenges in Conducting Assessments Last Year**
  - Gender-based restrictions: 33%
  - Lack of cooperation from authorities: 25%
  - Insecurity and access constraints: 16%

- **Coordination Level Gaps**
  - Provincial (organization level): 27%
  - Regional (cluster level): 23%
  - National (agency level): 19%
  - Kabul (organization level): 17%
  - Provinces (organization level): 14%

- **Data and Info.**
  - Not timely and granular enough: 46%
  - Are highly dependent on primary-secondary humanitarian data: 70%
  - Participate in data exchange and different active coordination mechanisms: 67%
  - Find the coordination and received data relevant to their operations: 83%

- **Information Collection Methods**
  - Structured surveys: 32%
  - Focus group discussions: 24%
  - Key informant interviews: 26%
  - Observations: 18%

- **Data and Info.**
  - Find the coordination and received data relevant to their operations: 83%

- **Capacity Building**
  - Access to capacity building: 67%
  - No funding: 61%
  - Gender concerns: 27%
  - Male: 73%
  - Female: 27%

- **Assessment Gaps and Challenges**
  - Provinces (organization level): 32%
  - Regional (cluster level): 21%
  - National (agency level): 17%
  - Kabul (organization level): 15%
  - Kabul (cluster level): 8%
  - Did not answer: 7%

**SUMMARY FINDINGS**

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